

Communiqué



Austroads Board Meeting No. 55

13 February 2025 | Sydney, New South Wales

The Austroads Board met on 13 February 2025 in Sydney. The meeting was chaired by Louise McCormick, Infrastructure Commissioner, Infrastructure NT, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure Northern Territory. The Chair acknowledged the Australian Indigenous peoples as the first peoples of Australia, and specifically acknowledged the local Gadigal people of the Eora Nations. She also acknowledged the Māori as the original people of New Zealand and the Treaty of Waitangi.

Resilient Transport 2025

The Chair thanked Austroads and Transport for NSW staff for the preceding day's Resilience Seminar. The seminar was attended by more than 170 people and featured expert-led discussions and presentations with a shared goal of increasing the resilience and adaptability of transport assets and networks across Australasia. The Board wishes to run it again in 2027.

Priority projects

Digital Trust Service (DTS)

The Board noted the success of the IVC24 knowledge sharing and interoperability testing event. The NEVDIS Participants approved the implementation phase of the DTS project which includes an upgrade to NEVDIS.

National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework

This project will deliver reforms to the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework enabling improvements to road safety, freight productivity and national harmonisation. The Industry Reference Group will meet on 19 March. A pilot of the training materials is due to commence mid-year.

Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

Harmonised temporary traffic management is operating in four jurisdictions with NSW and ACT expected to join imminently. The Board approved a variation in the AITDSA Terms of Reference.

Summaries

Research Guidance and Practice

As at the end of December 2024, there were 80 active projects, 41 of which were on track for completion on schedule.

The 12th Austroads Bridge Conference, is to be held in Brisbane, from 25 – 27 June 2025. To date 250 abstract submissions have been received and have 211 attendees have registered. The Austroads Chair will speak at the event. The conference will include a Women in Engineering Networking Function, and a dedicated stream for PIARC.

NEVDIS

NEVDIS processed approximately 29.5 million monthly transactions across all transactional services in Q2 FY2024-25. There were no significant system availability issues.

TCA

Vehicle enrolments in TCA-administered applications continue to grow, with total unique vehicles at 17,040 (up 890 / 5.5% during Q2 FY24/25).

The Board noted the proposed fee increase for TCA services, less than the CPI, considering there had been no increase for over five years.

TCA's telematics services fees are to increase as per the table below:

Scheme name	Current monthly fee	New monthly fee	% increase
IAP	\$43.00	\$48.00	11.6%
TMA	\$20.00	\$23.00	15.0%
RIM	\$10.00	\$11.50	15.0%

TCA continues to remain quality assured under standards ISO9001 Quality Management Systems and ISO27001 Information Security Management Systems with Austroads working towards accreditation in 2026.

Next Austroads Meetings

The next Austroads Board meeting will be held on 8 May 2025 in Brisbane, Queensland.

The subsequent meeting will be held on 6-7 August 2025 in Melbourne, Victoria, including a joint session with the Public Transport Association Australia New Zealand (PTAANZ).