

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 APRIL 2018

Meeting Opened: 10.32am on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

1. ATTENDANCE

Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services - HRSAC Deputy Chairperson)
Jeffrey Aitchison (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control)
Shelley Millns (Queensland Police Service – QPS)
Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service – QPS)
Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers)
John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service – QPS)
Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR)
Ricky Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA)
Robert Lyons (North Queensland Bio-Energy – NQBE)
Cr Wally Skinner (HSC Councillor)
Dr Jenna Devietti (HSC Works Engineer – WE)
Karlye Rhodes (HSC Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES

Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service)
Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson),
James Stewart (HSC Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Delivery – EMISD)
Robert Giuliano (HSC Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer – ECTO)
Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services)
Bob Milne (HSC RMPC Officer)
Kyle Thomson (HRSAC Secretary)

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 FEBRUARY 2018

Meeting held on 7 February 2018, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Paul Marbelli

Seconded by: Jenna Devietti

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 7 FEBRUARY 2018

3.1 Communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council and priority listing of jobs.

Mr James Stewart to compile a prioritised list of areas of concern which need attention and forward onto Denise.

3.1.1 Mayor Ramon Jayo and Mr James Stewart to make a submission regarding changing Abergowrie Road from a critical road to a major road.

Canegrowers organisation attended a meeting in Brisbane to address the situation. It was advised the Report is still in the hands of DTMR.

Undergoing further investigation

Awaiting DTMR response

It was advised that Mr James Stewart has met with the Department of Transport and Main Road's (DTMR) District Director and advised that DTMR is considering the change. Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

ACTION: Ongoing.

3.2 Mr Robert Milne questioned if the linemarking at Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd crossings are to standard.

Mr Don Oswin to investigate.

Mr Don Oswin advised that he had checked with the appropriate Wilmar Staff regarding the line marking and

they have advised that they are to standard.

Mr Robert Milne requested for Mr Don Oswin to investigate the hold bar located on the intersection of Venables Crossing Road and Lannercost Extension Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti to provide a copy of MUTCD extract for pavement markings to Mr Don Oswin for his review as existing hold bar lines are not to standard.

Mr Don Oswin has informed the Safety Committee that negotiations and prices have been discussed with Council to undertake the works on behalf of Wilmar. Work will need to progress in due course to allow this matter to be resolved.

Wilmar Pty Ltd has undertaken private works through Council to do line marking works.

Dr Jenna Devietti has advised that the works have been scheduled for February 2018 in which a Road Corridor Permit had to be applied for.

ACTION: *Jenna advised that Wilmar have engaged HSC through private works to carry out the linemarking, which was scheduled to be done during the period of the flood event.*

3.3 Cr Wallis Skinner raised visibility concerns at the intersection of Beeva Road and Abergowrie Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had applied through black spot funding improve visibility however it didn't get approved.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley inspected the concern and advised that the land owner's cane is currently encroaching the road reserve therefore the concern has been referred to TMR's Corridor Management to get in touch with the land owner.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that there is an existing agreement with the State Government and the landowner that dates a long way back. The matter has been sent to the Department Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) and DTMR is awaiting advice.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised that corridor management has contacted the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM). DNRM has since provided a lease for the subject area in which Mr Kevin Riseley hopes to have everything signed off by the next meeting held on 6 December 2017.

Negotiations are underway between the landowner and DNRM

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Kevin advised correspondence was sent to the landowner in February in relation to removing cane from the road reserve. The area has been mowed back. Matter still in progress.*

3.4 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns with hedge height on property (Alan Quagliotto) near train line on corner of Neame Street and Gedge Street as it is blocking visibility.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to property owner requesting hedge to be trimmed.

Correspondence was sent to Alan Quagliotto dated on 31 August 2017. [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]

Alan Quagliotto has since taken action and trimmed his hedge but it was advised by Mr Ricky Butler that the works were not sufficient enough. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin will approach Alan to resolve the matter.

No further action has been taken. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin to approach Alan to resolve the matter.

No further action has been taken.

