

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its meeting in Hobart on Friday, 28 November 2008. The meeting was chaired by John Erceg, Austroads Network Program Manager. This communiqué summarises the main discussions, decisions and actions arising from the meeting.

The morning prior to the meeting a site visit was conducted to Mt Wellington and the North-South Mountain Bike Track on the mountain. The afternoon prior to the meeting ABC members met to hear a report on the progress of the NSW Bike Plan.

OUTCOMES OF THE ABC MEETING

OVERVIEW

The main focus of the meeting was the Australian National Cycling Strategy (NCS) 2005-2010 implementation and the framework for the next NCS 2011-2016. The Australian Transport Council request for the requirements of the NCS 2011-16 were discussed.

PROGRESS ON NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

Web Based Cycling Resource Centre

CRC was launched in November 2007; the site is attracting visits from Australia (79%), New Zealand (2%), North America (10%), UK (3%) and Central Asia (2%). As at 31 October 2008, the CRC had over 21,000 visitors since its inception. The most popular pages, apart from the Home Page were; Road Safety Statistics, Benefits of Cycling, Maps and Bicycle Network Planning.

National Cycling Skills Training Standard

AusCycle program is currently being trialled in NSW and Queensland.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY & ABC ANNUAL REPORT

Progress on the implementation of the NCS for each jurisdiction was reported to the ABC based on responses received from ABC members. Feedback on the ABC annual report presented to SCOT (25 September 2008) and ATC (7 November 2008) was discussed.

NCS 2011-2016 PROPOSAL

ABC members discussed the project proposal for the NCS 2011-16. Austroads will continue to develop the NCS 2011-16 project as part of their research program.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

All research projects are progressing:

- research projects on public transport integration – project proposal and grant application were discussed
- cycling infrastructure and design consideration for inclusion in urban planning – the ABC is working with the national Healthy Spaces & Places to further this project
- building design including cycling infrastructure and design considerations is being undertaken by the ABC.

Reports will be made available on the ABC and CRC websites when completed.

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE TAX SYSTEM

The ABC made a submission to Australia's Future Tax System (Henry Review) on tax impediments to increasing cycling.



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POWER ASSISTED BICYCLES

The review, being lead by NSW RTA, is continuing. Further updates on the national strategy will be provided over the course of the review.

AUSTROADS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ROAD DESIGN REVIEW PANELS

The ABC continues to have input into the development of new Austroads guides. The technical guides that have been published since the last ABC meeting are:

- Horizontal Stresses: Their Measurement in the Field and Assessment in the Laboratory - Project Summary Report
- Correlation of WIM Data with Classified Counts: Using Artificial Neural Networks to Identify Load Distributions at Classifier Sites
- Review of Innovative Binder Delivery Systems (Pilot Study)
- Austroads LTPP and LTPPM Study – Summary Report for 2006/07
- Impact of Rising Watertables and Salinity on Pavement Performance

The guides are available on the Austroads website (www.austroads.com.au). Future drafts of parts of the Guide to Traffic Management and the Guide to Road Design will be referred to ABC members as they become available.

NEXT MEETING

ABC meeting #31 will be held in Brisbane in March 2009.