

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its 46th meeting in Adelaide on Monday 26th of May 2014. The meeting was chaired by Craig Moran (Austroads Network Program Manager) and the secretariat was Tony Arnold.

ABC Strategic Direction and Secretariat Update

The secretariat provided an update on the work progressed over the past few months.

The Australian Bicycle Council rebranding has progressed significantly, with the new website being launched and all associated branding collateral being modified to utilise the new logo and general branding. The first issue of the new newsletter has also been sent. This newsletter is now issued from the "Australian Bicycle Council" rather than from the "Cycling Resource Centre" and carries the new branding.

The National Cycling Strategy Implementation Report 2013 was finalised and submitted.

The meeting papers for the May meeting in Adelaide were prepared and circulated to the ABC members.

National Cycling Strategy – 2013 Implementation Report

The 2013 Implementation Report has been submitted to TISOC and the Transport and Infrastructure Council. The report will be publicly available after these meetings are held and the report is approved.

Guest Presentations

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Kain Gardner provided a presentation on the development of trails in South Australia, and in particular, the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park.

Austroads Projects Managed by the ABC Secretariat

There are currently two Austroads projects being managed by the ABC Secretariat. Both projects aim to develop case studies that illustrate best-practice interventions. These projects are:

- **NS1779 – Low Cost Interventions to Encourage Cycling**
This project identifies effective low-cost measures that encourage people to use bicycles for short transport journeys including journeys to work. This project identifies hard and soft infrastructure interventions along with behaviour change programs that are cost effective and can encourage cycling.
- **NS1780 - Urban Cycling Infrastructure Design Resource**
This project identifies infrastructure case studies that showcase innovative planning and design.

Case studies developed for each project were reviewed at the meeting and suggestions for minor improvements made. This feedback will be passed on to the project consultants and the projects will be finalised in this financial year.

Other Austroads Projects

TP1885 – National Guidelines for Transport System Management

The NGTSM provide guidance for transport planners and enable the identification, assessment, appraisal and evaluation of proposed transport initiatives. The current project looks to incorporate active travel in these guidelines for the first time, providing an improved ability to compare the costs and benefits of transport policy decisions across all transport modes.

A brief for the development of the active travel component of the project has been opened for tender and has been awarded. The brief asks the consultants to develop a range of relevant coefficients that can be used by transport planners to analyse the costs and benefits of active travel projects.

NT1788 – Level of Service Metric

The Level of Service Metric project aims to develop multi-modal metrics for measuring level of service. The project has developed a set of metrics and has tested their application through a number of case studies. The latest draft report was discussed by the group and some small recommendations were made to improve the level of service descriptions.

NT1783 – Development of the Accessibility Planning Network Operating Plan

The purpose of this project is to incorporate accessibility planning concepts into the network operations planning (NOP) framework such that issues of accessibility are properly considered and addressed in the process of NOP. The ABC noted the progress of the project.

Proposed Austroads Projects

The ABC Secretariat has proposed three projects to Austroads for their consideration for funding as part of the work program for the next two years.

NS1996 – Bicycle Parking Review

The Bicycle Parking Review aims to:

- Ensure that content provided by Austroads and the ABC is consistent with the revised Australian Standard for Bicycle Parking (AS 2890.3)
- Provide recommended bicycle parking content for AGTM Part 11: Parking.
- Provide bicycle parking case studies for the Australian Bicycle Council website.
- Effectively utilise the contents of the draft ABC Guide to Successful Bicycle Parking.

NT1998 – Bicycle Wayfinding Signage

The Bicycle Wayfinding Signage project aims to provide guidance to practitioners on the design of bicycle wayfinding signage. This project has been strongly supported by a number of local government councils and other practitioners who are keen to see improved guidance provided on bicycle wayfinding signage.

NS1997 – Bicycles and Kerb-side Lanes

The Bicycles and Kerb-side Lanes project aims to examine the actual and perceived safety of curb-side lane treatments for bicycle users and to recommend changes to the Austroads Guides (particularly the Guide to Road Design Part 3 and Guide to Traffic Management Part 11) to improve the guidance provided. This project has been put on hold for the 2014-15 year and may be considered for funding in future years.

Standards Work

An update was provided on standards work that relates to bicycles as follows:

- The Bicycle Parking standard (AS 2890.3:1993) has recently been revised and is now available for public comment. Comments close in June and will be considered before the final standard is released later in the year.
- The European Standard for Power-assisted Bicycles (Pedelecs) is now used as the Australian Standard. ACMA objected based on EMC radiation concerns, however these concerns have been rejected.
- The review of the child carrier seats standard (AS/NZS 4287:1995) is continuing.
- The voting on the new international standard for “bicycle lights and reflective devices” closed on 4th May 2014.

Queensland Parliamentary Enquiry

The Queensland Government response to the enquiry will be tabled by 29th May 2014. They have implemented the recommendation to legislate a 1 metre minimum passing distance and 1.5m above 60 km/h. The Minister has ruled out changes to helmet laws.

Planning for Walk21

The Australian Bicycle Council is hosting a session on shared space at the Walk21 conference in Sydney in October. The session will be titled: “Walking and Cycling: Friends or Foes?” and will examine the issues raised in spaces where bicycles and pedestrians are asked to share space.

The ABC discussed the format of the session and the presenters who have been asked to attend.

National Framework for Communications

The Australian Bicycle Council discussed a framework for communications that encourage cycling and that improve the safety of bicycle users. The members agreed to share research on how best to communicate these messages and to discuss the development of a strategy at the next ABC meeting in October.

Next Meeting

A 1-day meeting on the 23rd Oct 2014 in Sydney to coincide with the Walk21 conference.