

Communiqué

Austrroads Board Meeting No. 41 5 August 2021 | Teleconference



The Austrroads Board met on 5 August 2021 via teleconference. The meeting was chaired by Neil Scales, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Work Program 2021-22

There were 101 projects active during 2020-21. The table below details the status of the projects as at 30 June 2021.

Status	Transport Infrastructure	Future Vehicles + Technology	Transport Network Operations	Safety + Design	Total
Complete	13	3	17	6	39
Active	28	7	10	17	62
Pending start	-	-	-	-	-
Total approved	41	10	27	23	101

Priority Projects

Road Asset Data Standard

Vendors have been engaged to provide a minimum viable product to enable proof-of-concept trials of additional reporting functionality in the Knowledge Sharing Platform. The business case for a comprehensive Data Quality Improvement Program will be further considered by the Board at the October meeting.

Temporary Traffic Management

The Board considered a three-stage implementation plan and approved delivery of stage 1.

Harmonisation of Funding for Class 1 and 2 Heavy Vehicles Permit Application Assessments

Austrroads is undertaking a nationwide review of the funding mechanisms for Class 1 and 2 heavy vehicles permit application assessments to identify options for national harmonisation. A review of current practice has been completed.

Austrroads Technical Specifications

The Board reiterated its commitment to the development of national technical specifications and noted the importance of their implementation and use.

Recycled materials in roads

The Board noted the progress of projects that could help to improve the use of material diverted from the waste stream in roads and road assets:

- APT6249 Protocol for the assessment of waste materials in road surfacing (expected completion October 2021)
- APT6311 Use of crushed glass in road infrastructure (expected completion third quarter of 2021)
- APT6305 Use of road-grade recycled plastics for sustainable asphalt pavement (expected completion early-2022)
- APT6173 National specification for crumb rubber binders in asphalt and seals (expected completion October 2021).

Review of the National Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework: Stage 3

This project aims to develop an exemplar licensing framework for national implementation. Austroads will work with the National Transport Commission to develop and consult on a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the proposed framework. The project is due for completion in 2022.

Overseas Driver Licensing Policy Review: Stage 2

This project aims to ensure Australia and New Zealand maintain best practice licensing arrangements for overseas drivers for improved road safety outcomes. The project is on track to be completed by the end of 2021.

A National Approach to Measuring Non-fatal Crash Outcomes: Stage 2

This project will use data linkages to improve the measurement of non-fatal hospitalised road injuries in Australia. Austroads has obtained the appropriate ethics permissions and data custodian approvals for all but one of the Australian states and territories. This project, and the National Prediction Model project, which is dependent on the data, has been delayed by challenges in accessing WA's health data. The project team from Flinders University has assembled and analysed linked data for a full 10 years from remaining states and territories. This data has been used in the development of the national road safety strategy.

Directors

Neil Scales welcomed Matt Pinnegar, Chief Executive ALGA to the Austroads Board and his first Board meeting.

Austroads National Office

Austroads National Office has moved. The new address is Level 9, 570 George Street, Sydney. All other contact details remain the same.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday 28 October 2021.