

SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT STRATEGY INC.

SEATS

SEATS provides highly co-ordinated and influential advocacy for the development of transport infrastructure in the South Eastern Australia region that supports economic development and the prosperity of its constituents.

Executive Summary – February 2017

The quarterly meeting of SEATS was held on 16th and 17th February 2017 at Lakes Entrance, Victoria.

The meeting, hosted by the East Gippsland Shire Council, was attended by about 40 delegates and guests from NSW and Victoria each day. SEATS was warmly welcomed by Cr Colin Toohey, Deputy Mayor who provided a detailed profile of the East Gippsland Shire along with his colleagues Cr Marianne Pelz, Cr Ben Buckley and staff from the Shire.

SEATS Chair, Cr Patricia White welcomed all delegates and visitors, in particular new representatives and thanked the East Gippsland Shire for the warm welcome and hosting the meeting in Lakes Entrance. It was an informative, productive, engaging and enjoyable meeting.

New Executive Members

The appointment of three new Victorian SEATS Executive members was welcomed at the meeting with Cr Keith Cook from Baw Baw Shire, Cr Jeremy Rich from South Gippsland Shire and Cr Clare Le Serve from Bass Coast Shire filling these positions.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

SEATS was delighted in the attendance of the Hon. Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. In his presentation he said: “Good infrastructure can change people’s lives and save lives”. He outlined a number of vital improvements to the transport network across the region and praised SEATS for its work in identifying priority projects and advocating for funding of these projects at every opportunity

The Hon. Tim Bull MP, Victorian State Member for Gippsland East, also attended and spoke about the challenges and issues in the Gippsland region, in particular with roads, rail and industry. He highlighted the huge impact of the Impending closure of Hazelwood Power Station and the issue of the Heyfield Hardwood Mill.

Other Presentations and Highlights:

- **Mr Phil Stone from Latrobe City Council** provided an overview of the “Gippsland Rail Needs Study” which has been endorsed by all Gippsland Councils and is seeking the endorsement of SEATS.
- **M/S Adele McCarthy, Director of Infrastructure Victoria**, outlined at the SEATS Dinner, the Victorian 30 year Infrastructure Strategy Plan, which provides independent advice to the Victorian Government. The recommendations included: addressing the Transport needs of Regional Victoria, addressing the Freight needs of Victoria, directing Growth to where there is existing infrastructure capacity and Affordable Housing. SEATS is keen to continue this conversation with Infrastructure Victoria in the future.
- **M/S Simone Reinertsen**, Stakeholder Specialist Engagement and Partnerships, from the office of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, provided an update to the meeting on the new “Road Manager” portal, heavy vehicle permits and possible workshops/forums in conjunction with SEATS meetings.
- **A tour of two very successful local/regional businesses, LEFCOL in Lakes Entrance and VEGCO/One Harvest** provided an overview of their businesses, the current transport issues and challenges for the future.

Copies of available presentations will be on the website shortly.

Alliance Of Councils for Rail Freight Development (RFA)

Contact has been made with the Executive Officer of this group, providing information about the work of SEATS and expressing our interest in attending their meetings and inviting their attendance at our meetings. In this way we can exchange information and provide support for funding of important projects. SEATS chair Cr White welcomed the opportunity of forging new alliances across the region that will build and strengthen the SEATS partnership. Mr Reid Mather

RFA Executive Officer took the opportunity of attending the meeting at Lakes Entrance.

SEATS Website

The website is now under new management and over the next week should be back on track where it will again be an effective, vibrant connection for our members and visitors. It is expected that there will be a link to all member Councils on the website in the future

Announcements

With the retirement of the Hon. Duncan Gay in NSW, the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP has been appointed as Minister for Roads, Maritime Services and Freight.

SEATS noted Minister Gay's strong commitment to increasing freight efficiency and to safety, especially with the movement of heavy vehicles. He was also largely responsible for the development of the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy and his work with industry. The Hon. Andrew Constance MP remains Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. A letter of congratulations has been sent to the new Minister on her appointment and looking forward to working with her in the future.

Better Regions Funding

SEATS Chair Cr White outlined the opportunity for councils to tap into this unique grant of up to \$10m, with \$290m to be spent in Regional Rural Australia.

