

Meeting Minutes

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date:	6 April 2017	Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Maribyrnong Town Hall, 61 Napier St, Footscray	Meeting number:	Eleven
Chair:	Jim Williamson	Secretariat:	Emily Dooley

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Scott Ellerton (SE)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Steven Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
Michael Ingram (MI)	Kensington and North and West Melbourne
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood
Christine Harris (CH)	Spotswood & South Kingsville Residents Group
Craig Williams (CW)	Seddon
Margaret O'Loughlin (MO)	Yarraville
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn Residents Action Group
Philip Dearman (PD)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council
Melanie Del Monaco (MD)	City of Melbourne (proxy for Emma Appleton)
Neil Whiteside (NW)	Brimbank Council
Alyson Protetto (AP)	Altona North
Stephen Zelez (SZ)	Hobsons Bay Council
Craig Rowley (CR)	LeadWest
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Peter Sammut (PS)	Project team
Gary West (GW)	Project team
Jim Carden (JC)	Project team

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Emily Dooley (ED)	Project team
Samantha Aitchison (SAI)	Project team
Victoria Jessop (VJ)	Project team
Liz Evans (LE)	Project team
Andrew Colman (AC)	Project team
Paul Smith (PS)	Project team
Jeff Keys (JK)	Project team
Malcolm Tinkler	CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture
Tim Holmes	CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture
Robin Miles (RM)	Facilitator
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Dave Jones (DJ)	RACV
Emma Appleton (EA)	Melbourne City Council
Jessica Christiansen-Franks (JCF)	Footscray

Agenda items

Time	#	Item detail
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies
5.35pm	2	Address previous minutes and actions arising
5.40pm	3	Introduce new Altona North representative
5.50pm	4	Project update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear a project update from Peter Sammut, CEO for the Western Distributor Authority How does this milestone intersect with the EES process
6.10pm	5	Meet the Design and Construct contractor from CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gary West, General Manager Victoria Transurban, welcomes contractor Who is CPB JH Joint Venture
6.25pm	6	Design update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear from Andrew Colman and Paul Smith, project engineers, about the updated design for the West Gate Tunnel Project Outline the changes between the Reference Design and Tenderer Design In groups explore the West Gate Tunnel Project design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Gate Freeway, tunnel entry and exit Tunnel Maribyrnong river crossing, Footscray Road, Port and city access Group discussion
7.10pm	7	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming community information sessions Update on access to information factsheets, website and iMap etc.
7.20pm	8	Other items
7.25pm	9	Meeting action summary and close

