



Report on: Austroads Technology Program, Traffic Management Review Panel Meeting, 18/19 July 2006

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Background

Austroads has two main activities, to undertake research into strategic transport issues for the benefit of Austroads Member Authorities and to produce research reports. Over the next 3-4 years Austroads will work towards producing an integrated series of publications by repackaging existing works into nine series covering the main road management disciplines: Assets, Safety, Pavement Technology, Bridge Technology, Traffic Management, Road Design, Transport Planning, Project Evaluation and Project Delivery. The new series will be published electronically to ensure greater accessibility to all users, including Member Authorities, local government, consultants and contractors.

Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from 27-28 March meeting & 26 June teleconference concerning roadworks was discussed and agreed

Publication Series development

Status of Publications System Development

The panel was reminded that the on-line system is active and can be viewed via the Austroads website www.austroads.com.au – select “Publications”, “Public access” from the left side menu.

Progress of new series

Part 5 Road Management

This part is nearing completion and all key comments made by members were discussed and agreed. The document will be circulated again later in the year before a final version is prepared for endorsement. Both Parts 5 and 6 have been circulated by Transit to Land Transport NZ and Local Government.

Part 6: Intersections, Interchanges & Crossings

This part is progressing well but has been circulated for comment in sections, which has caused some confusion. A full version is to be circulated for comment. Both Parts 5 and 6 have been circulated by Transit to Land Transport NZ and Local Government.

Part 4: Network Management

This part and its layout was discussed

Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Developments

This part was discussed and there was some discussion on whether it should be a guide on Traffic Impacts or whether it should be a guide to Transport Assessments (ALL modes), the later was agreed and the title will change.

There was some lively debate on whether it should be a guide on how to do Transport Assessments or whether there should be guidance on how to minimise impacts by encouraging use of other modes. The overall approach will be discussed further in the next round of meetings.

Future meetings

The next Traffic Management review panel meeting will be held in November 2006 in Brisbane.

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