

Meeting minutes

WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date:	1 September 2016	Time:	5.30 pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Maribyrnong Town Hall, 61 Napier St, Footscray VIC 3011	Meeting number:	Five
Chair:	Jim Williamson (JW)	Minutes:	Kathryn Norton (Secretariat)

Attendees

Name	Membership
Scott Ellerton (SE)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Alyson Protetto (AP)	Altona (proxy for Dwayne Singleton)
Steven Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
Michael Ingram (MI)	Kensington, North and West Melbourne
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood
Craig Rowley (CR)	LeadWest
Margaret O'Loughlin (MO)	Yarraville
Geoff Mitchellmore (GM)	Brooklyn (proxy for Bert Boere)
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council
Richard Smithers (RS)	City of Melbourne (Proxy for Emma Appleton)
Neil Whiteside (NW)	Brimbank City Council
Craig Williams (CW)	Seddon
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council (proxy for Stephen Zelez)
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Sarah Altmann (SAL)	Project team

Apologies

Name	Membership
Dave Jones (DJ)	RACV
Philip Dearman (PD)	MTAG
Jessica Christian-Franks (JCF)	Footscray

Attendees

Name	Membership
Paul Smith (PS)	Project team
Samantha Aitchison (SAI)	Project team
Gary West (GW)	Project team
Jim Carden (JC)	Project team
Emily Dooley (ED)	Project team
Kathryn Norton (KN)	Project team
Robin Miles (RM)	Facilitator
Agata Chmielewski	Social impact researcher - EES

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Agenda items

Time	#	Item detail
5.35pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies
5.40pm	2	Previous minutes and actions arising
5.50pm	3	Meet the CEO, Western Distributor Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A CEO has just been appointed to lead the Western Distributor Authority. Peter Sammut will be attending to meet the CLG and explain the role of the newly established Authority.
6:05pm	4	Environment Effects Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hear from the project's planning lead on the EES process, what is being studied and assessed for the EES, forward process and what to expect during the public exhibition and hearings.• Facilitated group discussion / questions EES – focus on the Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project's Manager of Traffic and Transport explains the TIA, what's included and how traffic is modelled.• Facilitated group discussion / questions
7.05pm	5	Suggested items for discussion by members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Option for short presentations from members
7:15pm	6	Other items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role of the CLG and expectations of members
7.25pm	7	Meeting action summary
7.30pm	8	Meeting close

Minutes

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	Welcome, introductions and apologies
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies as listed above• Welcome to Peter Sammut, CEO Western Distributor Authority• Overview of today's meeting – EES and traffic modelling and introduces presenters on these topics, David Hyett (DH) and Paul Smith (PS)• Welcome – Gary West and project team, Agata Chmielewski – Social impact researcher (EES)
2	Previous minutes and actions arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record of actions completed from previous meeting• No changes to previous minutes
3	Meet the CEO, Western Distributor Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Sammut discussed the Western Distributor Authority and its role.• The Western Distributor Authority (WDA) is the entity responsible for overseeing the project's planning and delivery on behalf of the Victorian Government. The Authority is made up of project team members who are transitioning from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources over to the Authority.• PS explained that there are three key components to the Western Distributor Project – the Western Distributor, Monash Freeway Upgrade and Webb Dock access improvements. The WDA responsible for all.• PS explained that the EES is the highest level of assessment a project in Victoria can be assessed under and that a lot of work is now underway to prepare the EES for public exhibition. Potential impacts of the project will be explained in the EES.• PS noted that the project offers enormous benefits and potential for Melbourne's west, on the scale of the Western Ring Road when it was first built.• PS stated key benefits of the project being relieving the congestion on the M1, reducing truck movements throughout the inner west and giving industry better and safer access to the port.
4	EES discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RM explains how discussion will work / approach / expectations• DH provides overview of EES purpose and process, with the aim of demystifying the process<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EES is a process which is independent from the project team, overseen by the Minister for Planning and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)• DELWP establish scoping requirements for WD and consulted on these requirements in February 2016. The focus for this project is on health, social, business which is often the case for a project located in an urban environment.• Preparation of an EES takes several months with a number of investigations and

