

Minutes



West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – North group meeting

Thursday 23 May 2019

5:30-7:50pm

WGTP Visitor Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Matt Monger	Docklands	Anthony Havers	West Gate Tunnel Authority
Sarah Grace	Yarraville	Liz Evans	WGTA
Con Frescos	Footscray	Simon Black	WGTA
Fran Araneda	Kensington	Kat Norton	Transurban
Garry Brennan	Bike Network Victoria	Alan Platt	CPBJH Joint Venture
Peter Kartsidimas	RACV	Mario Urban	CPBJH
Paul Baggeridge	City of Melbourne	Eli Firestone	Rail Projects Victoria
Deidre Anderson	Maribyrnong City Council	Danielle Koroneos	RPV
		Blake Henderson	RPV
		Kim Norton	RPV
Jim Williamson	Chair		

Apologies

Jenny McMahon	LeadWest	David Clements	Transurban
Tony Le-Nguyen	Footscray	Martin Wurt	MTAG
Monique Perry	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Greg Cain	VTA

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting	Chair
5.35pm	2	Actions from previous meetings	All
5.40pm	3	CLG Landscape Workshop Update	All
5.50pm	4	Report from CLG community members	CLG Members
6.05pm	5	Special Guest: Eli Firestone, Blake Henderson, Danielle Koroneos and Kim Norton	Rail Projects Victoria
6.25pm	6	Tea Break	All
6.40pm	7	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.55pm	8	Questions from CLG members on construction update	CLG Members
7.10pm	9	West Gate Tunnel Authority Update	WGTA
7.30pm	10	Actions arising and close	Chair

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW started with Acknowledgement of Country.• JW welcomed attendees and guests from Rail Projects Victoria.• JW read apologies.• JW mentioned expression of interest process currently open for recruitment of new community members.• JW thanked Charcoal Lane for the catering.
2	<p>Actions from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KN noted that AN2 remains open. A design update will be provided when available.• KN advised CLG that discussions had occurred earlier in the year between VicRoads and Transurban and an update would be provided in the minutes• KN advised that AJ1 remains open.• KN advised that AJ2 remains open as locations of spoil handling facilities are to be confirmed.• It was noted that spoil handling from WGTP site will be via Whitehall Street, Moreland Street, Footscray Road and Citylink.• LE advised that AJ7 can be closed as workshops have been completed/scheduled. Recommendations for specific topics to be addressed at meetings are welcome from members.
3	<p>CLG landscape workshop update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KN advised that LJ3 remains open and design drawings will be shared with CLG members at the July joint meeting.• KN advised that LJ4 remains open and rendered images are currently in development will be shared with CLG members when available.• KN advised that LJ5 remains open as options are being explored including the reviewing of pedestrian and cyclist numbers.• PB asked what changes could possibly be made to the design of the Veloway on Footscray Road given that the design package has already been certified.• KN advised that the certified design presents what is expected to be constructed however any changes based on improving safety could be implemented.• AP advised that if there are any errors or omissions within a certified design, they would be corrected. This applies to LJ5 and LJ6. The design for lighting is not certified.• FA expressed frustration that community could not effectively influence design changes.• KN noted that councils are part of the design review process and can provide comments according to community sentiment. The forthcoming Landscape Communications plan will help to address community understanding and input to the design.• KN advised that LJ9 is progressing with discussions taking place between project parties and relevant council.• LE advised that noise modelling was not included in the EES for active space locations underneath the freeway in response LJ7.• AH advised that limited input was provided during the EES process related to this location.• AH noted that the Level Crossing Removal Project has developed several similar spaces and he has asked LXR for their lessons learned related to this topic.• GB expressed concerns of the suitability of amenities in similar locations, citing a disconnect between project planners and end users of locations developed during other major projects.• DA advised that if certain amenities, including toilets and lighting, were not included, the active space area should not be developed at all.• PB asked when a landscape workshop will be held for the Wurundjeri Way package, as that hasn't been covered in previous workshops.

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4	<p>Special guest presentation: Rail Projects Victoria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EF and BH provided an overview of the Melbourne Metro Tunnel project including new station locations and design. An explanation of the tunnelling plan and launch site excavation was presented.
5	<p>Tea Break at 6.40pm</p>
6	<p>Report from CLG community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM advised he was concerned about the lack of influence by the CLG members on the design process. SG agreed with MM's comment and also noted that the project team had been excellent to deal with in her personal experience as construction activities are occurring near her property. SG appreciated the recent site visit to Muir Street however noted frustration at not being able to take photos on the construction site, part of which is viewed from a public walkway. CF encouraged project parties to heed advice from local residents about the planning of traffic changes. Fogarty Avenue cited as an example. CF noted that a lot of acronyms are used, and it would be helpful to have these explained. FA noted that community members to whom she has spoken are sceptical about the level of influence on the project's design afforded to the CLG and areas of influence and input generally. DA and PB expressed frustration at the delay in providing minutes, actions and action updates from the landscape workshops. FA noted that the closure of an action should be agreed upon by the group membership before it is closed.
7	<p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP provided an update on construction activities in the East and Tunnel zones including the progress of North Yarra Main Sewer, Northern Portal and piling near the Maribyrnong River as well as E & F Gate precincts in West Melbourne.
8	<p>Questions from CLG members on construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional questions.
9	<p>West Gate Tunnel Authority update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LE thanked members for participation in recent site visits to the Northern Portal and Muir Street pedestrian bridge. LE advised of current EOI process for CLG member recruitment, closing on 7 June. Aerial footage showing the progression of construction activities was presented.
10	<p>Actions arising and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new actions were noted from this meeting. JW thanked the guest presenters from RPV for attending. Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Open Actions – North meeting

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Status
AN2	Provide an update on the design of Williamstown Road when design is finalised	TU	October	Open
AN3	Organise a workshop specifically on landscaping and open space specifically for the north group	TU	March	Closed
AN4	<p>Follow up with VicRoads (as responsive Authority) on changes that have happened at Hyde Street due to an accident from trucks coming from Somerville Road and Whitehall Street.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>CPBJH have discussed VicRoads how to optimise this phase as best as possible to clear this movement to assist filtered southbound turns and they noted they will keep an eye on it and that SCATS (equipment installed by the WGTP) will automatically adjust as required.</p> <p>We have also passed the community queries we've received in regards to the intersection onto VR so they are well aware to make any changes they consider required</p>	CPB JH	March	Open

Open Actions – Joint meetings

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Status
AJ1	Provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings.	TU	December	Open
AJ2	Provide further information on the truck haulage routes and locations for disposal of spoil	TU	December	Open
AJ7	Project to co-ordinate specific workshops with North and West members	WGTA	February	Closed

Open Actions – CLG Landscape Workshop

#	Action	Update
LJ1	Provide general overview of CLG workshop at CLG joint-meeting on February 21 and proposed communications approach going forward	Closed.
LJ2	Seek input from CLG members on activities for proposed community communications campaign (eg briefings to relevant committee meetings)	Open invitation with CLG for CPBJH JV to assist in provide briefing to community groups. WGTA members to contact WGTA to express interest in receiving a briefing. Furthermore, indicative materials were available at the North CLG and the contents of the kits were discussed, with members given the opportunity for feedback.
LJ3	Prepare a visual image of what the new Whitehall Street retarding basin, shared use path bridge and Transurban operations centre design will look like	Included in rendered images being developed as part of the communications plan, and will be shared with CLG members early July (TBC).
LJ4	Include more realistic images of urban designs and landscaping as part of community engagement/inform campaign	Rendered images are in development as part of the communications plan, and will be shared with CLG members early July (TBC)
LJ5	Explore safety considerations as part of cycling and shared use path infrastructure, including detail such as pedestrian and cyclist counts, expected cyclist speeds (especially at intersections of the veloway and shared use path) and any potential additional measures required	Response being prepared by Project Co.
LJ6	Identify areas where lighting will and will not be installed at open spaces, if not, why this is not part of the design (specifically, under the elevated structures above the pump-tracks)	Response being prepared by Project Co.
LJ7	Consideration of lighting the Moonee Ponds Creek open space area, and installation of drinking taps and amenities block	Project Co and CPBJH JV gave consideration to the installation of lighting, drinking taps and amenities block in the Moonee Ponds Creek area in response to comments received from stakeholders, and determined that due to the lack of existing infrastructure, cost implications, and ongoing maintenance implications to the future owner, these assets were not to be pursued through.
LJ8	Explore all options to remove or realign the proposed truck turning bay on the Kororoit Creek Trail and respond to	CPBJH JV have achieved a reduction in the size of the truck turning bay, and are continuing to explore viability

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	CLG and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	and implications of an alignment change.
LJ9	Provision to join the new and existing concrete paths under Grieve Parade	In principle agreement reached between project parties and Council. Now progressing through design process.
LJ10	Look into location of Stony Creek crossing to improve passive surveillance	Advice received is this maybe achieved through civil/structural design change, although further consultation with the Friends of Stony Creek indicate its location is suitable.
LJ11	Explore opportunities to plant more trees on the port side of Maribyrnong River adjacent to MacKenzie Road	The Port of Melbourne (PoM) is the Returned Facility Owner of MacKenzie Road and has dictated a low maintenance outcome, which does not support the planting of trees. Additionally, there are physical constraints; due to the minimal available remaining space along the embankment, the existing underground sewer and relocated PoM underground utility assets, there is not enough space to plant additional trees, even if PoM expressed an interest in this.
LJ12	Explore opportunity for a gentler curve for the shared use path at corner of Hyde/Harris Streets	Closed. A gentler curve was achieved through the design change in accommodating Maribyrnong City Council's future plans for the area.
LJ13	Ensure safe and convenient access to all landscaped and open space areas for maintenance activities where access is currently constrained eg Stony Creek area north of the West Gate Bridge	This is being addressed specifically with Hobsons Bay City Council which made the request. No further updates required.
LJ14	Explore offset planting opportunities outside the project area along the project corridor	Closed. Project Co and CPBJH JV are and will continue to explore opportunities and the planting and maintenance approval/agreements.
LJ15	Look into what detail regarding existing and future vegetation can be provided in future landscaping designs	

Open Actions – North CLG Landscape Workshop (29 April)

#	Action	Update
LN1	WGTA to investigate whether noise modelling extended to the active space locations being developed under the freeway.	Noise modelling was not included in the EES for active space locations underneath the freeway in accordance with state requirements.
LN2	WGTA to review community engagement/responses to the proposed active spaces during the planning phase/EES process.	Limited input from stakeholders was provided during the EES process related to this location.
LN3	Transurban and CPBJH to engage the Friends of Stony Creek, Maribyrnong Council and advisory group established to oversee the Stony Creek rehabilitation during the landscape design development.	Project Co liaising with Maribyrnong Council and will attend the next Advisory Group meeting.
LN4	Project parties to consider opportunities for community participation in the future landscaping of Stony Creek through activities such as tree plantings.	Closed. Project Co and CPBJH JV have agreed to explore this closer to scheduled planting time, later in Project timeline.
LN5	Project parties to provide Steve Wilson with a copy of the preliminary design plan for Stony Creek reviewed at the workshop so that he can share it with the Friends of Stony Creek.	See update for action 3. Maribyrnong City Council will engage with Friends of Groups and provide comment.
LN6	WGTA to respond to concerns by members on the use of Moonee Ponds Creek active space and consideration of tree planting.	