ACTION: *Jenna advised that Don Oswin will visit the resident closer to the season to confirm he is happy with how hedge is being trimmed for visibility. The rear part of hedge is still an issue.*

3.5 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the intersection width and lighting at the intersection of Keast Street and Ferrero Street, Lucinda. This intersection also contains a cane tram level crossing accessing the port shunting yards.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council to confirm whether lighting is working at this location and provide outcomes to DTMR

Hinchinbrook Shire Council confirmed prior to the meeting the lighting is working at this location. DTMR following receiving of AADT information from HSC for Ferrero Street conducted a review of lighting requirements and advised 'No Lighting or Flag Lighting' was the result of the assessment. Request by HSC for Mr Kevin Riseley to email through the investigation findings.

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Kevin advised he investigated this prior to the last meeting and information was sent through to Kyle. He will resend the information to Kyle and this matter can be closed out.*

- 3.6 Paul Marbelli has received a complaint regarding the concrete causeway located along the Bruce Highway near the Gairloch turnoff that the bitumen on approach has sunken but the causeway has not causing it to be bumpy when travelling along that road.

Noted. Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley has investigated and found that the centre causeway is noticeable and the situation has been reported to maintenance to fix

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Kevin to follow up on progress.*

- 3.7 Ricky Quabba advised that issues were raised with a molasses truck having to take a wide turn at the intersection at Cartwright Street and Herbert Street and proceeding to drive along the parking bays to avoid hitting other vehicles. He suggested that we take out the parking bays to allow B Double trucks to utilise that space to turn. *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that this was not a B Double route and molasses trucks should not be travelling along this road. It was also suggested that taking out the carparks would not be favourable with the members of the public.*

Further investigation has been undertaken which has found that Cartwright Street is a B-double route and therefore QUBE's is permitted to travel on this section of road. Given this information, an investigation is now required for the intersection of Cartwright/Herbert Street as it appears that this intersection is inadequate for B-double travel paths. Mr Kevin Riseley to further investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Kevin advised that a traffic camera was placed to see an example of b-double movements. He confirmed heavy vehicles are permitted to straddle both lanes to make the turn. Jenna requested that a copy of the images are provided to Council for future reference. Kevin agreed but will need to check that images are okay before forwarding.*

- 3.8 Dr Jenna Devietti requested an update from Mr Don Oswin regarding advice from Council in relation to the pavement marking requirement adjacent to the road crossing on Morleys Road which needs to be undertaken by Wilmar in accordance with the Rail Crossing Agreement

Mr Don Oswin to confirm Michelle Galipo is investigating.

Dr Jenna Devietti is yet to hear a response.

Dr Jenna Devietti is yet to hear a response, HRSAC Secretary to send a letter of response to reiterate that works are required at this location.

ACTION: *Jenna advised work is not yet complete, still to be done.*

- 3.9 A concern was passed on by Mr Don Oswin to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding a water ponding issue at the intersection of Pumping Station Road and Fairford Road. Mr Don Oswin stated that the issue could cause a vehicle to hydroplane.

Mr Bob Milne to Investigate.

Mr Bob Milne was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Jenna advised that this is a state controlled road. There appears to be lack of drainage and there are service issues that need to be worked around. Bob will be raising this with RMPC issues.*

- 3.10 It was identified that the need for a 'No Right Turn' sign should be placed at both exits to Herbert Street, Ingham adjacent to McDonalds to stop people from driving down the wrong side of the road.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised when in the process of investigating the existing levels of R2-2 signage along Herbert St previously, the McDonalds carpark entry and exit configuration was found to not be in accordance with the original DA. Mr Kevin Riseley advised this was referred to TMR Corridor Management with a suggestion to line mark the southern exit with a left turn direction arrow (on the McDonalds driveway) which may help with resolution of the issue.

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: *Kevin advised that the investigation found that the McDonalds carpark is not in accordance with their original DA. This was reported to the Corridor Management Team for action, and it was suggested that No Right Turn signs be installed to address the issue.*

- 3.11 Mr Michael Pisano has made mention that there are some concerns regarding a water ponding issue on the intersection of Sunnybank Road and Renouf Road. It was identified that the road corner has depression in the road, causing the water to pond.

HRSAC Secretary to put through Works Request.

Works request has been put through. Maintenance has been scheduled.

