

Communiqué



Austroads Board Meeting No. 51 8 February 2024 | Perth, Western Australia

The Austroads Board met on 8 February 2024 in Perth Western Australia. The meeting was chaired by Louise McCormick, Deputy Chief Executive and Infrastructure Commissioner - Infrastructure NT.

Priority Projects

Contemporary Heavy Vehicle Access Decision Making for Road Managers

The Board discussed the project which is progressing on schedule.

Safety at Road Worksites (harmonisation of temporary traffic management practice)

The harmonised temporary traffic management framework has been operationalised in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. In those jurisdictions, multiple approved training providers are training traffic management service providers.

National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework

The Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM) approved the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework Decision Regulation Impact Statement to serve as a basis for Austroads, states and territories to commence implementation planning for ITSOC consideration.

Technical Specifications

More than 60 Austroads Technical Specifications have been published and adopted by TfNSW, Queensland TMR, Victoria DTP and NZTA. A paper on their sustainable management and maintenance will be brought to the May 2024 Board meeting.

Other priority projects

The Board noted progress on priority projects including: Overseas Driver Licences, Assessing Fitness to Drive implementation, Austroads Safety Hardware Training and Accreditation Scheme, National Prequalification Scheme, Guide to Digital Engineering, bridge barrier assessments, and Future Freight Vehicles.

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) strategic projects

The board was updated on TCA's priority projects. TCA is reviewing tenders to upgrade the Telematics Analytics Platform (TAP).

Other projects

Establishing Austroads as a Digital Driver Licence & Credential Verifier

Austroads is seeking to set up a Digital Trust Service (DTS) that establishes and manages a national trust list of issuers of interoperable mobile driver licences (also called digital driver licences) and photo IDs. Among other requirements, the DTS will develop and maintain the necessary trust framework, security controls, relevant policies, and standards as it relates to digital credentials and identity. Austroads is working closely with European and North American counterparts.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next Austroads Board meeting will be held Thursday 9 May 2024 in Auckland, New Zealand.