Business/ Marketing Plan

Ralf Kastan, Robyn Cooney and Cr Anthony Mayne will head up the working party on the upgrade of this strategy with the draft to be completed hopefully by the May SEATS meeting. If you have any suggestions please contact them or myself as soon as possible.

ALGA Attendance

SEATS will be attending the Australian Local Government Association Conference later this year and in the future will be keen to speak to both State and Federal Government representatives and agencies to advance discussions and support for the SEATS Priority Projects.

Gippsland Regional Roads Group

The SEATS Executive Officer has attended a meeting of this group which has senior staff representatives of all the six Gippsland Councils, VicRoads, Department of Transport, MAV and consultants. They have been busy preparing a list of roads and bridges with supported data including costings and detailed mapping. They are currently looking to develop an investment strategy to address the funding of the projects when opportunities arise in the future. This has been very high quality work and these projects would easily fit into the SEATS “**Supported Projects**” second level, local in nature, providing local access but still of economic and social importance as it includes moving freight both locally and regionally. SEATS at its next meeting will look at the opportunity of supporting them at the Regional level by endorsing the projects and their funding applications.

Delegates Reports

During the course of the meeting reports were received from the Department of Transport (Victoria), RMS NSW and VicRoads. These are attached to this meeting summary and will also be available on the website shortly.

Bass Coast Shire

Phillip Island Road upgrade

Council has worked in partnership with VicRoads and the Phillip Island Integrated Transport Study (PIITS) Community Reference Group with relation to key intersection upgrades and community engagement. Key intersection upgrades at Newhaven, Woolamai Beach Rd and Back Beach Rd are currently being considered for funding.

\$3.2M of funding for planning activities has been announced for the Phillip Island Road corridor. Community engagement will be conducted by VicRoads.

A related project that Council has recently completed is Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Strategy 2035. Information shows that Phillip Island can expect an additional 4,300 visitors per day by 2035. 35% of international

visitors that come to Victoria visit Phillip Island, and Phillip Island is the second most visitor reliant economy in Australia behind Uluru.

Some other exciting developments approved for this corridor recently were the state funding announcement for the \$60M redevelopment of the Phillip Island Penguin Parade visitor centre and the approval of a \$10.5M hot springs development similar to Mornington, which is expected to bring 500 visitors a day.

Melbourne South East Region Freight Strategy

The South East Metropolitan Transport Group recently completed a Freight Strategy. Bass Coast Shire Council is a member of the Group and provided input to the Freight Strategy. The Key Directions and initiatives of the strategy were to:

- Upgrade first and 'last mile' connections to key industrial locations
- Promote longer term network connections
- Improve data feedback links with the NHVR
- Promote rail links to the PoM & local intermodal terminals
- Support ongoing grade separations
- Promote greater awareness of freight costs & potential savings measures for local manufacturers

Priority road projects were identified as key transport network initiatives needed to support freight in the SE Melbourne Region. For Bass Coast Shire the initiatives identified included, Phillip Island Road upgrade, Kernot Bridge Replacement, Bass Highway Anderson to Inverloch upgrade and Wonthaggi Alternative Heavy Vehicle Route.

Kernot Bridge replacement over Bass River

Council is advancing planning in order to have the project shovel ready for funding opportunities. Planning expected to be completed later in 2017.

Background

Construct a new 75m bridge over the Bass River at Kernot. The current bridge at Stewarts Road spans the Bass River. It is a one lane aging timber composite structure that is load limited to 20 tonne. The bridge services local traffic although is no longer able to service local industry requiring heavy vehicle access. Higher productivity vehicles are increasingly utilising the local network.

The current bridge is a pinch point in the local road network for the dairy, agriculture and extraction industries. A new bridge would allow for economic benefit through freight efficiencies gained and access for high productivity vehicles. A feasibility study conducted by Council has determined that realigning the existing road and locating a new bridge at an alternative crossing point would also service land that is currently accessed by the Schiers Road Bridge which is limited to 12 tonne and in poor condition. By utilising this alignment two older bridges could be decommissioned from current service and maintained for future pedestrian and cyclist links.

Bass Highway, Anderson to Leongatha upgrade

Discussions are being initiated between Bass Coast Shire Council and VicRoads regarding future demand planning for this corridor.

Background

The Bass Highway provides access for local agriculture and forms part of the Melbourne/Sydney coastal tourist route. It also provides connectivity between the towns of Leongatha, Inverloch, Wonthaggi and other small towns to the Anderson turnoff to Phillip Island.

