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**Austrroads Technology Programme
Transport Planning and Project Evaluation Review Panel
Meeting 12 February 2007, Hobart Australia**

Meeting Report - Dave Gennard

Purpose

To provide feedback on the recent 1-day Austrroads Transport Planning and Project Evaluation Panel meeting held in Hobart to discuss the current progress on existing projects and the future research proposals for the Austrroads Technology Programme.

Background

The Transport Planning and Project Evaluation Panel meets twice a year. The February meeting was timed to be prior to the Programme Mangers meeting to determine the proposals to Council for funding in the following financial year.

Key Discussions and Outcomes

Although the meeting covered the whole range of activities being undertaken by the Panel there were two major items discussed as follows:

- The further development of a Transport Planning Guide; and
- Future Programme

1. Transport Planning Guide

The Transport Planning Guide was to be developed as a bottom up tool, concentrating specifically on road planning and link and route basis. The publication would compliment the Australian Transport Council (ATC) guideline on transport, which were developed to be a top down set of guidelines in terms of addressing the network issues for all modes and referred to the development by Austrroads (and the Rail industry for rail mode planning) of a guide to the development of the network at a link and route level. (This concept is very similar to the one emerging from the NSHS and the review of the PPM).

The project has had a number of false starts as it was being developed in tandem with the ACT guidelines that were published in late 2006. The brief for Austrroads Transport Planning Guide was reviewed and it was agreed that the original 3 part document should be merged into one document and cover areas such as sustainability, safety, TDM and other key emerging areas at a detailed level for the benefit of younger planners and graduates. It was to be a “how to” manual and bring some

commonality to state planning across Australia and be valuable as a guide for New Zealand.

2. Future Programme

The proposed decisions for Council on the Transport Planning Guide had implications for the programme in terms of ensuring sufficient funding was available to complete the reviewed specification for the Transport Planning Guide. This linked to three projects:

- **Current Projects**

- 1) TP1162 - Transport Planning Guide Parts 1 and Part 3
- 2) TP1228 - Transport Planning Guide Part 2

- **Proposed Project**

- 3) TP1350 Guide to Transport Planning

There was a link to all these projects and the Panel considered it was appropriate to rationalise them and use an existing number TP1228 as the project to complete the Guide to Transport Planning.

The Panel also discussed developing links with the Road Safety programme and the Asset Programme as there were proposals being developed by these two programmes that overlapped with the transport planning and project evaluation review panel work. In particular road user costs and unit costs for crash assessment.

The programme manager would pursue this at the programme managers meeting at the end of February 07.

Next meeting – to be advised

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