

Meeting Minutes

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date:	12 October 2017	Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Victorian Transport Association Offices Level 1, 4 Kooronga Way, Webb Dock	Meeting number:	Seventeen
Chair:	Jim Williamson	Secretariat:	Samantha Aitchison

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair
Michael Ingram (MI)	Kensington and North and West Melbourne
Rosa McKenna (RM)	Spotswood South Kingsville Resident Group (proxy)
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Peter Anderson (PA)	VTA
Stephen Zelez (SZ)	Hobsons Bay City Council
Mike Nolan (MN)	Spotswood (proxy for Simon Birch)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn Residents Action Group
Phillip Dearman (PD)	MTAG
Melanie Del Monaco (MDM)	City of Melbourne (Proxy)
Peter Sammut (PS)	Western Distributor Authority (WDA)
Greg Meyer (GM)	Western Distributor Authority
Liz Evans (LE)	Western Distributor Authority
Sam Aitchison (SA)	Western Distributor Authority
Victoria Jessop (VJ)	Transurban
Malcolm Tinkler (MT)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture
Lachlan Smith (LS)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Scott Ellerton (SE)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Dave Jones (DJ)	RACV
Steven Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council
Richard Smithers (RS)	City of Melbourne
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood
Margaret O'Loughlin (MO)	Yarraville
Craig Rowley (CR)	LeadWest
Craig Williams (CR)	Seddon
Jessica Christiansen-Franks (JCF)	Footscray
Not in attendance:	
Alyson Protetto (AP)	Altona North

Agenda items

Time	#	Item detail
5.30pm	1	Tour of VTA offices
5.35pm	2	Address previous minutes and outstanding actions
5.40pm	3	Victorian Transport Association (VTA) Peter Anderson, CEO
6.00pm	4	Project Investigations update (CBPJH) Malcolm Tinkler and Lachlan Smith
6.20pm	5	Tea break
6.30pm	6	Project Update (WDA) Peter Sammut, CEO
6.50pm	7	Social Media Update Social media Current videos
7.00pm	7	Input from members - Community feedback - Council and Advisory Group updates - Questions on notice
7.20pm	8	Action summary, next meeting and close

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1	<p>Meeting opened at 5.40pm</p> <p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Peter Anderson (CEO – Victorian Transport Association) took the group for a tour of their offices which was very helpful in providing an understanding of how the logistics operations function.</p> <p>Presentation by VTA</p> <p>An overview was provided on the VTA, including history, key issues for the logistics industry and future opportunities.</p> <p>Key Issues Restriction of access to appropriate roads (particularly during roadworks/upgrades). There is little planning to cater for those movements that are restricted (ie overnight trucks travel at quieter times than car travel). 6,000 heavy vehicles travel along the Hume Freeway each night to and from Melbourne</p> <p>In relation to truck curfews, it is understood that the community wants something now; VTA working collaboratively with MTAG.</p> <p>Infrastructure improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WGTP • North East Link • Webb Dock access • M80 Upgrade • Road upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CTW, Monash <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay legal • Stay profitable • Meet market demands • Staff and equipment shortage. <p>Growing issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolls • Intermodal connectivity • Infrastructure priorities. <p>Questions from CLG members included intermodal freight hub, freight rail and the West Gate Tunnel Project.</p>

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2	<p>Early Investigations</p> <p>Malcolm Tinkler and Lachlan Smith - CPB John Holland Joint Venture</p> <p>Advised that approval for Early Investigations had been provided by the Minister for Planning prior to formal project approvals (expected late 2017).</p> <p>Provided an update on investigations that have occurred to date and what is to be expected for the remainder of 2017. The key focus is currently in the northern portal area.</p> <p>Confirmed that these are not permanent works; data collection is informing detailed project design once the assessment and approvals process has concluded.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey ○ Utilities proving ○ Baseline monitoring (noise) ○ Traffic baseline monitoring ○ Geotechnical Boreholes • Focus on Whitehall Street/Tunnel area – geotechnical boreholes • Understanding port access/logistics operations • Targeted and considered essential works • Consultation between the project parties and planned thoroughly with all internal and external parties with a view to have a minimal impact • Activities will continue for the remainder of this year, and through 2018-2019. <p>General discussion on what the early investigations have discovered in the project area, ie geology, geotechnical.</p>
3	<p>Tea break</p>
4	<p>Project Update - WDA</p> <p>Peter Sammut – CEO</p> <p>Confirmed the conclusion of hearings on 19 September with the next step being the IAC will be producing its report to the Minister for Planning. The Committee's Terms of Reference stated that this needed to be submitted by 23 October.</p> <p>The Minister for Planning will then make his assessment, which is due before the end of the year. Depending on what comes from that, is what the project needs to address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 key approvals contractually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning scheme amendment and incorporated document – Works approval – by the EPA.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural heritage management plan. <p>These are planned to happen prior to contract close.</p> <p>The project team will have to await the outcomes from the IAC and the Minister's determination. It's not normally made public until the Minister's assessment is released. Works approval is released publically we believe.</p> <p>Advised the group of the recently announced decision regarding Millers Rd, Brooklyn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move to a single toll point on the West Gate Freeway that will reduce the number of trucks that would have used Millers Road as a route - Offering off site attenuation to those front facing residents <p>The Project team is making direct contact with those residents.</p>
5	<p>Communications and Engagement Update</p> <p>Greg Meyer</p> <p>Provided information on recent government announcements, together with details of recently released videos and those in development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad update on the content via Facebook - Videos are most popular - Historical photos are also popular - Talked to the growth relative to similar projects (MMRA/XLRA) <p>Advised the team are looking at some creative content to provide information in a different way to the community.</p> <p>Liz Evans</p> <p>Advised of the current distribution of the 7th community update Approx. 64,000 households.</p> <p>In addition, the following activities have occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-news has been sent out to over 1,400 subscribers • Received contact following the distribution of these materials (Millers Rd, Williamstown Rd, truck bans queries)
6	<p>Members input</p> <p>RM referenced the content of community update as relates to jobs (ie. just 400 jobs dedicated to those living in the west).</p> <p>Action: WDA to provide further detail on employment numbers for the project.</p> <p>PS advised that social inclusion programs are a priority for this government, however we will bring more detail of employment numbers to the next meeting.</p> <p>JW advised that through his observations at Panel that Millers Rd and Dynon Rd</p>

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	<p>came up as concerns. Does that get addressed as what goes to the planning minister?</p> <p>WDA advised that the IAC has Terms of Reference that sets the framework. All the evidence needs to be considered in their report as to what (if any) adjustments need to be made (ie scope of project or EPRs). We don't know what the IAC will come back with. Confirmed that the project team will have manage whatever recommendations are made by the Minister for Planning.</p> <p>RM questioned the status of the legislation and when that will go to Parliament.</p> <p>WDA advised that this is part of negotiations that are still underway.</p>
7	<p>Previous minutes</p> <p>JW noted minor amendment to the minutes further to comments from RM.</p>
8	<p>Meeting closed at 7.25pm</p>

Next meeting

Date:	Thursday 9 November 2017 (TBC)
Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	To be advised
Chair:	Jim Williamson
Minutes prepared by:	Western Distributor Authority
<p>Minutes to be endorsed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair and CLG members at the next meeting.</p>	