The duplication of the Bass Highway between Lang Lang and Anderson is now complete with Stage 7, the final stage, opened to traffic in late December 2013. The balance of the highway from Anderson to Leongatha is proposed as 2 lanes with improvements to, road pavement, widening to B road standard, sealed

shoulders at some locations, provision of overtaking opportunities and safety improvements including upgrade to narrow alignment at Powlett River culverts at Dalyston.

Wonthaggi Alternative Heavy Vehicle Route

Bass Coast Shire Council has commenced preparing a Precinct Structure Plan for Wonthaggi North East development area. The plan will identify a road network including an alternative heavy vehicle route and other infrastructure.

Background

The Bass Highway is the main highway that passes through the Wonthaggi region. It connects Wonthaggi with other regional centres including Phillip Island, Inverloch and Leongatha. During the peak holiday periods this highway experiences significantly higher traffic volumes resulting in large queue lengths through Wonthaggi.

In 2011 Bass Coast Shire Council commissioned The Wonthaggi CBD Traffic Impact Study which found that if no action is taken the existing road network will soon be operating at capacity with unacceptable queue lengths.

5.1. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

The River Forest Road project is continuing and remains on schedule. A number of stages have now been sealed. The expected completion date remains on or about 30 June 2017. Project details remain as previously advised.

Council continues to work with RMS on the Charleyong bridge replacement. The preferred alignment has been settled and RMS are now positioning themselves to secure funding for the project at the next available opportunity.

The works described below for the further sealing of MR92 north from Grants Road have been delayed slightly while issues relating to land

acquisitions are finalised. In the meantime, the revised Roads to Recovery allocation for 16/17 (\$1m) has been redirected to a spade ready project of MR270 (Captains Flat Road) between Molonglo River Drive and Douglas Close. These works build on a project recently completed nearby at Stony Creek which saw just on 1.6km of arterial road rehabilitated (see photo). The earlier proposed works for MR92 will continue to be a high priority just as soon as the necessary land acquisition and funding arrangements can again be aligned. Desired outcomes are the same as described earlier (below).

The works described for MR92 at Black Bobs Creek (below) remain on track for commencement say in April this year.

Other new projects include....

The rehabilitation /reconstruction of that part of MR51 (Kings Highway) in Bungendore known as Malbon Street. These works will involve drainage, Kerb and Gutter and a new pavement between the railway crossing and Molonglo Street. Funded jointly by RMS and Council, the works have commenced and are expected to cost just under \$2m

A road rehabilitation project has also recently commenced on a section of MR79 (Goulburn Road) within the QPRC LGA. Funded by NSW RMS as part of the RMCC arrangements with Council, the works will rehabilitate around 2.6km of pavement with an estimated value of around \$1.8m

- EDE - the initial clearing of hollow bearing trees and termite mounds have been completed in accordance with the environmental approvals and we are ready to commence the main construction work. Tenders are getting finalised and approved by the RMS and will be advertised in mid March.
- QPRC are soon to engage a consultant to complete an Integrated Transport Strategy for QPRC. This work will bring together all of the road, rail and public transport options that may be available to

Council as well as updating the QPRC Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and the QPRC Bike Plan. The Strategy will also be heavily linked to the ACT freight, public transport and economic development strategies that currently exist.

- Council continues to work with the ACT Government on cross border matters such as access to the Tralee development, Integrated sewer solutions and ACT road links with Queanbeyan and have progressed with the planning and design for the duplication of Pialligo Road within the ACT.
- Council is preparing a vision for the economic development of the Queanbeyan CBD which will update the Queanbeyan CBD Masterplan. This vision involves developing Council owned land to meet the residential, commercial and entertainments needs of the community. The improvement of Monaro Street will be part of this vision that will enhance the business opportunities along Monaro Street and also improve public access and enjoyment of the road space into the future. This vision will be heavily linked to the EDE project, which will enable Council to manage traffic and heavy vehicles to meet the Vision targets.

5.2. Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council

Goulburn Mulwaree is pleased to report that under the Rural Bridge Replacement program, work has commenced on the Komungla Bridge replacement and is due for completion by the end of June. This is on a GMC controlled road.