ACTION: Jenna is not aware that work has been completed.

- 3.12 Mr Bob Milne has made mentioned that concerns were raised regarding the roughness of the road on the approach to the Trebonne railway line. It was identified that no maintenance issues could be found. Mr Bob Milne advised the area was resealed around 3 years ago with a recent derailment at this location resulting in the pavement having to be patched in places.

HRSAC Secretary to write a letter to the Department of Transport and Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd.

Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Road] – Roughness of Trebonne Railway. [Item 3.15]

ACTION: Jenna advised that correspondence was sent to DTMR and Wilmar, and a response received. Noted in General Correspondence.

- 3.13 Mr Ricky Quabba has made mention that he has had a near miss while merging lanes travelling north on Halifax Road. Mr Quabba has asked if the Department of Transport could put a sign that states “Merge Left” instead of the existing signage that states “Form One Lane”.

Kevin Riseley to investigate further, but it was identified by Queensland Police representative and majority of the Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee (HRSAC) members that the incident occurred due to lack of knowledge of the road rules when merging.

Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.

ACTION: Kevin has inspected and confirmed this is a zip merge and that all appropriate signage is currently in place, including additional signage not required by MUTCD. With zip merge, there is no continuity lane - similar to the one outside Lee's Hotel.

Matter closed.

- 3.14 Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).

Discussions were held surrounding the actual location of the area of concern.

Mr Paul Marbelli to find out more information and report back.

Mr Paul Marbelli advised that Mr Peter Sheedy was to get in contact with Council to discuss the matter.

Mr Paul Marbelli to provide further details to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding the location.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she had not received any further details from Mr Paul Marbelli.

Council has provided a video to DTMR highlighting the concern. Mr Kevin Riseley will proceed with investigation.

Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

DTMR has responded to the situation and has stated that harvester drivers are of fault. Letter of response was provided to Council.

Copy of response to be forwarded to Canegrowers for their information.

It was recorded in the meeting that the Canegrowers Organisation and Transnorth are not happy with the response provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). It was mentioned that Canegrowers and Transnorth should provide a letter of response to Council. HRSAC Secretary to send response to Transnorth and Mr Rodger Bow.

ACTION: Correspondence to be tabled.

- 3.15 Mr Vincenzo Vitale has brought forward a concern he has with the inappropriate use of Vitale Road to access the Bruce Highway North. It was mentioned that drivers in the area have been using Vitale Road and Fulton Drive as a raceway to see who can make it back into town the quickest. He has also witnessed people pulling out in front of trucks and wishes for the road to be blocked on one end (Bruce Highway Side).

It was mentioned that Mr Vince Vitale has been in contact with Queensland Police Officers regarding the situation. It was suggested amongst the committee members that the concerns should be forwarded on to Main

Roads for their consideration. HRSAC Secretary to forward request on to DTMR.

ACTION: Jenna advised that a letter was sent to DTMR re Mr Vitale's request and correspondence has been received from Canegrowers objecting to changes. Kevin advised it has been notified to DTMR and he has referred it to Corridor Management due to concerns with the crossing of double lines and visibility issues. Paul Marbelli explained with the use of the reference map, that double lines are not being crossed. Jenna confirmed that the access being used is not an access from the highway. Kevin confirmed that information received from Corridor Management also confirms the access is current for the house only, on a left in and left out basis. Kevin to check the visibility and geometry and report findings to the next HRSAC meeting.

- 3.16 Mrs Gloria Rotondo has raised concerns regarding the Francis Street/Bruce Highway T Intersection. It was mentioned that when giving away to oncoming traffic it is difficult to see if cars are parked in front of Highpark building.**

Dr Jenna Devietti displayed the intersection in questions on Google Maps and it was found that at the intersection there is a give way and continuity line that road users can use to get better visibility of the intersection and oncoming traffic. It was discussed that certain road users are unaware of the functionality of the pavement marking. HRSAC Secretary to send a letter of response to Gloria regarding the outcome.

ACTION: Jenna has sent correspondence to the complainant, which included a diagram of lanes.
Matter closed.

