

Main Roads in-house delivery of road maintenance and some minor capital works

We are continuing to work towards the transition to in-house delivery of road maintenance and some minor capital works.

Aboriginal Engagement Forum

The first Aboriginal Business Industry Forum was held at Main Roads' Don Aitken Centre on Tuesday 2 August. The Forum was attended by 28 people from 15 Aboriginal businesses in the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne Regions.

The two-hour Forum was chaired by Acting Managing Director Des Snook and supported by John Erceg, Executive Director Central and Northern Regions; Craig Manton, Project Director; Domenic Palumbo, Director Term Contracts; and Aniza Zarol, Principal Procurement Manager. It included a project overview and discussion on potential business opportunities for direct engagement with Main Roads.

Inter-Agency Steering Committee Meeting

The second Inter-Agency Steering Committee Meeting was held on 12 August where progress on the transition for the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne Regions was reviewed.

The Inter-Agency Steering Committee is Chaired by the Director General of Transport and includes representatives from the Department of Treasury; Department of Premier and Cabinet; Public Sector Commission; and Government Sector Labour Relations.

The Steering Committee was satisfied with progress and agreed that work is on schedule to achieve the proposed transition dates of 25 October for Wheatbelt and 7 November for Mid-West Gascoyne Region.

In particular, the Department of Treasury representative was comfortable with the update and advised that Main Roads will not have to provide a mid-year report on the project to Treasury's Expenditure Review Committee.

Workstream Progress Update

The Transition Team is working to action key deliverables.

Overall Project

Lead: Craig Manton

Resources: Brendon Wiseman, Rajab Karume

- The project is on track for Day One in both the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne Regions.
- Plans for those Regions transitioning next year are now being prepared to ensure they also have a smooth transition, with particular focus on long lead items being ordered ahead of time.
- The project Risk Register has been updated to reflect two levels of risk and opportunities; operational risks focussing on ensuring smooth service transition, and strategic risks focussed on ensuring high-level socio-economic benefits are realised.

Supply Chain and Plant

Lead: Domenic Palumbo

Support: Gary Player and Celia Jordaan

- Tenders received for new panel contracts have been assessed. These will provide traffic management, heavy plant leasing, metropolitan litter collection and road safety barrier repairs/installation. Approvals are being sought to award these contracts.
- Tenders received for a sign/sign post supply contract are being assessed.
- A panel contract for pavement repairs/stabilisation has been awarded and tenders are now being called for pavement work under that contract.
- A panel contract for asphalt resurfacing is currently being tendered.

Human Resources

Lead: Hayden Falconer

Support: Danneil Ludlow

- Regional visits were undertaken in the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne in early August.
- Offers of employment have been made to current road workers from Service Stream.

Property (Offices, Depots, Housing)

Lead: Jenella Voitkevich

Support: Richard Moore

- Two houses have been purchased in both Northam and Narrogin. Additional housing in the Wheatbelt is under consideration, including unit development as part of longer-term strategy.
- Capital budgets for offices, depots and housing have been updated based on refined scope and cashflow.
- Negotiations have commenced on a possible location for the Manjimup office.
- The acquisition of the Jurien Bay depot is approved, and negotiations have commenced.
- Delivery of the property scope for Regions in the next phase of the Transition is underway.

Operational Systems and Processes

Lead: Simon Beard

Resources: Regional representation

- The Enterprise Architect has completed the review of current processes and systems and has provided their report to Main Roads for consideration. The Report has not identified any new issues for Day One that are not already being addressed.
- We are working on the processes required to move people from Restricted (R) and Contractor (C) email accounts to Employee (E) email accounts; focussing on ensuring minimum disruption. Guidance on what actions will be required from regional users will be provided in the coming months.
- The process of how costs will be captured and allocated has been agreed and will be documented. This will result in light vehicle budgets and costs returning to the Regions as opposed to being allocated centrally.
- All members of the Workstream are continuing to work towards ensuring that appropriate processes and systems are in place for Day One.

Compliance and Financial Processes

Lead: Brendon Wiseman

Resources: Ian Barr, SME's from FCS and Regions

- Providing Regions with the systems, processes and procedures to be able to purchase efficiently and effectively is a key focus of this workstream.
- Engagement of temporary resources within Financial and Commercial Services to service an increased workload has commenced.
- Updates to the Delegation of Authority manual to support the In-House model have been approved and published. Related policies and procedures are now being updated.
- The design of sound cost allocation practices has been agreed and is now being implemented.
- There are no critical path actions for Day One go live outstanding for this workstream.

Construction and Maintenance Practices

Lead: Ammar Mohammad

Resources: Regional representation

- Draft Project Plan has been completed and distributed to the various Regions and Directorates.
- Regions and Directorates have nominated experts for the relevant Working Groups.
- The first Working Group team meeting is scheduled for Monday 5 September to consider a Quick Reference Guide for maintenance crews that focuses on technical, safety and environmental aspects and which is suitable to be used in the field. The Guide will be available in November.
- David Azzam has been appointed as the lead consultant for the Construction and Maintenance Practices Project and will assist in facilitating online working group meetings.

Further information

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