

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its meeting in Darwin on Thursday, 20 August 2009. The meeting was chaired by Duncan Elliott, Austroads Network Program Manager. This communiqué summarises the main discussions, decisions and actions arising from the meeting.

A site visit was conducted from Darwin CBD to Green Point on Friday 21 August 2009. The site visit travelled via the cycle tourism trail which highlights the cultural and natural heritage of the area with regular interpretive and directional signage. A cycle tourism workshop was held on the afternoon of Friday 21 August 2009, with members of Tourism NT and the ABC.

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 ABC's draft annual report to the Austroads Council was discussed.

PROGRESS ON NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

Web Based Cycling Resource Centre

As at 30 June 2009, the CRC averaged over 1900 visitors per month for the year, the site is attracting visits from Australia (76%), New Zealand (3%), with North America, UK and Central Asia. The most popular pages, apart from the Home Page were; Road Safety Statistics (13%), Benefits of Cycling (9%) and Bicycle Maps (9%).

Local Government Engagement Strategy

ABC members endorsed the 'Australian Bicycle Council local government engagement strategy'.

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. The draft ABC annual report was discussed prior to submission to Austroads Council, SCOT and ATC.

AUSTRALIAN BICYCLE COUNCIL CYCLING DATA AND INDICATORS

All three data sets on cycling, national, state/territory and capital city were endorsed by the ABC and will be placed on both the ABC and CRC websites.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

All research projects are progressing.

Austrroads Project Number:

- NS1435 – Effectiveness & Selection of Intersection Treatments for Cyclists – progress is on track for completion by June 2010.
- NP1575 – ABC members discussed the expression of interest for NCS 2011-16. ABC secretariat will manage the NCS 2011-16 project with the nominated ABC working group.
- NP1436 – Cycling Aspects of Austrroads Guides - This project is being undertaken by ARRB and a first draft of the Report is expected in September 2009.

Non Austroads research project:

- The New Zealand 'Bench Marking Best Practice' tool (on cycling infrastructure) will be able to be utilised across both Australia and New Zealand. The tool is now ready to be piloted.

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

POWER ASSISTED BICYCLES

The review, being lead by NSW RTA, is continuing. Regulatory impact statements now have to be prepared by the RTA for DITRD LG on the Australian Design Rules and NTC on the Australian Road Rules. Further updates on the national strategy will be provided over the course of the review.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT INTO CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

ABC members will provide support to groups that are successful in attracting the federal government stimulus package funding for building cycleways; by providing information and advice as appropriate and to promote the linking of the new infrastructure built with the federal government funding to existing cycling infrastructure.

NATIONAL SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WORKSHOP

The ABC participated in a federal government workshop on "National Speed Management", updates will be provided to the ABC membership when available.

AUSTROADS GUIDES

The new Austroads Guides related to cycling infrastructure are:

<i>Guide to Road Design</i>				
Part 2: Design Considerations	Chapter 1 Design Objectives	1.9 Provision for cyclists and pedestrians		p6
Part 4: Intersections and Crossings – General	Chapter 9 Cyclist Crossings			pp76 - 94
Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections	Chapter 8 Left-turn Treatments			pp127 & 137
Part 4B: Roundabouts	Chapter 5 Pedestrian and Cyclist Treatments			pp48 -59
Part 4C: Interchanges	Chapter 4 Structures	4.4 Pedestrian/Cyclist Grade Separations		p25
	Chapter 14 Cyclists			pp77-80
Part 6A: Pedestrian & Cyclist Paths	Entire document			
Part 6B: Roadside Environment	Chapter 4 Roadside Infrastructure	4.4 Off-street Parking	4.4.8 Bicycle Parking Facilities	p85
<i>Guide to Traffic Management</i>				
Part 3: Traffic Studies & Analysis	Chapter 2 Traffic Studies & Surveys	2.5. Traffic Surveys	2.5.5 Pedestrian & Bicycle Surveys	p22
	Chapter 3 Traffic Analysis – capacity & level of service	3.3 Factors Affecting Capacity, Level of Service, Degree of Saturation	3.3.5 Pedestrians & Cyclists	p32
Part 4:	Chapter 4.6			pp33-38

Network Management	Bicycle Networks			
Part 6: Intersections, Interchanges & Crossings	Chapter 4 Roundabouts	4.5 Road space allocation & lane management	4.5.2 Cyclists	p43
	Chapter 6 Interchanges	6.4 Road space allocation & lane management	6.4.4 Pedestrians & cyclists	p89
	Chapter 7 Rail Crossings	7.6 Path crossings of railways	7.6.2 Paths – shared	p132
	Chapter 8 Pedestrian & cyclist crossings of Roads			pp139- 144
Part 7: Traffic Management in Activity Centres	Chapter 3 Techniques for traffic management in activity centres	3.8 Providing for Pedestrians & Cyclists	pp41-46	
Part 8: Local Area Traffic Management	Chapter 7 Selection of LATM Schemes & Treatments	7.5 Signs, Linemarking & Other Treatments	7.5.11 Bicycle Facilities	p120
	Chapter 8 Design Considerations for LATM Schemes	8.12 Catering for Cyclists & Pedestrians	pp132- 138	
Part 10: Traffic Control & Communication Devices	Chapter 8 Traffic Signals	8.1 Types of Displays & their Meanings	8.1.4 Bicycle Aspects	p116
		8.3 Display Sequences	8.3.7 Bicycle Signals	p132
		8.5 Special Uses	8.5.5 Bicycle Facilities	p152
Part 11: Parking	Chapter 6 Off-Street Parking	6.8 Parking Provisions for Other Road Users	6.8.5 Bicycles	p36
	Chapter 7 On-Street Parking	7.8 Provision for Other Road Users	7.8.5 Bicycles	p51
Part 12: Traffic Impacts of Development	Chapter 3 Traffic Management for Developments	3.2 Road User Considerations	3.2.7 Cyclists	p19
<i>Guide to Project Evaluation</i>				
Part 8: Examples	Chapter 3 Examples	3.10 Bicycle network evaluation	pp33-37	
<i>Guide to Road Safety</i>				
Part 6: Road Safety Audit	Chapter 7 Case Studies	7.7 Road User Group Audit	p95	

The guides are available on the Austroads website (www.austroads.com.au).

NEXT MEETING

ABC meeting #33 will be held in New Plymouth, New Zealand in conjunction with the New Zealand Cycle Conference in November 2009.