Continuing Issues GMC would like to see addressed sooner rather than later:

- The replacement of the Landsdowne Bridge over Mulwaree River at Goulburn is a real problem for ratepayers in that area. If I recall correctly it has been on the books now since 2006 and we are still discussing how the replacement should proceed. Currently it is

closed to all traffic and still the RMS is indicating it could take another 12 months to finalise design and plans.

- GMC is keen to progress the continuation from Main Road 92 (Nerriga) to Tarago. The first section from Nerriga to Sandy Point needs to be started immediately. Then there is an urgent need to upgrade the road from Sandy Point to Tarago Road. Since the opening of the new Oallen Ford Bridge the volume of traffic, including Canberra to Coast traffic, has increased significantly and road safety is a major issue.

5.3. Transport for Victoria

- Regional network development plan
- GLGN timing has been great – has put meat on the bones of the plan
- There are some freight benefits in the GLGN Gippsland Rail Needs Study
- Gippsland Logistics Precinct
 - Working with council to identify potential users of the facility
- Infrastructure Victoria has brought out a 30 year strategy with five year implementation plans and has been supporting Infrastructure Victoria on the development of a 5 year strategy

Report as submitted

Regional Rail Improvements

The Public Transport Victoria (PTV) *Regional Network Development Plan* has committed a range of short to long term investments and service upgrades following significant community consultation in 2015.

It includes business cases for replacement of the aged Avon River Bridge at Stratford, track duplication Longwarry-Bunyip and design of new passing loops throughout the region. These initiatives have been also supported by the recently completed GLGN ***Gippsland Rail Needs Study***

and GLGN and representatives were invited prior to Christmas to assist Transport staff with the preparation of business cases.

A number of business cases will be submitted for consideration by the Government for the May State Budget

Gippsland Logistics PrecinctThe State Government has committed \$10 million from the Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund for Latrobe City Council to develop the Gippsland Logistics Precinct (GLP) and associated supply chain improvements.

The GLP is a 72 ha site generally consisting of vacant paddocks located adjacent to the Gippsland rail line at Morwell. DEDJTR has established a Project Control Group (PCG) which is meeting regularly. The PCG is providing high level technical advice to help shape the investment from a policy and operational perspective.

Infrastructure Victoria Strategy

In November 2016 Infrastructure Victoria presented its Strategy to the State Government (available on their website). Transport is preparing plans in response to the Strategy.

Latrobe Valley Authority

Latrobe Valley Authority was established late 2016 by the State Government and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the \$266 million support package committed by the Victorian Government in response to the Hazelwood Power Station closure. Transport is working with LVA to provide a number of smaller projects for their consideration. The more important role of transport however, is to assist as an enabler for business and industry growth and to this end we are also working with LVA and Regional Development Victoria.

Latrobe City Council

- Involved in the Gippsland Rail study
- Apologies that most of the delegates didn't get the report prior to the SEATS meeting. For this reason Latrobe is happy to defer motion to endorse the study until next meeting.
- Looking at Morwell to be a rail freight centre.

9.2. Rail Freight Alliance

- Would like to see more freight on rail
- Murray Basin 440M to standardize the western part of Vic and hoping that this project will demonstrate the value in investment in freight rail
- Meet 4 times per year
- Have a website
- Annual budget submission to the state
- Policy statement annually reviewed

9.3. South Gippsland

Leongatha Revitalisation Project

The Leongatha Revitalisation Project has four key components:

- The Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route is now completed and open.
- The final master plan for the renewal of the main street of Leongatha (Bair Street) was adopted by Council in August 2016. Detailed design for the project is underway. Council will be seeking funding from the Victorian Government to complete the project.
- Council is undertaking a review of the former railway station land to determine future uses. It is working with the land managers, VicTrack and establishing a local stakeholder group.

- Upgrade works for the Melbourne entry section of the South Gippsland Highway (Anderson Street). Tenders have closed and works will commence soon.

South Gippsland Highway - Black Spur/Koonwarra Bends

Council continues to work with VicRoads on the improvement to the South Gippsland Highway at Black Spur near Koonwarra. This project will remove a series of dangerous bends on the Shire's main arterial. The Federal Government made an election commitment of \$25 million and the State Government announced in December 2016 they would provide the remaining \$25 million.

Foster Streetscape Project

A contract has been awarded for improvements to the mainstreet of Foster. Works have recently commenced to be completed by mid 2017.

