



Austroads Board Meeting No. 13
Adelaide
15 November 2012

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Austroads Board met on 15 November in Adelaide. Gary Liddle, Austroads Chairman and Chief Executive of VicRoads chaired the meeting.

The Board was given an update on recent meetings of TISOC and SCOTI including the Review of the NTC and other relevant transport bodies. Ministers agreed that a closer cooperative approach between TISOC and Austroads be implemented for national reform projects where Austroads is identified as the suitable vehicle for delivery. This is to take place under a MoU between TISOC and Austroads, and include specific direction and accountability and an agreed framework for performance reporting. Austroads is also to report back to TISOC on how research priority setting and governance of research activities might be improved to support the SCOTI agenda, including examining the applicability of the AHURI model.

It has been agreed that the Austroads Freight task force will be used as an ongoing forum for discussion of issues associated with the voluntary use of in-vehicle telematics for regulatory purposes with an initial focus on a core telematics data set and associated standards.

National Performance Indicators (NPIs)

Aidan McGann, from VicRoads, made a presentation on work being undertaken by the Austroads National Performance Indicator working group of which he is Chair. The Board supported the work of the working group and the development of an Austroads Performance Management Framework. The NPI working group will work with Austroads programs in developing the Framework and will report on progress in developing measures to the Board.

A new User Satisfaction Index survey aligned to the NPI Framework will be undertaken in 2013.

Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform

Meena Naidu, Project Director – Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform made a presentation to update the Board on progress for the Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform (HVCI). The HVCI work follows on from the work undertaken by the COAG Road Reform Plan project office which delivered a feasibility study in 2011. The study found that road funding and investment changes, were necessary to make charging reform worthwhile. In May 2012, the project was renamed HVCI to reflect its broadened scope. The Board was restructured to include an independent chair and senior officers from state road agencies, Premier and Cabinet and treasuries. The NTC and ALGA are also represented on the Board. The HVCI Reform Board is overseeing the development of an integrated framework for reform and will identify what processes are needed for successful implementation. This work will form part of a Regulatory Impact Statement to be released for public comment in 2013.

Austroads Awards

Menno Henneveld was awarded the Austroads Medal for his significant contribution to Austroads as a Chair, Deputy Chair and longstanding Board member and in representing Australia at the World Road Association.

Achievement Awards were made to Lance Midgley, Steve Boston and Ian Hickson.

International Activities

Austroads continues to have strong involvement with the World Road Association. Austroads is now recognised by the Association as the national committee for Australia and New Zealand. Menno Henneveld was elected as a Vice President of the Association at its Council meeting in Lucerne in October. He is departing from Main Roads WA at the end of November 2012. He advised he will remain on as an individual member of the World Road Association. The Board acknowledged the contribution made by Menno Henneveld whilst representing Australia at the Association.

Gary Liddle will take over as Australian First Delegate to the WRA.

Lydia Ragoonanan from NZTA, a member of technical committee 1.2 – Financing, has been appointed English Speaking Secretary of that committee.

Progress with the work program for 2012-13

Commencement of projects:

Program	Number of new projects 2012-13	Contracts finalised September
Assets	4	4
Freight	5	0
Network	14	13
R&L	6	3
Safety	14	12
Technology	19	19
Total	62	51

Details of the projects in the 2012-13 work program are available on the Austroads website.

Austroads office bearers for 2013

The Board appointed Andy Milazzo DPTI SA as Chair and Colin Crampton NZTA as Deputy Chair for two year terms. The Executive Committee will be Andy Milazzo, Colin Crampton, Andrew Jagers DoIT, Tony Gill TAMS ACT and Murray Kidnie.

Appreciation to Gary Liddle

The Board expressed its appreciation to Gary Liddle for his very significant contribution to Austroads during his three years as Chairman.

Reports

Austroads also considered reports from the following organisations:

- ARRB Group
- Australian Local Government Association
- Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics
- National Transport Commission
- Transport Certification Australia Ltd

Future meetings

The next Austroads Board meeting will be in Sydney on 14 March 2013.