

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Road Safety Council meeting held 25 October 2024.

Chair's Report

Council noted the Chair's advice regarding the tabling of the Annual Report on Council Activities 2023-24 in the Parliament of Western Australia on 16 October 2024, in accordance with section 13 of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*. The Chair noted the Road Safety Round Table held on 2 September 2024 which several council members attended with discussions being very productive and a range of perspectives raised.

2024-25 Road Trauma Trust Account Mid-Year Review

The Council considered budget submissions for variations for existing programs and new proposals.

The Chair will write to the Minister for Road Safety, Hon David Michael MLA, advising him of the final budget recommendations.

Safety improvements on high-speed Local Government roads

Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer of the WA Local Government Association presented a request for funding to implement low-cost treatments on high speed Local Government roads to reduce run-off road and head-on crashes. Council supported the proposed investment in infrastructure to make a sustained contribution to the road safety targets and aim to achieve major progress towards the 2030 State Road Safety Strategy to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured by between 50-70%.

Regional Road Safety Program – State and Local Roads

Mr Peter Woronzow, Director General of the Transport Portfolio presented a new Local Road Safety Program for funding to extend the proven benefits of the Regional Road Safety Program to Local Roads. The Regional Road Safety Program works to prevent one of the leading causes of death and serious injury on regional roads, single vehicle run off road crashes, by installing treatments including widened and sealed shoulders and audible edge lines. The program has a target to upgrade 14,400 kilometres of road. There will be focus on completing a target of 3,500 kilometres of Local Roads based on high speed, higher traffic volumes, crash history and delivery readiness. Council supported the proposed investment in infrastructure to continue the success of the Regional Road Safety Program and achieve return on investment with an effective transition to Local Roads to deliver optimal road safety benefits across the regional road network.

Papers noted

- Main Roads Quarterly Report on Road Safety
- WA Police Presentation - Enhanced reporting on drink and drug driving statistics.

Next meeting: 21 March 2025

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