

Communiqué



Austroads Board Meeting No. 46 and Annual General Meeting

3 November 2022 | Adelaide, SA

The Austroads Board met on 3 November in Adelaide, SA. The meeting was chaired by Neil Scales, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Annual General Meeting

The Board approved the Report of the Directors, the Annual Financial Report and the Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Neil Scales was reappointed as Chair and Louise McCormick was reappointed as Deputy Chair of Austroads Ltd for a two-year term.

Two Directors were appointed to the Austroads Executive Committee until the November 2024 Board meeting. The Executive Committee comprises Neil Scales, Qld DTMR (Chair); Louise McCormick, DIPL NT (Deputy Chair), John Hardwick from NSW and Andrew Madsen from the Commonwealth.

Work Program 2022-23

The table below details the status of the 2022-23 work program projects as of 30 September 2022.

Status	Transport Infrastructure	Transport Network Operations	Road Safety + Design	Future Vehicles + Technology	Environment + Sustainability	Total
Complete	2	-	2	1	-	5
Active	29	10	23	5	2	69
Total approved	31	10	25	6	2	74

Priority Projects

Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

Stage 1 of the Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) implementation project is now largely complete. The project has advanced with good member and industry cooperation and Stage 2 has fully commenced. Austroads members are considering their adoption and transitional arrangement, with Victoria publicly announcing their adoption pathway. The Austroads Innovative TTM Device and Solution Approval (AITDSA) scheme was formally launched on 1 July 2022. The AITDSA Panel met for the first time on 10 October 2022 and recommended three products for use.

National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework

The National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) will be open for feedback from 24 August – 28 October 2022. Industry has shown significant interest in the proposals detailed in the RIS. Austroads intends to deliver a Decision RIS to the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM) in May 2023 and provide jurisdiction implementation plans to ITMM in November 2023.

Heavy Vehicle Access Management

The Board approved the continuation of a project to implement an intelligent, automated system to support road managers' vehicle access decision-making. The project meets the intent of the September 2022 Infrastructure and Transport Ministers meeting agreement to develop a single user interface for a national automated access system using the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Portal. The project builds on the success of the Tasmanian Heavy Vehicle Access Management System, HVAMS.

Technical Specifications

To date, 30 Austroads Technical Specifications have been published or approved for publication, another 60 are in different stages of development. Austroads specifications will reduce or eliminate the need for individual agencies to develop and maintain their own specifications, reducing costs and efforts for member agencies. Uniform specifications will also deliver significant benefits to industry and users of road and bridge infrastructure.

Other priority projects

The Board also noted progress on priority projects related to: developing an implementation strategy for overseas driver licensing; *Assessing Fitness to Drive* implementation; incorporating advanced driver assistance systems into driver licensing, education and training practices; review of financial assessment criteria of the National Prequalification System; *Guide to Digital Engineering*; national code of practice to manage utilities in roads; assessment of bridge structural capacity; additional NEVDIS data attributes for automated and electric vehicles.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday 9 February 2023 in Brisbane.