

# Communiqué



## Austroads Board Meeting No. 39 4 February 2021 | Teleconference

The Austroads Board met on 4 February 2021 via teleconference. The meeting was chaired by Neil Scales, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

### Work Program 2020-21

There are 101 projects approved for the 2020-21 work program. The table below details the status of the Austroads projects as at 31 December 2020.

Status	Transport Infrastructure	Future Vehicles + Technology	Transport Network Operations	Safety and Design	Total
Complete	8	2	6	3	8
Active	25	3	15	16	62
Pending start	11	3	4	5	30
<b>Total approved</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>101</b>

### Priority Projects

#### Road Asset Data Standard

The Road Asset Data Standard Project, which was due to be completed by the end of 2021, will be extended 12 months. The additional time will be used to further develop the knowledge sharing platform including automating reporting, and trial national reporting.

#### Temporary Traffic Management

The Board approved the establishment of a dedicated Task Force for Temporary Traffic Management under the Transport Network Operations Program. The new Task Force will focus on the:

- national adoption of the Guide to Temporary Traffic Management
- development and adoption of nationally harmonised Traffic Controller Training
- development and implementation a National Pre-Qualification Scheme for the Traffic Management industry.

#### Austroads Technical Specifications

A complete suite of Austroads Technical Specifications that cover almost all the existing jurisdictional structural specifications is expected to be complete by late-2021. Work is now progressing on more technically challenging bridgeworks specifications and draft specifications for piling have been sent to the Piling & Foundation Specialists Federation for comment. Work is about to commence on specifications for flexible pavements, rigid concrete pavements and asphalt.

#### Recycled materials in roads

Austroads is undertaking five projects that could help to improve the use of material diverted from the waste stream in roads and road assets:

- AAM6255 Use of recyclable materials in roads and road assets
- APT6249 Protocol for the assessment of waste materials in road surfacing
- APT6311 Use of crushed glass in road infrastructure
- APT6305 Use of road-grade recycled plastics for sustainable asphalt pavement
- APT6173 National specification for crumb rubber binders in asphalt and seals.

Additionally, Austroads will soon publish *Interim Guidelines for the Use of Recycled Plastics in Local Government Road Surfacing Applications*. This document provides guidance on the types of recycled plastic in Australia, its use in recent times, how it is incorporated into asphalt or sealing work, and flowcharts to assist in procuring recycled plastics to be used in road surfacing applications. The interim guidelines are intended for use by local governments for the surfacing of local roads which primarily provide access to abutting land and has a design traffic loading of no more than 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> equivalent standard axles (ESAs) for a 20-year design period.

### **Review of the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework: Stage 3**

The purpose of this project is to improve heavy vehicle driver competency and harmonise national standards of training and assessment. The Stakeholder Engagement Framework has been completed and endorsed by the Registration & Licensing Task Force.

### **Next Austroads Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday 29 April 2021 in Hobart, Tasmania (pending travel advice).