

Minutes

Subject: CLG West meeting

Date: 19 November 2020 Time: 5.30pm- 7.00pm

Location: Virtual meeting- Zoom conference call

Attendees

Attendees (Name/Organisation)			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	David Hill (DH)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Mark Latham (ML)	CPBJH JV
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Jenika Rivera (JR)	CPBJH JV
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPBJH JV
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Chris Dunstone (CD)	Transurban (TU)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Jala Shekho (JS)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Anthony Havers (AH)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
John Stirk (JoS)	BayWest BUG	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council	Jason Setchell (JSI)	WGTP MTIA

Apologies

Attendees (Name/Organisation)			
Anuj Malhotra (AM)	Spotswood	Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest	Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Roll call	Secretariat
5.40pm	2	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.50pm	3	Actions update	All
5.55pm	4	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.10pm	5	Questions and discussions from members	All
6.35pm	6	Construction update	CPBJH
6.55pm	7	Actions arising and closing	All

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1	<p>Roll call TC conducted a roll call and reminded participants of guidelines.</p>
2	<p>Welcome introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW welcomed members and listed apologies.
3	<p>Actions update AJ10 remains open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW noted that discussions are ongoing with DoT to get them to present at the December joint meeting. AH suggested it would be great for DoT to discuss their transport studies in the west that they have completed. JW invited members to share their thoughts on what DoT can present.
3	<p>AW13 remains open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JS stated that no update was available as the landscape design is not finalised, but there will be an update by the end of 2020. <p>LW8 remains open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JS commented that the offset tree planting will indicate when this action can be closed out. Timing to be finalised is TBC.
4	<p>WGTP MTIA update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AH advised that CLG recruitment would be underway shortly with a focus on recruiting members from the South Kingsville and Point Cook area. AH emphasised the importance of tapping into existing member's networks and encouraged members to refer anyone who could add value to the group. AH provided an update on the Millers Road noise attenuation program. WGTP MTIA team have recently sent letters, emails and door knocked properties to reach out to property owners with most interested in taking up the program. Property inspections will be scheduled from next month. JSI announced the launch of a Facebook Group that will provide local residents with summaries of travel disruptions and works notifications. The page launched on 9 November and has over 800 members. JSI explained that Facebook Group differs from other WGTP social media channels as it provides tailored micro messaging to the audience; whereas, the Facebook Page contains broad information for a large audience. JSI indicated that the Facebook Group allows people to post questions related to WGTP to other users and there being a positive take up of questions. JSI encouraged all CLG members to join the group and let their networks know about this opportunity. JS asked if this would be broadened to the East and Tunnel zones considering initial success. JaS said there is potential for that.
5	<p>Questions and discussions from members</p>

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- FS appreciated the opportunity to see the Rosala Avenue overpass on opening day and is looking forward to the Muir Street overpass opening soon.
- BB commented that it is great to see the Rosala Avenue overpass open as it allows people to move around easily. BB also noted that this overpass is more useable and the noise levels on the overpass are much better than previous.
- MDL expressed that traffic congestion in Tarneit is ridiculous. Noting that it is not specifically WGTP but there is an overall impact of continuous roadworks in the area.
- DR agreed that it was fantastic to see the newly opened overpass, noting that it is very impressive and has not created additional travelling distance.
- DR queried the final design for Paringa Road turning onto Millers Road as the removal of the slip lane is causing traffic to bank back as far as Blackshaws Road at peak times as drivers wait for the traffic light. JS advised that the slip lane was not part of the traffic lane configuration and the traffic lights would remain. JS noted that the traffic design is to improve pedestrian access at the 16 shops. ML commented that the traffic lights were permanent but a design work is happening to allow access into Paringa Road. AH confirmed that the design is being looked at and that a decision is yet to be made. DH suggested a mud map will be provided to help clarify design at this intersection.

ACTION AW15: CPBJH to provide mud map detailing Paringa Road and Millers Road intersection.

- GM called for an urgent review of the offset planting plans. GM believes the plans originally submitted were concept but are now final with HBCC and FoLKC not given appropriate time to review the design.
- GM explained that trees have been removed from the Federation Trail and in order to meet Hobsons Bay City Council and States request to ensure a 5:1 tree planting ratio within each impacted municipality, the trees will be planted in land managed by the Cemetery Trust, which is not community land and will not benefit the community.
- JS noted that offset planting plans were provided to members for input and the Project has an Environmental Performance Requirement to plant and provide screening to the Cemetery Trust.
- IB noted there have been numerous discussions with Hobsons Bay City Council and with GM and Hobsons Bay City Council is finalising comments internally before providing them back to the Project.
- JS reiterated that once feedback has been provided, continued discussions can be held to discuss what opportunities for change can be made. JS confirmed that IB has raised these concerns on behalf of GM via a separate coordination meeting between the council and project parties.

