

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Road Safety Council meeting held 14 March 2025.

Chair's Report

The Council noted the Chair's advice regarding four new appointments;

- Ms Helen Robinson, Member - Insurance Commission of WA
- Mr Fabrizio Zanuttigh, Deputy Member - Insurance Commission of WA
- Ms Sarah Mewett, Deputy Member - Road Safety Commission
- Mr Steve Watson, Deputy Member - Department of Education

2025-26 Road Trauma Trust Account Budget

The Council considered budget submissions for variations for existing programs and new proposals.

The Chair will write to the Minister for Road Safety, Hon Reece Whitby MLA, advising him of the final budget recommendations.

Road Safety Research Strategy

The Road Safety Commission provided an overview of the Road Safety Commission's research strategy consisting of the following research programs:

- Road Safety Facilitators Program - research that investigates the range of levers that can be used to enhance road safety outcomes (e.g., topics relating to technologies, deterrence, education, campaigns, governance).
- Road User Ecology Program - research that considers the breadth of road user behaviours, attitudes, motivations, and social and cultural influences that shape WA road use (e.g., topics relating to specific road user groups, demographics or road use patterns).
- Transport Equity Program - research that recognises how some road safety issues have historical and structural antecedents, lending to systemic disadvantages for some road users (e.g., topics relating to Aboriginal road user needs).

New Safety Camera Rollout

The Road Safety Commission provided a presentation on the new camera rollout outlining the number and locations of cameras and initial statistics and insights.

The detection rates of mobile phone offences is 17 times higher in metropolitan areas than regional areas and seatbelt offences are nine times higher in metropolitan areas than regional areas with a significant spike in offending on a Sunday.

Papers noted

- Main Roads Quarterly Report on Road Safety
- WA Police Presentation - Enhanced reporting on drink and drug driving statistics

- Planned review of graduated licensing for car drivers and motorcycle riders.
- Proposals for a number of legislative amendments related to demerit points, electric rideable devices, infringeable offences, infringement penalties and prescribed illicit drugs.
- Advice of the changes to the e-Rideable Review.

Next meeting: 13 June 2025

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