- 3.17 Mr Ricky Butler has made mention that bus drivers are having trouble turning down Atkinson Street when leaving Gilroy due to cars parking along the street kerb, which has been indicated as a no park zone. Mr Ricky Butler has asked if the Committee could send a letter to inform the Principal of Gilroy of the situation and to see if it could be distributed throughout their preferred method. It was made mentioned that there is potential to install another "No Standing Sign" or bump stops to stop cars from parking.**

HRSAC Secretary to advise the principal of Gilroy of the situation.

ACTION: Jenna to send correspondence to Gilroy College advising of the situation.

- 3.18 Mr Ricky Butler questioned if the 80 sign at Toobanna is now necessary since the service roads have been added in.**

HRSAC Secretary to email Mr Kevin Riseley of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to determine an outcome.

ACTION: Kevin advised that an assessment is being undertaken and he is currently obtaining data for a speed review.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

- Michelle Galipo [Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd] – Letter regarding line marking along Morley's Road. [Item 3.9]
- Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Vitale Road No Through Sign. [Item 3.17]
- Gloria Rotondo [Brescianini Motors] – Visibility concerns on the intersection of Francis Street and Herbert Street. [Item 3.18]

Incoming Correspondence

- John Tantalo, Officer in Charge [Halifax Police Station] – Request to place flood height indicators on nominated locations.
- Frank Martino, [Transnorth Bus Services] – Letter of objection to the Department of Transport and Main Roads response to Abergowrie Road Condition.
- Maria Battoraro, [Canegrowers Herbert River] – Letter of objection to the Department of Transport and Main Roads response to Abergowrie Road Condition.
- Maria Battoraro, [Canegrowers Herbert River] – Letter of objection to Vitale Road. [Item 3.17]

ACTION: Jenna to forward correspondence received in relation to the Ingham-Abergowrie Road matter to DTMR for information. (Frank Martino and Canegrowers).

ACTION: All incoming correspondence was received and noted.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Ricky Quabba

Seconded by: Jenna Devietti

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Mr Gio Tantalio put forward a request for the Department of Transport and Main Roads to install flood height indicators at the Halifax Lagoons between Paravicinis Road and Vellas Road. Additionally another site at the western side of Halifax Bridge between the bridge and Morleys Road, commonly known as Castorina's Lagoon.

ACTION: *Kevin advised that the flood marker on the rhs has been knocked over and the marker between Parravacinis and Vellas Roads needs inspecting. There are criteria for the planning and design of floodways, and initial indications show it is a road, not a floodway. To change it to a floodway would require an upgrade to current standards. Kevin will investigate further, including budget and funding provisions and report findings to next HRSAC meeting.*

4.2 **DTMR Perkins Street Update – Kevin Riseley**

Kevin provided an update on the issue discussed in previous meetings, of motorists travelling from Ingham-Abergowrie and travelling in the wrong direction. DTMR positioned a camera in Dec/Jan to conduct a review of motorist behaviour in this area with the following findings:

- Left turn onto Lannercost Street (7)
- Right turn onto Lannercost from opposite side, against flow of traffic (1)
- Right turn onto Perkins Street failing to keep left (1)
- Vehicles seen driving on wrong side of road (4)

Despite signs and road markings, motorists are still turning right. Kevin believes some of the motorists are tourists but the footage suggests that many are locals, and the behaviour is more wilful convenience or disobedience of road rules which local police could curtail by issuing tickets. It is DTMR's recommendation for QPS involvement for behaviour correction.

ACTION: *Kevin will provide QPS with information on the time of day this behaviour most frequently occurs.*

4.3 **Water at Mombelli's (Halifax Washaway) – Cr Wally Skinner**

Cr Skinner advised that flood water is remaining on the road and not draining away. He requested an update on any works planned to resolve this issue. Jenna advised she believes it is being actioned in another forum. Rodger requested Kevin inspect this area today while water is still over the road.

4.4 **Bluewater 80km/hr Zone - Ricky Butler**

Ricky requested an update on 80km/hr zone at Bluewater. Kevin advised that the situation is still being monitored, he does not know how long needs to pass after an animal siting on the highway before the site is returned to 100km zone.

4 **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 6 June 2018**, in the Council Chambers

5 **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11.50am



Mr Rodger Bow
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON