

Minutes



West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – Joint North & West group meeting

Thursday 6 December 5:30-8:00pm

WGTP Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Marlon de Leon (MdL)	Tarneit	Simon Black (SB)	WGTA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	David Clements (DC)	Transurban (TU)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Camden Gilchrist (CG)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network	Jack Herbert (JH)	TU
Chris Eddy (CE)	LeadWest	Kat Norton (KN)	TU
Samantha McArthur (SM)	MTAG	Dieter Lim (DL)	Tract
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council	Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Alan Platt (AP)	CPBJH
Monique Perry (MP)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH
Matt Monger (MM)	Docklands	David Hake (DH)	CPBJH
Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon	Bryan McMullan (BM)	CPBJH
Sarah Grace (SG)	Yarraville	Charlie Fairbairn (CFb)	CPBJH
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Michelle Carrol (MC)	CPBJH
Brad Jackson (BJ)	CPBJH Joint Venture		
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne		
Peter Sammut (PS)	West Gate Tunnel Authority (WGTA)		
Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTA		
Liz Evans (LE)	WGTA		
Liam Lenihan (LL)	WGTA		
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council		

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Apologies		Not in attendance	
Dave Jones	RACV	Steve Wilson	Friends of Stony Creek
Phillip Auciello	Brooklyn	Nathan Hang	Kensington
Michael Kwon	Point Cook	Griff Davis	Wyndham Council
John Stirk	BayWest BUG	Tallia Gilarry	City of Melbourne
Tony Le-Nguyen	Footscray	James Cox	Avondale Heights
Greg Cain	VTA		

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting
5.40pm	2	Year in review - West Gate Tunnel Authority
5:50pm	3	Landscaping and open space
6.10pm	4	Year in review - Construction
6.20pm	5	Construction update (East, West & Tunnels)
6.50pm	6	Tea break
7.05pm	7	Year ahead
7.15pm	8	Feedback on CLG from members
7.30pm	9	Questions from members

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW started with Acknowledgement of Country• JW thanked Sorghum Sisters in Kensington for providing catering for the event• JW read apologies• JW advised that CLG members Denise Fry, Adam Vincenzinni and Scott Ellerton have resigned from their positions. Monique Perry has indicated she will replace Scott and represent Concerned Locals of Yarraville and WGTA are in the process of filling other vacant positions• Attendees introduced themselves• Status of open actions advised and specific actions to be reported on at next North and West meetings.
2	<p>Year in review - West Gate Tunnel Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PS welcomed all in attendance• PS introduced the review of WGTA activities and achievements of 2018• PS advised of project parties involved in the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP)• PS explained the government authorities operating within the Major Transport Infrastructure Program (MTIP): West Gate Tunnel Authority, North East Link Authority, Level Crossing Removal Authority, Rail Projects Victoria, Major Roads Project Authority• PS advised of changes to ministerial portfolios following the state election• PS presented benefits of building the WGTP• PS provided an update of initiatives born from the Environment Effects Statement including the Community Involvement and Participation Plan (CIPP), Millers Road and Williamstown Road Corridor Study, Inner West Air Quality Reference Group, Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan, various further traffic studies and other initiatives.• PS advised that the CIPP was likely to be launched next year• PS advised that the WGTA was funding noise mitigation works for front facing properties along Millers Road between Geelong Road and the West Gate Freeway• FA enquired about the extent of the Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan• PS advised that the scope was increased in response to community feedback and that the State Government was funding the Master Plan• SM noted that the Inner West Air Quality Reference Group was, in part, formed to respond to the Planning Minister's decision not to include tunnel filtration for WGTP• PS advised of significant funding from WGTA for community upgrades to the inner west that are being delivered as part of the West Gate Tunnel project• PS committed to presenting further updates on the EES initiatives next year• PS thanked all members for their ongoing contributions and to the Chair, and welcomed specific feedback on how the Community Liaison Group meetings are going so far.
3	<p>Landscaping and open space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DL provided an update on the development of open space and landscaping designs related to the WGTP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL advised of the consulting role of Tract within the WGTP • DL advised of stakeholder consultation conducted within the design development process. Groups consulted with include councils, Friends-of groups, heritage organisations and the Wurundjeri Tribal Council • DL provided an overview of major construction packages which include landscaping and open space design development • DL explained the design process from preliminary to final design drawings • PB asked when during the design process does the community see the plans • DL advised that plans are not directly presented to the wider community but are consulted on with stakeholder groups • FA advised that the community groups which she represents have not been consulted about project works, only the Moonee Ponds masterplan and is not aware of how that feeds into the WGTP • PB noted that part of the project requirements include talking to the community • DL advised of the contractual requirements for the landscape design packages were as per the Urban Design Framework Report. • FA asked why did stakeholder engagement not include community • DA noted that council would be suggesting community are informed, not with a view to change the design, but to offer comments • JW asked whether councils do have a responsibility to advise community of evolving landscape plans, and DA advised it was not councils responsibility to communicate the project landscape design • DC advised that he will provide PB with a more detailed explanation of landscape design consultation requirements and that DL's presentation today formed part of the community consultation on landscaping • FA asked if some of the landscape plans will be finalised before the Moonee Ponds Creek Master Plan commences • DL advised that they are trying to find a middle ground with this • FA asked who will be responsible for the management of the newly created open space areas • DC advised that some areas are returned to various authorities for management while others are to be maintained by Transurban • PB noted a number of concerns about the landscaping and open space plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the plans in the presentation were 51 weeks old when more recent preliminary designs were available and detailed designs were due to be issued to stakeholders next week ○ When or how community consultation would occur ○ That some of these issues have been raised previously at CLG and haven't been addressed • CF commented that he would like to see information shared with his community about this significant project • DC advised that the drawings shown were part of the original design and that he will present updated versions to relevant stakeholders including CLG • DC noted there were clear requirements in the contract and that community consultation was important. <p>A1 – DC to confirm landscaping design consultation requirements with community for PB.</p> <p>A2 – DC to provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings.</p>
4	<p>Year in review - Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC provided a look back at the construction milestones achieved during 2018 • DC noted the construction at the Northern Portal, North Yarra Main Sewer, ground condition monitoring and freeway widening • DC presented footage of activities at the Northern Portal • DC recognised the social inclusion and employment efforts of CPBJH