Korumburra Town Centre Streetscape

A streetscape masterplan was adopted by Council in May 2016 following extensive consultation with VicRoads and the local community. This project includes improvement works along Commercial Street (South Gippsland Highway) and budget allowances have been made for detailed design and construction in the future year budgets.

Bridge Renewal Project

Council will be submitting an application for the Bena-Kongwak road-over-rail bridge under the next round of the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

Powneys Road Bridge Tarwin Lower

An application for the reconstruction of the Powneys Road Bridge, Tarwin Lower was submitted in December 2016 under the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) Local Roads to Market Program.

Shoalhaven City Council

As per RMS report:

- Albion Park Rail bypass
- Tooijooa – Berry upgrade
- Berry to Bomaderry upgrade
- Crossing of Shoalhaven River
- Lake Burrill bridge replacement
- Heavy vehicle rest stop – South Nowra

South Nowra Freight Corridor

The realigned Flinders Rd intersection with Princes Highway was opened in November 2016. Cost of this project was \$1.8m and funded by Infrastructure NSW and Shoalhaven Council.

A second project to widen the 1.2km road link and improve its 6 intersections has commenced. Construction work on the \$8m upgrade will take approximately 12 mths. This important freight link already carries around 15% heavy vehicles to two industrial precincts employing around 4,000.

Progress of Applications

Fixing Country Roads/Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program

A joint application with Goulburn-Mulwaree and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Councils for an upgrading of 37km of a regional freight route will be prepared and lodged. Transport for NSW has advised that the application was unsuccessful in 2016 but has provided guidance to improve the application for the next round. The Councils are now preparing a more comprehensive application for the next round which will open later in 2017.

General Economic News

Several major government capital projects continue adding economic stimulus to the region:

- Princes Hwy roadworks >\$600m
- Defence infrastructure > \$200m
- Water/Sewer Infrastructure >\$100m

New industry expansions include:

- Milk powder processing plant
- Industrial machinery parts manufacturing
- Aviation maintenance facility
- Transport terminals x3 – fuel; refrigerated storage; LPG
- Agricultural machinery manufacturing

Wellington Shire Council

- Have received funding to works in Rosedale
- Have been working with VicRoads for some time to develop complimentary works
- The Sale intersection upgrade on Cobains Road to be completed around May 2017

Baw Baw Shire Council

- Part of a collaboration with 6 councils who have developed the Draft Regional Roads strategy with VicRoads and Transport for Victoria
- Are in the process of finalising priority projects totaling \$65M
- Work connects with SEATS Strategic Transport Network strategy
- Collated data across 6 shires
- Looked at both regional and local projects
- A number of locally supported road projects that could fit into the seats strategy as well
- Hoping that the Draft Regional Roads strategy, if supported by SEATS, could become a valuable advocacy document

Bega Valley Shire Council

- RMS has approved the final stage of design for Merimbula bypass. The final stage of construction should commence on the 6 June.
- Have awarded the contract for the Sub Regional Transport Investigation which will highlight opportunities created by the Port of Eden and Merimbula Airport redevelopments.
- Having difficulties in attracting staff to transport and assets area. Have secured Jason Deller for the position of Manager Strategy and Asset Services. Jason is a highly skilled engineer and has had held lecturing positions.

East Gippsland Shire Council

- Working on the Lakes Entrance rehabilitation project and have been working with Cann River community
- Work has been undertaken on the Orbost Streetscape
- Would like to express thanks to VicRoads for the overtaking lanes and roadside stops. These are a great bonus and asset to the region.
- **Limno** Bridge replacement
 - Is a concrete and steel with some steel trusses

