

Communiqué

Austrroads Board Meeting No. 44
5 May 2022 | Darwin, NT



The Austrroads Board met on 5 May in Darwin, NT. The meeting was chaired by Neil Scales, Director-General, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Work Program 2021-22

The table below details the status of the 2021-22 work program projects as at 31 March 2021.

Status	Transport Infrastructure	Transport Network Operations	Road Safety + Design	Future Vehicles + Technology	Environment + Sustainability	Total
Complete	7	6	5	5	0	23
Active	32	7	23	6	1	69
Total approved	39	13	28	11	1	92

Work Program 2022-23

The Board endorsed the budget and funding of the 2022-23 Work Program. The new projects scheduled to begin next financial year are:

- Transport and Infrastructure Program
 - Assets
 - AAM6388 Scoping of an update to the Guide to Asset Management
 - AAM6389 Incorporating climate change resilience in asset management
 - Pavements
 - APT1975 Maximising the life of sprayed seals – Future proofing binders
 - APT6048 Feasibility of using anti-strip additives as an alternative to hydrated lime
 - APT6245 Develop design procedures for foamed bitumen stabilised pavement
 - APT6211 Improving the environmental impact of sprayed sealing
 - APT6332 Identifying segregation in next generation polymer modified binders
- Transport Network Operations Program
 - Network
 - NEG6384 Movement and place guidance
 - NEG6385 Guidance for cycling and micromobility planning
 - NEG6386 Guidance for pedestrian planning
 - NEG6387 Guidance for pedestrian treatments at signalised intersections
 - Freight
 - NEF6393 Contemporary heavy vehicle access decision making for road managers
 - NEF6392 Future freight vehicles and buses – implications for road managers
 - NEF6394 Designing roads for large freight vehicles
 - NEF6395 Research into recent urban freight movement patterns
 - NEF6396 Opportunities to increase freight and supply chain resilience
- Road Safety and Design Program
 - Registration and Licensing
 - SRL6369 Assessing Fitness to Drive implementation strategy phase 3
 - SRL6368 Developing an implementation transition strategy for overseas driver licensing
 - Road Design
 - SRD6370 Strategic review of road design guidance

Road Safety

- SAG6365 Charting a path to elimination of death and serious injury
- SAG6371 Pedestrian data and evidence analysis to determine effective interventions to reduce the pedestrian road toll
- SAG6372 Development of guidance and standards for adoption and use of safety harnesses and vests

- Environment and Sustainability Program

- EAS6380 Development of tool for measuring carbon and recycled content of infrastructure.
- EAS6361 Transport agency emissions reduction opportunities.
- EAS6362 WMAPT update of temperature projections.
- EAS6377 Prioritising active transport
- EAS6378 Climate change risk assessment guidelines

- Future Vehicles and Technology Program

- CAV6376 Guidance for developing standardised transport data exchange for Australia and New Zealand.
- CAV6374 Developing digital twins in road transport.
- CAV6382 Local government and data provision for connected and automated vehicles.
- CAV6383 Minimum requirements for traffic signs, traffic signals and line markings.

Continuing Implementation Projects

The Board endorsed the next stages of the following implementation projects:

- APS6227 Road Asset Data Standard implementation Stage IV
- BN2019 Stage 2 of Harmonisation of temporary traffic management practice
- SRL6354 National Heavy Vehicle Competency Framework implementation

Priority Projects

Road Asset Data Standard

The Board approved a draft inception report. The report will inform an implementation plan which will be considered at the next Board meeting. The development of the reporting portal is continuing.

Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

The Board approved commencement of Stage 2 of this project which includes development of Austroads member adoption and transition plans and oversight of prequalified temporary traffic management organisations. The Board also supported the Temporary Traffic Management Task Force's endorsement of skill sets to be registered at training.gov.au.

Other priority projects

The Board also noted progress on priority projects related to: Austroads Technical Specifications; Heavy Vehicle Driver Competency Framework; Guide to Digital Engineering; Strategy and action plan for a national code of practice to manage utilities in roads; and Assessment of bridge structural capacity.

Transport Certification Australia (TCA) Governance

To better streamline governance, the Austroads Board decided that all strategic matters relating to TCA should be considered by the Austroads Board. The change is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation and should have no impact on day-to-day operations.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday 4 August 2022 by video conference.