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC acknowledged the impacts of construction upon road users and advised that the project work to resolve any complaints which are received • DC presented footage of the WGTP Information Centre Open Day on 22 September • MP asked whether haulage routes for removing soil and rock from the Tunnelling Hub had been confirmed • DC advised that while the final destinations for haulage were yet to be confirmed, trucks will exit the Tunnelling Hub via Whitehall Street and then onto Footscray Road • DC advised that it is likely for a truck to be exiting the Tunnelling Hub approximately every 3 minutes, 24 hours each day • DC noted that further information will be provided • SG asked whether these trucks will be exempt from local curfews • DC advised that they will not be exempt • DC advised of the transporting of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) "Bella" from China and it will take approximately four months to assemble before boring will commence in May 2019 • DC thanked all CLG members for their input during 2018. <p>A3 – DC to provide further information on the truck haulage routes and locations for disposal of spoil.</p>
5	<p>Tea break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea break was taken at 7pm.
6 & 7	<p>Construction update (East, West & Tunnels) & Year ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH provided an update of excavation at the Northern Portal as well as the erection of a 250 tonne gantry crane • CFb advised of the construction team's efforts to maintain access for road users during construction activities in the west construction precinct • MP advised of flooding on the roadway at inbound freeway exit at Williamstown Road • CFb advised that this is caused by issues with the local drainage network • AP advised of activities in the east construction precinct including building demolition, completing the shared user path and upcoming piling on Footscray Road.
8	<p>Feedback on CLG from members & questions from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA asked what materials the new permanent noise walls for the WGTP would be made from • CFb advised that noise walls are made from reinforced concrete plus acrylic panels in many areas • GB asked where the site compound at Dudley Street and Footscray Road is accessed from • AP advised that the entry is on Footscray Road, near Costco • LL encouraged members to provide comments on how the CLG groups were being organised and run • FA asked for members to be told which aspects of the project they could actively contribute to with input • CF advised that more time needed to be spent at the meetings working through issues raised until resolutions were achieved, including an option for a more extended meeting or workshop • SM commented that the VicRoads Millers Road and Williamstown Road Corridor Study be more closely aligned to the WGTP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR suggested that a greater onus be placed on CLG members to provide information and ideas • SG advised that members can be proactive in raising issues which are important to their local communities • GM noted that the tea break is an excellent opportunity to share ideas with other members and project party attendees and that adequate time be allocated • MP advised that the project presentations often ran over-time and as such, the time for member questions and input was cut back • MM asked to see more information regarding traffic modelling in the Docklands area • PB advised that he was more interested to learn about the impacts which the WGTP will have on communities rather than regular construction updates. • WGTA noted this feedback from the CLG members and advised they will report back in the new year. • JW thanked all attendees for their time and contributions. <p>Meeting closed at 8.10pm.</p> <p>A4 – TU to provide information regarding traffic modelling in Docklands area.</p>

Actions

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A1	DC to confirm landscaping design consultation requirements with community for PB.	TU
A2	DC to provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings.	TU
A3	DC to provide further information on the truck haulage routes and locations for disposal of spoil	TU
A4	Provide information regarding traffic modelling in Docklands area	TU