Minutes

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5.30pm	1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW welcomes group JW notes apologies as listed above JW welcomes Alyson Protetto and representatives from CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture
5.35pm	2	<p>Address previous minutes and actions arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW seeks approval of minutes from meeting number 10 in March 2017 ED notes changes made from CH – no further changes required
5.40pm	3	<p>Introduce new Altona North representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW introduces Alyson Protetto as the new Altona North representative replacing Dwayne Singleton AP tells the groups she has been a local resident in Altona North for last 20 years and that she is keen to support the community in what's she feels is the first opportunity to improve freeway and surrounding environments for them
5.50pm	4	<p>Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GW explains that on Sunday 2 April the project reached a major milestone, with the project selecting the tenderer to construct the project, CPB Contractors John Holland venture. There were three great submissions and the project team has worked hard to get to this point GW highlights the announcement that State Government made about truck bans GW talks about the next phase – community engagement events and commencement of EES process.
6.10pm	5	<p>Meet the Design and Construct contractor from CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GW introduces CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture, and explains both company's backgrounds GW invites Malcolm Tinkler and Tim Holmes from CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture to speak MT address the groups and says the company was elated on Sunday when they received the news. Excited to now be able to talk about the design and solution in public. MT provides some context to the relationship of CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture and that they have worked together on many complex projects. He explains that CPB were previously called Leighton Contractors. MT talks about previous experience, including East Link, a 2.5-billion-dollar project delivered in 2004 to 2008, involving tunnels and bridge and residential areas. Also worked together on West Link, which involved 40km of new road through western Sydney. MT explains that they are delighted to take experience and learnings from these projects and apply them to the WGTP and they will continue to work with the community and listen to where they are at in terms of progress and as we develop the design solution.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH adds that he and Malcolm have worked together on many projects and have been involved in community and stakeholder engagement on a number of projects • PS reinforced the positive news by government on the announcement on 2 April by the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Roads and Road Safety. The features and quality of the project will be of a very high standard and deliver significant benefits to the community and travelling public. • PS explains that we are working closely with briefing councils and stakeholders. He also adds that this group (CLG) has been important in the development of the project to date and will continue to be as it moves forward. • PS explains that the project name was changed from Western Distributor to West Gate Tunnel Project, which assists in highlighting the project as the alternative to the West Gate Bridge.
6.25pm	6	<p>Design update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM introduces AC to provide a design update • AC explains that the design is still quite similar to the Reference Design with some quality improvements. There has been some innovation that CPB John Holland has been able to bring to this design that we will see today • AC talks about the Urban design, which is themed throughout the design – refer the Urban Design factsheet for more information • AC talks about the key design updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a longer tunnel within the West Gate Freeway, moves the westbound exit further away from existing homes – safer road design with four new lanes including express lanes to and from the West Gate Bridge – improved city access design through simplified connections and two fewer crossings of the Moonee Ponds Creek – over 14 km of new and upgraded cycling and walking paths – including a 2.5 km veloway above Footscray Road – improved pedestrian and cycling connections between communities along the West Gate Freeway – nearly 9 ha, the equivalent of nearly four MCGs, of new community open space including parkland and wetlands and more than 17,000 trees planted – world-class architecture, urban and landscape design that celebrates the Aboriginal heritage and maritime history of Melbourne’s west – high-quality noise walls designed with residents in mind to reduce noise and protect privacy while allowing natural light • AC takes the group through photo montages of the detailed design – please refer to the project interactive map for images • RM asks everyone to split into three separate groups to explore the West Gate Tunnel Project design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – West Gate Freeway, tunnel entry and exit – Tunnel – Maribyrnong river crossing, Footscray Road, Port and city access • Members move around the room and look at project maps with design specialists asking questions about the design

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM asks the group to come back together for a group discussion • CR asks about the truck ban announcement, is there anything built into the concession deed that will make sure this happens • PS explains that this is not a contract matter, it's a government announcement. • CH asks how were truck bans decided • PS explains that the Government is responding to the community on a long standing issue and applying curfews to these roads to improve liveability in the inner west • CH says community are asking if there will be curfews on Blackshaws, Millers and Hudson Roads in Hobsons Bay • AP also asks whether truck bans will operate during specific times on these roads • PS explains that the Environment Effects Statement will outline the traffic modelling predictions of future traffic movements on these roads. The government's response to truck bans was to address known and historically long standing issues. Modelling predictions are only that. Predictions will be tested once the road opens, and any local area traffic management measure can be considered then, if required. • BB notes issues around Blackshaws and Millers Roads – west of Millers is occupied by logistics businesses and they rat run through local streets as they can't get on at Grieve Parade and they go down Millers Road.
7.10pm	7	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS and GW talk about the upcoming EES process and the opportunity to write a submission and present in front of the Independent Inquiry Panel • GW encourages everyone to visit upcoming information sessions – we have made sure there is a variety of specialists available at these sessions • GW runs through some of the communications material available for people to use, including factsheets, Facebook and twitter, project website with visuals and an interactive map
7.20pm	6	<p>Other items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW states that the next meeting scheduled for 4 May (<i>note that this has since been revised to 11 May</i>) • JW requests agenda items and goes on to say we will cover the Social Impact and Heritage topics that were to be discussed this meeting before the design was announced • JW notes that Jobs and employment is important and that it's great for the west to be able to be involved
7.25pm	9	<p>Meeting close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.25pm meeting closes

Actions

#	Action detail	Owner	Status
1	Send link of the projects interactive map	Secretariat	Complete
2	Send link to Design Launch video	Secretariat	Complete

Next meeting

Date:	Thursday 4 May 2016
Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Maribyrnong Town Hall
Chair:	Jim Williamson

Minutes prepared by: Emily Dooley

Minutes approved by: Jim Williamson



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