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	<p>assembled into a set of documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When tenderer designs are received later this year, the EES documentation will be updated to include any significant changes proposed by the tenderers – this ensures that any design that could be built, is assessed so that everyone can understand realistic impacts and benefits.• A Technical Reference Group (TRG), convened by DELWP, assists with EES process. Representation on the TRG includes government agencies, regulators and councils. The TRG provides peer review for the EES.• When complete, the EES document is exhibited and public submissions invited. DH encourages the group to be involved in the process.• An independent planning panel, appointed by DELWP, will review the EES, submissions and hear presentations from those who made a submission.• Melbourne Metro panel inquiry is currently underway. Melbourne Metro EES documentation available for the group to review online and in this meeting.• The independent planning panel write a report with recommendations for the Minister for Planning, who considers this in making planning approval decision.• Timeframes: assessments now underway, exhibition in first quarter of 2016, followed by panel inquiry. Post exhibition activity in regards to planning approvals take approximate five – nine months• The key approvals required for this project are a Planning Scheme Amendment (decision maker is Minister for Planning) and an EPA Works Approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PS provides overview of how transport will be assessed in EES - Transport Impact Assessment (TIA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PS explains the scope of the TIA – which is about understanding the project's effect on the transport network – including the road, active and public transport networks.• Strategic traffic modelling will cover a broad area around the project, and micro-simulation modelling will focus on key intersections along the project corridor where project will have the most effect.• TIA comprises three main sections – 2016 Existing conditions (what is there now), 2031 Base Case (what would happen in 2031 if project is not built) and 2031 Project Case (what would happen in 2031 if project is built).• PS provides examples of outputs people can expect to see in the TIA. These examples have been taken from preliminary assessment completed for the project Business Case. PS notes that the TIA will provide more detail and a higher level of accuracy as the project team have since collected more data, and more new data.• The year 2031 is selected as it provides a view of project performance 10 years after opening.• Traffic modelling provides the best tool available to help us understand what might happen on the road in the future. The State Government uses a model developed by VLC which has been continually improved since it was first built in 1972.• Traffic modelling considers information such as population figures, employment

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	<p>figures and locations, public transport improvements, origin and destination and other projects that are underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer reviews of the traffic model and TIA are undertaken• The TIA will present 24-hour traffic as well as breaking this down by AM peak (7-9am), PM peak (4-6pm), inter-peak (9-4pm) and off peak (6pm-7am)• The TIA will include data on cycling using Bicycle Network Victoria's count from super Tuesday 3 March. PS notes that the project is filling in some major gaps in the cycling network which will leave a positive legacy.• Members express a desire to see paths for pedestrians and cyclists separated due to speed differences and safety concerns. PS notes that while this is ideal it does require a lot of space.• The TIA will consider any impacts to public transport• Members enquire about potential toll avoidance by trucks. PS notes that there are significant benefits for the freight industry in terms of efficiency and allowing for high performance freight vehicles. Commercial marginality in these businesses is known and a key consideration.• The TIA will include a section which examines the effect of different truck curfews.• PS notes that tolling structure still being considered, including incentives for truck operators to attract them to the new infrastructure.• PS confirms that the traffic modelling is the basis for many other studies – it feeds into the air quality and noise assessments to name a few• JC notes that engagement and participation in the planning process is essential and the process is based around this. Asks members to amplify this information in their communities.
5	<p>Suggested items for discussion by members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW seeks input on his email communication regarding the role of the CLG.• JW and SA seek group view on submitting a collated report of CLG input to date to tenderers, technical specialists and the project management team for their consideration. This would accompany other community input being provided to tenderers and specialists, such as feedback received through meetings, workshops and pop ups.• JW seeks group views on making time at future meetings for members to make short presentations to explain their interest in the project.• JW seeks group view on topics for future discussion, including a site tour• JW seeks agreement to hold next meeting one week later due to September school holidays.
6	<p>Meeting action summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outlined below (page 7)
7	<p>Meeting closed at 7.35pm</p>

Actions

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1	JW and project team to consolidate CLG input into a single document for review by the group and submission to tenderers and EES technical specialists for consideration	Secretariat
2	Arrangements for site visit	Secretariat

Next meeting

Date:	Thursday 6 October 2016
Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	City of Maribyrnong Town Hall, 61 Napier Street, Footscray VIC 3011
Chair:	Jim Williamson

Minutes prepared by:	Kathryn Norton
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Minutes approved by:	Jim Williamson
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