

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) held its 52nd meeting in Sydney on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2016. The meeting was chaired by Craig Moran (Roads and Maritime Services) and the secretariat was Tony Arnold, (Executive Officer, Australian Bicycle Council). The next ABC meeting will occur in Melbourne during December 2016.

The Australian Bicycle Council was addressed by Clare Gardiner-Barnes, Deputy Secretary Freight, Strategy and Planning at Transport for NSW and Nick Koukoulas, Chief Executive at Austroads. The NSW Centre for Road Safety presented the results of data-linking work currently underway to improve clarity around serious injury data in NSW. The meeting also included a session with local groups including the City of Sydney, Bicycle NSW and Bike Sydney.

The Australian Bicycle Council and National Cycling Strategy

The Transport and Infrastructure Council has agreed that the National Cycling Strategy 2011-2016 will be extended for 1 year to cover the 2017 calendar year. In order to fund the operations of the Australian Bicycle Council for this additional year, the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has committed to providing \$90,000 which will be matched by State/Territory jurisdictions through Austroads.

The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development encourages Austroads and the State/Territory governments to explore opportunities for funding models and governance structures to support jurisdictional engagement in active transport issues from 2018 onwards.

Active Transport Planning from 2018

State and Territory transport agencies have indicated to Austroads and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development that there is a focus on active transport (rather than cycling in isolation) in their planning, policies and guidance. The next steps for any future national approach to active transport will be considered by the Commonwealth, States and Territories at the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee (TISOC) in March 2017.

National Cycling Strategy – Implementation Report 2015

The National Cycling Strategy Implementation Report is an annual report that documents progress on the delivery of the National Cycling Strategy. The 2015 Implementation Report has been submitted to the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials' Committee (TISOC) and the Transport and Infrastructure Council (TIC). The report has been published and is available at <http://bicyclecouncil.com.au>.

Road Rules

The ABC members provided updates on road rule issues that are being investigated or are being changed in their jurisdiction. Rules that are of interest include minimum passing distance laws and footpath cycling laws.

Austroads Projects Managed by the ABC Secretariat

The following projects were part of the 2015-16 work program:

- **NT2011 - Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides**
This project updates the Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides document with the latest content as published throughout the various Austroads Guides. The project was awarded to ARRB and is nearing completion. The report will be published in late 2016 and will be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.
- **NS1996 - Bicycle Parking Review**
This project provides updated content on bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for Austroads Guides and Research Reports. The project was awarded to GTA consultants and has provided draft guidelines for inclusion in the Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 11: Parking as well as a research report which will provide additional guidance. The reports will be published in September 2016 and will be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.
- **Bicycle Traffic Signals**
This project provides a literature review of techniques used in Australia and internationally to provide improved safety and a high level of service to bicycle traffic using signalised intersections. The reports will be published in September 2016 and will be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.

Other Austroads Projects

TP1885 – Australian Transport Assessment and Planning

The National Guidelines for Transport System Management (NGTSM) has been renamed to Australian Transport Assessment and Planning (ATAP). This material provides guidance for transport planners and enables the identification, assessment, appraisal and evaluation of proposed transport initiatives. The ATAP website has been released and can be found at <http://atap.gov.au/>.

The ATAP guidelines include an active travel component that provides an improved ability to compare the costs and benefits of transport policy decisions across all transport modes.

TP1845 – Update to the Guide to Road Design Part 3: Geometric Design

The Guide to Road Design Part 3 covers general geometric road design considerations such as sight distance, corner radii etc. The updated guide part will soon be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.

TP2050 – Update to the Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersections

The Guide to Road Design Part 4 contains several documents that cover:

- Intersections and Crossings (Part 4)
- Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections (Part 4A)
- Roundabouts (Part 4B)
- Interchanges (Part 4C)

The most recent review has focused on updating parts 4 and 4A. These guide parts will soon be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.

TP1848– Update to the Guide to Road Design Part 6A: Pedestrian and Cyclist Paths

The Guide to Road Design Part 6A provides detailed guidance for the design of paths for walking and cycling. This guide is currently under review by ARBB and will soon be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.

NT2013 – Update to the Guide to Traffic Management Part 4: Network Management

The Guide to Traffic Management Part 4 provides guidance on traffic management at a network level. It addresses the needs of the various categories of user, the characteristics of various types of network and describes a planning process for balancing or prioritising the competing needs of different users. The ABC noted the final draft of the Guide to Traffic Management Part 4. The updated guide is now available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.

TT1967 – Bicycle Safety at Roundabouts

This project aimed to identify the factors associated with bicycle-related crash types at roundabouts and the manner in which these factors may be remediated. The project included a literature review, an analysis of crash data involving cyclists at roundabouts, identification of roundabouts with a high number of cycling crashes, detailed roundabout design analysis of high-risk roundabouts and a report featuring recommendations for improvements to roundabout design. This research report will soon be available at <http://austroads.gov.au/>.