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# IPWEA (NSW) ROADS & TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE

## 2012 NSW Local Roads Congress Regional Transport Planning – Sustainable Local Roads

Details for the Congress are: **Date:** Tuesday 8th May 2012  
**Venue:** Novotel Pacific Bay Hotel – Coffs Harbour

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Councillor, Local Government & Shires Associations of NSW Greg Moran, President IPWEA (NSW)	Chair: Warren Sharpe
9:10am	<b>Opening</b> Cr Keith Rhoades, Mayor of the City of Coffs Harbour	
9:40am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Carolyn McNally, Deputy Director General, Planning and Programs, Transport for NSW	
10:15 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	
10:30am	<b>Regional Transport Planning</b> Paul Broad, CEO, Infrastructure NSW (INSW), <i>Investment policies and strategies to address infrastructure needs (i)</i> Mr Gavin Hill, General Manager for Reform Implementation, Transport Certification Australia, <i>end-to-end access for higher productivity vehicles</i> Trish Grunert, General Manager, Freight Branch, RMS – <i>HML Policy Development and application (i)</i> Murray Kidnie, Chief Executive, Austroads, <i>Austroads as a resource for Local Government</i>  Panel Discussion (10 minutes) Discussion of Congress Communiqué (5 minutes)	Chair: Bill Woodcock
12:45pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30pm	<b>Transport Topics</b> Esmond Smith, General Manager Economics, COAG Road Reform Plan, <i>CRRP Review of Transport Funding</i> Richard Hancock, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Project Office, <i>National Regulation of Heavy Vehicles – Impacts on Local Government (i)</i> David Coonan, National Manager, Policy, Australian Trucking Association, <i>The Impact of ATA Policy on Local Government</i> Stewart McLeod, Director Technical Services, Dubbo City Council, <i>Case Study Everyone wins in Dubbo</i>  Panel Discussion (10 minutes) Discussion of Congress Communiqué (10 minutes)	Chair: Greg Moran
3:15pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	
3:30pm	<b>Roads Management</b> Scott Young, NSW Stabilising & Regional Surfacing Manager, Downer Australia, <i>Policy Development for Unsealed Roads (i)</i> Mick Savage, Manager, Roads & Transport Directorate  Adoption of Congress Communiqué (35 minutes)	Chair: Warren Sharpe
5:00pm	<i>Close</i>	

(i) Invited, not yet confirmed

## NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan

The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan is being developed by Transport for NSW through a 12-month process of research and consultation with customers and the community, transport specialists, industry and all levels of government. The plan proposes to identify a clear direction for transport over the next 20 years. Over this period, the NSW transport system will need to change to respond to a number of major challenges. These include the need to support a growing and ageing population that needs access to more jobs, the increasing cost of energy, lifestyle changes and environmental sustainability. The population of NSW will grow to more than nine million people. The transport system will need to support a growing economy by ensuring efficient freight movements and improved access to seaport and airport facilities.

A discussion paper has now been released by Transport for NSW as part of the planning process. Details on how to make a submission and more information about the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan process is available at: [www.transportmasterplan.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transportmasterplan.nsw.gov.au)

Details of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan regional forums may be found at the Transport for NSW website at: <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/article/have-your-say-at-regional-forums>.

A draft NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan will be released for public comment in mid-year, with the final Plan due for completion in November 2012. Following the release of the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, Transport for NSW will develop detailed regional transport plans.

The Roads & Transport Directorate will be making a submission on behalf of IPWEA (NSW). Any comments from Councils on the current discussion paper would be appreciated so that as wide a range of views as possible can be canvassed.

## Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC)

Part of the Roads & Transport Directorate's presentation at the Regional Forums currently being held around the State deals with RMCC issues. Although the majority of regional councils are involved in RMCCs there is a very low knowledge of the RMS website page set up to provide information to councils.

The dedicated RMS webpage for RMCC is: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/lgr/downloads/information/rmcc.html>. Included in this webpage is a series of newsletters dealing with specific RMCC issues. If you are involved in carrying out works for RMS you should be aware of the matters discussed on this webpage.

## Road Safety Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the IPWEA Road Safety Panel will be held on 13th March, 2012. Agenda items include:

- Road safety Forum, Coffs Harbour
- Staysafe Committee submissions
- Clear zones and Environmental issues

The outcomes of the Panel's deliberations will be reported in the next Newsletter.

## Infrastructure Funding Scheme

NSW Local Government Minister Don Page announced on 23rd February that councils with ailing infrastructure will benefit from millions of dollars in interest subsidies offered by the NSW Government under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

The five-year, \$70 million Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme will pay the first 4% of the interest on significant loans that NSW councils take out specifically to pay for the maintenance of infrastructure projects such as roads, community halls, libraries, paths, parks, sports fields and water facilities.

Councils can now contact the Division of Local Government to take advantage of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. To be eligible for assistance, councils will be required to have their finances assessed by NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) and must lodge their final applications for assistance under the Scheme with the Division by Friday, March 30.

## Land Matters Guidelines

Stage 1 of the *Land Matters Guidelines* which is a joint undertaking by the Water Directorate and the Roads & Transport Directorate was launched at the Local Government Property Officer's Forum held at Forbes in October 2011.

Stage 2 of the Guidelines was commenced in November 2011 and the final draft has now been received and distributed to the focus groups for review. Stage 2 includes:

- References to and explanations of the pertinent sections of legislation relating to compulsory acquisition actions
- Discussions relating to native title and the issues raised when it forms or may form part of an acquisition of Crown Land
- Discussions relating to the various streams of acquisitions eg acquisition by agreement and without agreement, acquisitions of easements where pipes are to be laid and where pipes are already located within the proposed easement
- How are Native Title considerations taken into account in all types of acquisition?
- Are there different requirements where land is being acquired for road widening purposes as opposed to other reasons for acquisition?
- How is land to be compulsorily acquired, valued? Who does the valuation? When is the valuation done? Is there a dispute resolution procedure in the event of a disagreement over valuations?
- Provide advice regarding compliance with the transfer procedure prepared by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) for the acquisition of roads by Councils as a result of reclassification of state roads to regional or local roads OR for the transfer of roads to the RTA as a result of reclassification of regional or local roads to state roads.
- Provide advice regarding roads that are not physically built within their road reserves.

It is anticipated that the final manual will be launched at the Local Roads Congress / Annual Conference to be held in Coffs Harbour in May.

## FEEDBACK

Your comments or reactions to any of the above issues are welcomed. Please email me at: [msavage@ipwea.org.au](mailto:msavage@ipwea.org.au)

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