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- GM confirmed he is happy for council to advocate his concerns on his behalf. JW reaffirmed that GM should be a participant in reviewing the offset planting plans, which should benefit the community.
- DR questioned if the Cemetery Trust had received funding via the community grants program for landscaping. AH confirmed that no decisions have been made about funding through the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund and that a consideration is maximum benefit for the community.
- JoS supported GM's claims and hopes that a sensible outcome can be made.
- JoS acknowledged the great work on the Rosala Avenue overpass and has taken a group of cyclists for a ride over it.
- JoS commented on the signage at the Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp, which is difficult to see and if it is missed, drivers end up on the West Gate Bridge. JS acknowledged that this has been raised by some drivers and will follow up.
- IB informed that council elections are now completed with four new councillors being onboarded.

Construction update

ML provided the following update on construction matters:

Kororoit Creek

- The structure of the new Kororoit Creek Bridge has been completed on the north and south side, with strengthening works ongoing.
- On November 28 the bridge will be jacked up to replace bearings on the bridge.
- Widening works under the bridge on Grieve Parade are almost complete with most paving layers completed except for asphalt. It is expected to be open to traffic in December 2020.

Millers Road

- The Millers Road six week works campaign was successful that saw the inbound exit and entry ramps closed. Works completed on 5 October and is now in permanent condition.
- The centre median was opened which enabled traffic to move north on the freeway.
- Daytime hydro-demolition works on the Millers Road bridge took place, which was a great outcome for the community as previously these works were conducted at night time.

Rosala Avenue overpass

- The old overpass was removed in May 2020 and trusts lifted the new overpass into place on 26 October, with it being opened to the public on 9 November.
- There is temporary fencing to enable internal cladding to be completed.
- There will be people working on the overpass until December to install the remaining cladding and feature lighting.

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- Temporary security fencing on both overpasses is in place whilst the permanent roof arrives from Europe which is delayed due to COVID19.

Muir Street overpass

- Muir Street overpass is 4 metres longer and 3 tonnes heavier than the Rosala Avenue overpass.
- The West Gate Freeway will be closed in both directions on 21 November to pour the concrete and seven days later it will be repoured.
- Reasonably confident the overpass will open to the public on 9 December, in a similar condition to the Rosala Avenue overpass with temporary security fencing in place.

Noise walls

- Precast panels have been progressively installed around Rosala Avenue and now Grieve Parade, which is expected to be completed by end of November.
- The noise wall installation program will then include the western side of the Newport Bridge, south-side of Muir Street, east-side of Muir Street overpass by end of 2020. Works towards finishing southern side Millers Road on ramp will continue in 2021.

Summer works

- Various parts of the West Gate Freeway and M80 interchange will be closed during a six-week period starting 6 January 2021.
- Princes Freeway to Geelong Road inbound closed. Ramp will be reconstructed and lowered by one metre.
- Geelong Road outbound ramp closed. Demolishing existing piers and jack up existing bridge.
- Grieve Parade inbound and outbound closed between 6-11 January. During this time a section of the bridge is to be demolished, works taking place 24/7. From 11 January until 22 March reconstruction of the new bridge will take place with one lane of traffic in each direction. Various overnight closures to also take place whilst rebuilding works progress.
- As part of these works there is a proposal to close a lane in each direction on the freeway between Millers and Williamstown Roads. This would allow construction of two new lanes on the freeway heading outbound from Williamstown Road.
- AH advised that approvals are still being worked through for the summer works and advised that more detailed information with finalised timings would be provided at the December CLG meeting.
- The Federation Trail is on track to be resealed in early 2021.
- DR sought clarification if it was just the eastern part of the Grieve Parade bridge being replaced. ML confirmed this was correct as it does not meet current design standards.

Questions from members

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- MDL asked if TMBs have started yet. ML confirming not yet.
- JW noticed there was a lot of dust around Footscray Road and wanted to know how that is going to be managed during summer,

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	<p>and if it can be spoken to at the next meeting. AH agreed that it can be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM enquired about the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund and when an announcement is expected. AH indicated the start of December and hopes to be able to step members through the results at the December CLG meeting.

Actions arising and closing

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AJ10: WGTP MTIA to invite DoT to present at a CLG meeting in 2020
 AW13: CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.
 LW8: HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.
 AW15: CPBJH to provide mud map detailing Paringa Road and Millers Road intersection design work.
