Communiqué

Austroads Board Meeting No. 43

3 February 2022 | Teleconference



The Austroads Board met on 3 February via teleconference. 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 December 2021.

Status	Transport Infrastructure	Transport Network Operations	Safety + Design	Future Vehicles + Technology	Environment + Sustainability	Total
Complete	4	4	2	3	0	13
Active	30	9	21	8	1	69
Total approved	34	13	23	11	1	82

Priority Projects

Road Asset Data Standard

Since the last Board meeting a Board subcommittee has been to guide and oversee the Austroads Road Asset Data Standard project. The development of the reporting portal is progressing. An inception report and implementation plan are being developed.

Harmonisation of Temporary Traffic Management Practice

The Board noted the good progress of the project including settlement of key operational policy issues, development of training materials and the Registered Training Organisation framework, progress in the cost benefit analysis and pricing environment and piloting the device assessment scheme (with the aim of formally commencing on 1 July 2022).

Austroads Technical Specifications

The Board acknowledged the importance of the Austroads Technical Specifications (ATS) and the value of harmonisation to both agencies and industry. At end of December 2021, 32 ATSs had been published or awaiting final approvals, 18 ATSs were subject to consultation with industry groups, and 22 ATSs were subject to consultation with jurisdictional representatives.

Harmonised use of telematics in freight

The Board considered a paper on the National Telematics Framework (NTF) and how it can be used to improve road safety, productivity and asset management. The Board endorsed Austroads and Transport Certification Australia seeking opportunities to further harmonise and expand the use of NTF schemes across jurisdictions.

Next Austroads Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday 5 May 2022 in Darwin (pending availability to travel).