

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Road Safety Council (Council) meeting held on Friday 6 March 2026.

Chair's Report

Council noted the Chair's activities since the last meeting.

Strategic Priorities – Safer Speeds

The Council discussed the importance of safer speeds in improving road safety outcomes and considered opportunities to constructively influence the public conversation in the current political environment. Members reflected on recent challenges at a national level, noting that progress on default speed limits had been affected by community perceptions and communications. The Council noted the upcoming evaluation of the Safer Speeds Trial in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and recognised the value of lessons learned in effectively engaging local governments and communities to support speed management initiatives.

Road Trauma Trust Account Budget 2026-27

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

The Chair will write to the Minister for Road Safety, the Hon Reece Whitby MLA, suggesting the final Road Trauma Trust Account budget recommendations for 2026-27.

WA Centre for Road Safety Research

The Council was provided with an update of the key achievements of the Centre over the last 12 months in supporting road safety research.

St John

St John presented to the Council on the work being undertaken to support the community in responding to road trauma as well as aggregate data on incidents and insights into community issues with respect to road safety.

Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems

Main Roads provided a presentation to inform the Council of the work being undertaken in progressing intelligent transport systems.

Papers Noted

- Main Roads Quarterly Report
- Seriously Injured Statistics - Road Safety Commission

Next meeting: Friday 19 June 2026

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