

# 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.

## Regional Information Sessions for Suppliers

Eight information sessions were held across the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne Regions throughout July, for interested suppliers for local regional contracts and ongoing purchase orders.

More than 110 people attended the various sessions which were well received. A copy of the presentation from each region is now available on our [website](#).



*Simon Cook, Brad Pearce and Craig Manton present to the Lake Grace Community on 14 July.*

## Aboriginal Engagement

An Aboriginal business industry forum will be held at Main Roads' Don Aitken Centre on Tuesday 2 August.

Eighteen businesses will attend from across the Wheatbelt and Mid-West Gascoyne Regions, to learn more about the new in-house maintenance model and the opportunities available. Further information on the Forum will be available in our next newsletter.

## Inter-Agency Steering Committee Meeting

Our next Inter-Agency Steering Committee will be held on Friday 12 August. Outcomes from the meeting will be provided in our next newsletter.

## Workstream Progress Update

The Transition Team is working to action key deliverables.

## Overall Project

Lead: Craig Manton

Resources: Brendon Wiseman, Rajab Karume

- **Communications** - Communications Plan and Matrix completed. Aboriginal business has been highlighted in communication planning.
- **Information Sessions** - several employee, contractor, supplier and Local Government information sessions have been undertaken.
- Two 'Day One Workshops' have been held with a third planned for August. Every aspect of operational needs has been discussed, documented and actions assigned to ensure a smooth transition.
- Three 'Service Stream and Handover Risk Workshops' have been completed detailing people, plant and contract risks, and operational critical path joint reviews.
- General - Transition project reviews are ongoing, and escalation of items to the Steering Committee is being undertaken as required.
- Workstream Leads continue to meet weekly to discuss priorities, dependencies, issues and monitor risks.

## Human Resources

Lead: Hayden Falconer

Support: Danneil Ludlow

- HR has commenced making offers of employment to contractor employees.
- This will be a staged process focusing firstly on white collar positions who will assist in the transition to direct delivery of maintenance services.
- Offers of employment for road workers currently employed by Service Stream are expected to commence in August 2022.

## Supply Chain and Plant

Lead: Domenic Palumbo

Support: Gary Player, David Azzam and Celia Jordaan

- Panel contract tenders have been assessed for traffic management, heavy plant leasing, and metropolitan litter collection and associated brush cutting, with approvals being sought for award.
- A panel contract for pavement repairs/stabilisation has been awarded and the tender assessment for safety barrier work is being finalised.
- Metropolitan Region will be the functional lead for traffic management.
- Panel contracts for regional asphalt resurfacing programs and signs/sign post/guide post supply are currently being tendered.
- Templates for small regional contracts and purchase orders (ie vegetation, temporary labour hire, supplementary plant hire, and litter collection) have been prepared and the regions are preparing for these local arrangements.
- A regional listing of Aboriginal businesses is being prepared for small regional contracts.

## Operational Systems and Processes

Lead: Simon Beard

Resources: Regional representation

- Review and update of existing, and creation of new documentation and processes, is progressing well.
- Engagement of the sub-streams including Asset Management, Environment, Finance, Incident Management, IT and Communications, Quality, Systems and Traffic Management continues.
- Construction and Maintenance Practices has been identified as an additional workstream and is being led by Ammar Mohammed.
- The Enterprise Architect is in the process of engaging with key stakeholders to review current processes and systems and will be providing their report and recommendations in the coming months.

## Property (Offices, Depots, Housing)

Lead: Jenella Voitkevich

Support: Richard Moore

- Offers for two houses in Northam and two in Narrogin have been accepted. Inspection of two additional houses planned.
- Draft housing capital budget under review, with a focus on staff housing.
- Housing requirements in Esperance will be reviewed with the Region once the new structure has been better established.
- New office options for Manjimup are being reviewed with a Business Case to be developed over the coming months.
- Business Case for Jurien Bay Depot is being finalised.

## 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.
- Quantum of payments that need to be processed has been assessed. Engagement of temporary resources within Financial and Commercial Services to service this increase in workload has commenced.
- Updates to the Delegation of Authority manual have been drafted and significant consultation has occurred with SME's and corporate executive.
- Work is progressing with the Operational Systems and Processes workstream to design sound cost allocation practices.

## Construction and Maintenance Practices

Lead: Ammar Mohammad

Resources: Regional representation

- Draft project plan completed and ready to distribute internally.
- Project plan includes short, medium and long-term deliverables spanning two-years.
- Project is leveraging previous content and providing a technological refresh on best practices. It will deliver reference documents and provide training and upskilling/resources.
- Regions and Directorates will be engaged to nominate experts for the relevant working groups.
- Staff encouraged to attend current and future training modules to support the transition.

## Further information

Read the [media statement](#), visit [iRoads](#) or visit our external [webpage](#). For Transition enquiries please email Project Director [Craig Manton](#) or Project Manager [Brendon Wiseman](#).