- There is a mains water line attached to bridge which will need to be supported throughout the build. This will pose some construction challenges.
 - East Gippsland Shire Council is continuing to work with VicRoads in the planning phase of the Cann River Heavy Vehicle Rest area, Roundabout and Streetscape upgrade project. Stakeholder consultation is continuing and it is envisaged there will soon be a move toward formal design.
- Works have commenced on site for the replacement of the Glenaladale Road Bridge. The replacement bridge will be 85.0m long and 5.0m wide and constructed from reinforced concrete. The road pavement approaches will also be upgraded to an acceptable standard for B double traffic.
 - The construction of a roundabout at the intersection of McCulloch and Macleod Streets in Bairnsdale has commenced.
 - The Giles St Bridge project, approved for part funding under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Round 5 is still in design phase. The design for the bridge superstructure is approx. 95% complete and the civil design is now being modified to move the embankment alignment away from an aged East Gippsland Water sewer rising main to avoid any impacting this infrastructure. The new road and bridge alignment will skirt the south of Bairnsdale CBD through the industrial estate. The total cost of the project has been estimated at \$2.027 million dollars.
 - The status of construction works for the replacement of the following timber bridges with reinforced concrete bridges or culverts (using R2R funding) is as follows:
 - Bens Crossing Bridge – Swifts Creek (Complete)
 - Flaggy Creek Bridge – Flaggy Creek (works have commenced)
 - Buldah Road West Bridge – Cann River (works have commenced)
 - Gilberts Road Bridge – Buchan South (works have commenced)

Rail Freight Alliance

- Work is complementary to the work of SEATS
- Have representation on the board of management for the upgrade of rail between Brisbane and Melbourne
- The Alliance has a lot of expertise

Eurobodalla Shire Council

- Work is underway on the airport upgrade and work on the terminal has commenced. There are some hanger extensions and some work on the runway and lighting.
- The environmental approval process is challenging
- The Kings Highway Draft Corridor Strategy should be released later this year
- Have received federal funding for capacity works for George Bass Drive and another area

Report as submitted – from Warren Sharpe OAM

Moruya Airport

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/major-projects-and-works/moruya-airport>

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/advocacy/infrastructure-priorities>

Council has commenced works on the Moruya Airport Project with the terminal upgrade component underway. The NSW and Federal Governments have allocated \$7.1 million to which Council will add \$2.5 million funding to commence this development.

Council is finalising detailed designs for the remainder of the construction phases and is working through the environmental approval process which is proving to be challenging. Works are expected to be completed in 2018/19.

South Batemans Bay Link Road (Glenella Road)

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/major-projects-and-works/the-south-batemans-bay-link-road-project>

The Glenella Road to Ridge Road section and Heron Road extension is currently under construction. It is the second stage in the South Batemans Bay Link Road project. The NSW Government has allocated \$10 million funding for this phase of the works which is expected to be completed in 2017/18.

Realignment of Princes Highway, Batemans Bay (link road intersection)

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/batemans-bay-link-road/index.html>

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/advocacy/infrastructure-priorities>

With stage two of the South Batemans Bay Link Road scheduled for completion in 2017/18 it is imperative the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS)/NSW Government design and allocate funding to the realignment and link to the Princes Highway.

Council continues to liaise with RMS/NSW Government on this matter and will be seeking letter of support from SEATS addressed to Hon Melinda Pavey MP NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight with copies provided to Hon Andrew Constance Member of Bega Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and John Barilaro NSW Deputy Premier aimed at progressing this project.

Kings Highway – west of Nelligen

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/south-coast/kings-highway/index.html>

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/advocacy/infrastructure-priorities>

Council is seeking funding from the NSW Government for design work to be undertaken on this section of the Kings Highway. To enhance this bid for funding, Council will be seeking a letter of support from SEATS addressed to Hon Melinda Pavey MP NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight with copies provided to Hon Andrew Constance Member of Bega Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and John Barilaro NSW Deputy Premier.

Beach Road / George Bass Drive

The Hon Ann Sudamalis MP, Member for Gilmore has pledged funding for capacity upgrades including \$3.5 million for Beach Road Batemans Bay between the Princes Highway and Orient Street and \$3.5 million for George Bass Drive/Tomakin Road intersection upgrade as part of a \$9 million package of works.

Subject to final confirmation of funding, Council is planning to commence this three year program of works in 2017/18.

Items for discussion at Next meeting

Active Transport – Pathways

https://infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/pab/active_transport/index.aspx

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/active-transport/index.html>

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/advocacy/infrastructure-priorities>

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/major-projects-and-works/pathways-strategy>

Meeting Dates

MAY 2017 The next meeting of SEATS will be held on 18th and 19th May 2017 hosted by Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW. –venue to be announced.

AUGUST 2017: 17th and 18th August 2017, Victoria- host and venue to be announced.

NOVEMBER 2017: 9th and 10th November 2017 Hosted by Canberra Airport, ACT

All SEATS Members are asked to consider the hosting of future meetings in 2018.

John R Duscher

SEATS Executive Officer