

# Minutes

**Subject: West CLG Meeting**

**Date: 18 June 2020      Time: 5:30-7:15pm**

**Location: Virtual meeting - Zoom conference call**

<b>Attendees</b>			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Mikell Borg (MB)	WGTP MTIA
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Alex Woods (AW)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	David Clements (DC)	Transurban (TU)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Jala Shekho (JaS)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bike Network Victoria	Marcus Fosterling	TU
Steve Wilson	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
John Stirk (JS)	BayWest BUG	David Hill (DH)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council		
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council		
Sue La Greca	LeadWest		
<b>Apologies</b>			
Peter Kartsidimas	Kevin Redfern	Anuj Malhotra	Martin Wurt

## Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Roll Call	Secretariat
5.40pm	2	Welcome, introductions & apologies	Chair
6.00pm	3	Questions and discussion from members	CLG Members
6.25pm	4	Actions update	All
6.35pm	5	West Gate Tunnel Project, MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.50pm	6	Construction update	CPBJH JV
7.15pm	7	Actions arising and close	All

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1	<p><b>Roll Call</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AW completed a roll call and briefed the group with guidelines for the Zoom meeting.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Welcome, introduction and apologies.</b></p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DC provided an update to members regarding a Supreme Court case where Transurban (TU) has taken CPBJH JV to court. He stressed that the action in the Supreme Court was not an attempt to seek compensation from the government or contractor but a means to make a determination as to whether the risk allocation framework in relation to certain claims set out under the contract is valid</li> <li>DC commented that there has been constructive work progressing over this period in both the west and east zones. He commented that the JV had done a great job in this unique period of time when less cars are on the road and are in good stead for when traffic volumes begin to increase again.</li> <li>JS asked for a bit more information and clarity on TU's current contract in which they are seeking clarification in court. DC assured that it had nothing to do with soil management or technical concerns across the job. He said that TU were seeking clarification of the risk allocation framework in relation to certain claims and seeking the court to confirm the validity of certain clauses in the contract.</li> <li>DC reassured members that the court case should not have any impact on the delivery timeframe.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW asked if there was an update on soil. DC acknowledged that there had been a lot of recent media. He stated that project parties were still working with three proposals for the primary site and that environment and planning approvals were required and underway. He confirmed that no decision has been finalised as to which site the tunnel soil will go to.</li> <li>• DC was pleased to say that some stockpiles have been moved out of the construction zones and that all required EPA approvals and licences are in place at the facilities who are accepting the material. DC noted that removal of contaminated soil was business as usual on all projects.</li> <li>• DC reassured members that the PFAS levels in the tunnel soil are very low, lower than the baseline of recreational water where people may swim. He stated that the risk for human health and the environment is very low.</li> <li>• JW asked if DC could provide any further comments on staffing. DC commented that it was disappointing that there have been some recent reductions in resources across the project, however he said the JV have a fixed term price and resources are within their control. The JV had set themselves up with resources to manage the workload based on the East, West and Tunnel zones all working at capacity simultaneously. With the impacts to the tunnelling works this has not been the case and accordingly resource levels have been amended.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Questions and discussion from members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDL commented that the negative news surrounding the project was very strong and the project website doesn't have all the answers they seek. He noted that he has found the monthly information from the JV to be informative and further information between meetings would be helpful. DC said that it was the Projects desire to counter the bad news with good news and if they responded to the bad news it would merely feed the media cycle. LE said that if members had questions regarding works to always reach out, she also said they will continue to advise members of important information such as media releases as they are issued.,</li> <li>• GM thanked the Chair for his support, and the project parties for the action AW12 meeting last week. He expressed his extreme disappointment that the end date for the shared user trail has been pushed back by two and a half years noting that it would be good news if the community were able to realise benefits sooner.</li> <li>• JS thanked the team for organising the meeting for action AW12 which he found informative, commenting also that the slip in program was surprising. He noted the commitment that members would be briefed if further changes to the program arise.</li> <li>• IB stated that quite a few community concerns had been raised including the bus replacement service, Kororoit Creek trail, Hall Street design and these had been passed on to the JV.</li> <li>• IB suggested that as the six-monthly Independent Reviewer and Environmental Audit is now available and that the Inner West Air Quality final reports was soon to be released it would be good for the CLG to be across the findings of each. LE noted that information would be provided as soon as it is available.</li> <li>• AA said the main concerns raised at council had been decisions regarding the future PFAS spoil sites and the truck routes defined to reach them.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Actions update</b></p> <p>Updates were provided to all members in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LW7 – LE explained that members had received an email regarding offset tree planting and are now waiting for feedback from members by 30 June.</li> <li>• LW8 - LE said that the action was linked with LW7 package of works and that the action remains open.</li> <li>• AW12 – LE recounted the meeting was held last week and that this action is now closed.</li> <li>• AW13 – LE explained that the action remains open as per the update in the actions slide.</li> <li>• AJ10 – LE outlined that DOT had committed to attending the joint CLG meeting next month, likely at this stage to be a virtual meeting. She asked members to send through any questions in advance that they may have for the DoT representative.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>West Gate Tunnel, MTIA update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MB provided members an update on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund explaining the review role of CLG members who would like to participate.</li> <li>• GM commented on delays to the program timing, noting councils' interest with respect to their capital works programs. MB explained that exact dates for opening of grants will be advised as soon as possible. LE stated that the unprecedented State of Emergency, which has been extended and currently applies, had put limitations on public announcements.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW stated that it was important the project has a solid process in place for grants management and that an ordered and considered approach is necessary. He suggested that monthly updates on the WGNF be given to CLG members.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Construction update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CF provided an update on construction activity in the west zone – including the pedestrian overpass removals and the courtesy shuttle bus, Beevers Street closure and Hyde Street ramps.</li> <li>CF noted that the patronage of the courtesy shuttle bus for local schools is high. The bus will continue to run over the school holidays and that the JV are committed to keeping the services in place during the time the pedestrian bridges are removed.</li> <li>CF explained that Fogarty Avenue has been challenging work with a number of interfaces and acknowledged it has been difficult for the local residents.</li> <li>JW asked for an update on truck routes for the removal of soil. CF stated that low volumes of soil have been taken to licensed sites.</li> <li>IB thanked CF for the update and asked about the significant impacts to residents regarding noise, particularly near the Millers Road interchange and asked how noise was being audited. CF explained that the JV followed a strict noise modelling contract. Temporary noise walls have been put in place and he said that placing the permanent noise walls in position will be a priority. He said that foundation work of the walls is nearing completion and that 900 panels are ready for delivery.</li> <li>CF commented that the JV do comprehensive noise modelling and unfortunately some works can only occur during the night as freeway lanes have to be closed. He added that the JV are always listening to community feedback and have implemented further noise proof initiatives including using specialised curtains which can reduce the decibels by 25%.</li> <li>DH explained that during the Newport Rail hydroblasting works that the JV had offered relocation to some residents due to the noisy works.</li> <li>CF commented that the JV are planning to do some more hydro blasting works for two more days in July for Newport Rail with a total of four days set aside with contingency (of two days). Planning is also underway for the hydro blasting scope at Millers Road, which is planned to take place during the Spring campaign (in around September)..</li> <li>CF concluded that the stairs and ramps for the south side of the new pedestrian bridge will be placed from mid-August through to end September..</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Actions arising and close</b></p> <p>New actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WGTP MTIA to provide information about the most recent six-monthly Independent Reviewer and Environmental Audit report.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed 7.20pm</p>