
**Subject: REPORT ON MEETING OF AUSTRROADS REVIEW PANEL FOR
PROJECT DELIVERY PUBLICATION SERIES (TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAMME): BRISBANE 7 JULY 2006**

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Background

The Austroads Technology Programme objective is to promote improved practice in technology by the development and maintenance of an Austroads publication series consisting of:

- ▶ Bridge Technology
- ▶ Pavement Technology
- ▶ *Project Delivery (# subject of this memo)*
- ▶ Project Evaluation
- ▶ Road Design
- ▶ Traffic Management
- ▶ Transport Planning

Attachments

Attachment A: Project Delivery Series Structure (Appendix 1)

Attachment B: Technology Programme Timetable

Work Programme

The purpose of the Review meeting of 07 July 2006 was to confirm the final drafts of Part 1, 2 and 3. A start on Parts 4 and 5, relating to Contract Management Systems and Direct Management of Construction, was not made and will be the subject of the next meeting.

The Guideline is continuing to develop good alignment with our Project Management Manual.

There was further discussion on the need to have a seamless transition from the Transport Planning publication series to this Project Delivery series. Transport Planning will initiate the project from a concept, take it through the option selection phases, and programme the project for delivery. This is very aligned with our divisional split. The Project Delivery publication series picks up the project from when it is funded, a brief is delivered by Transport Planning, and the Capital Team (in our case), writes a Project Plan and delivers the project.

A new concept for us, and a good discipline to have, is for the project owner, to write a detailed handover brief (for Capital Projects). Similarly at the end of construction and on commissioning the Project Deliverer produces a handover report to Asset Management, which is work in progress for us.

Other Items of Discussion

- ▶ Concern expressed by the Australian jurisdictions about the restrictive nature of Temporary Traffic management requirements for low volume roads.
- ▶ Queensland looking at a variation to ECI contact where they slice it up into stages and only develop and build one stage at a time. While stage 1 is being built, stage 2 is being developed. Benefits are that you attract smaller and medium size contractors because their financial exposure is limited. This approach also provides some competition to larger contractors.

Benefits & Relevance to New Zealand

The work on this publication series will be of direct benefit to Transit New Zealand.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Transit continues to participate in this Review Panel until completion of the series in the 2007/087 year, and that we attend the next meeting in October 2006 in Perth.

This will be my last report as I have now handed over to Colin MacKay, who will be Transit's representative.

There is another publication series being developed, which looks at Transport Planning, which is to interface with this publication series. Transit has no representative on this publication series. The leader of the Project Delivery Series has indicated that the Transport Planning team has good representation of Economists, but is light on project management experience. It is my recommendation that Transit looks to provide a representative.

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