

**Technical Committee A.2:
Financing, Managing and Contracting of Road System Investment
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7th Meeting
Salzburg Austria
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Executive Summary:

The seventh meeting of the PIARC Technical Committee TCA.2 which was organised in cooperation with ASFINAG, Land Salzburg and PIARC National Committee of Austria was held in Salzburg, Austria on 28th and 29th April 2011.

Background:

The PIARC Technical Committee A.2 “Financing Managing and Contracting of Road System Investment” is one of the four technical committees in the Strategic Theme A – “Sustainability of the Road Transport System”.

It has two Australian members, Brian Noble, Main Roads Western Australia (Full Member) and Vincent Scarcella, Queensland Transport (Corresponding member).

The issues this committee is considering are:

Issue A2.1 Review of public and private sector roles in sustainable road systems	
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Outputs</i>
Review of the evolving roles of the public and private sectors in the provision of sustainable road systems and the levels of private sector participations in management, maintenance, operations and financing.	Report identifying the different combinations of public and private sector involvements in the provision of sustainable road systems, and the perceived advantages and disadvantages,
Issue A2.2 Explore funding and financial strategies for sustainable road systems	
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Outputs</i>
Examine the different approaches employed for funding and financing strategies for sustainable road systems.	Report on the approaches with case studies, where appropriate, adopted by countries at different development stages, illustrating their evolutions and achievements.
Issue A2.3 Investigation of new forms of procurement of private sector participants in sustainable road maintenance and operations.	
<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Outputs</i>
Explore the different approaches to procurement of services relating to maintenance and operations as well as design and construction projects to provide levels of service consistent with user expectations and road hierarchies.	Report with case studies illustrating the various forms of procuring private sector involvements and comparing the benefits and dis-benefits of novel against more traditional forms of maintenance and operations.

The Salzburg meeting was attended by 17 committee members representing 12 countries. In addition to the committee members, Ms Caroline Theolin-Palmell, a PIARC Technical Advisor also attended the meeting.

Work Program:

Prior to the Salzburg meeting, a considerable amount of the drafting of the TC report had been completed and a significant portion of the meeting was devoted to the committee finalising the draft report.

Following the work undertaken during the meeting, the draft report will be circulated to all committee members for their final comment, if any, prior to being peer reviewed by Ms Kathy Martin of Australia. This Peer review is planned to be under prior to the end of July 2011.

In addition to finalising the TC Report, a final review and assessment of the Mexico Congress Papers that relate to this Committee was undertaken.

There were 36 Mexico Congress papers received which related to the topics covered by this committee.

The Committee's recommendations relating to these papers were finalised and conveyed onto the PIARC Mexico Congress committee.

This committee has been allocated two sessions at the Mexico Congress.

The first session will be on the morning of Wednesday 28 September 2011 is to enable the Technical Committee to make a presentation on the outcome of its deliberations and work over the cycle. During the Salzburg meeting, the program for this session was agreed and this session will include presentations by four of the authors of the Mexico Congress papers that were assessed as offering the best addition to the work undertaken by the Technical Committee.

The second session to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 29 September 2011 is for the Technical Committee to organise and manage a session dealing with the impacts and implications on PPPs following the Global Financial Crisis.

It was agreed that the TC will hold an 8th meeting in conjunction with the Mexico Congress. This will include two preparation sessions, one on the afternoon of Tuesday 27 September 2011 to finalise its preparation for the Wednesday Session and the second on the afternoon of Wednesday 28 September to finalise its preparation for the Thursday Session.

The committee is on target to complete its designated work, including the submission of its report within the specified time.

The detail of the timing of the remaining meeting of this committee is:

No	Date	Location	Comments
8	27 – 29 September 2011	Mexico	To be held in conjunction with the XXIV PIARC World Congress

Dissemination:

The minutes of this meeting have been uploaded onto the PIARC web site.

Conclusions and recommendations:

The committee is on target to finalise its task of gathering information to address the theme of this committee in a meaningful manner.

These findings will be presented, in brief at the Mexico Congress and in detail in its report.