

Minutes

Subject: CLG March 2021 North meeting

Date: 25 March 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees

Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Anthony Havers (AnH)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP, MTIA)
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG)	North and West Melbourne Association	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Mikell Borg (MB)	WGTP MTIA
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Simon Dowding (SD)	Transurban (TU)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Carl Brodrick (CB)	TU
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group	Jim Miller (JM)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV

Adrian Havryluk (AH)	Maribyrnong City Council	Vesna Newman (VN)	CPBJH JV
Natalie Reiter (NR)	Department of Transport (DoT)	Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPBJH JV
Nigel Smith (NS)	DoT		
Mit Lolas (ML)	DoT		

Apologies

Victor Ng (VtN)	Seddon	Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Monique Perry (MP)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest		

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Roll call	Secretariat
5.35pm	2	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	3	Project Update	WGTP MTIA / Transurban
5.45pm	4	Actions update	All
5.50pm	5	Inner west truck movements	CPBJH JV
6.00pm	6	Department of Transport	WGTP MTIA
6.15pm	7	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.30pm	8	Questions and discussions from members	All
7.00pm	9	Construction update	CPBJH JV

7.15pm	10	Actions arising and closing	All
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Agenda item	Item detail
1	<p>Roll call</p> <p>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 Department of Transport (DoT) guests for attending
3	<p>Project updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AnH noted the ongoing Environmental and Planning approvals still being sought to approve a licensed facility to take the Project's soil. AnH noted CPBJH required sites to obtain approvals as part of its tender process to select a facility. SD mirrored these comments. AnH advised that the first round of West Gate Neighbourhood – Partnerships recipients has been announced. There was a rigorous review process. The 19 successful projects included some council applications and many with co-contributions that will help grow the level of community investment and provide great community outcomes and legacy projects. MW questioned the timing of temporary soil removal from the southern inbound portal to the northern portal site on Whitehall Street. VN confirmed that this activity has not started yet as CPBJH is waiting on approvals from EPA and state government team. The community will be consulted prior to these works commencing particularly those on Whitehall Street. MW asked for an update on stockpiles mentioned at the December 2020 meeting and what mitigations have been put in place. VN noted that the stockpiles were sprayed and some of the material has already been shifted on. <p>Actions update</p> <p>AJ10 action to remain open. JW noted that further information is to be sought from DoT and an update to be provided prior to the May meeting.</p> <p>AJ11 action to remain open.</p> <p>AJ8 – action to remain open. TC read the following statement “For the City of Melbourne: 952 ‘trees’ are to be removed – this includes ‘trees’ categorised as ‘immature, young & mature’ and classified as health/structure of “very poor, poor, fair and good”. 887 ‘trees’ will be retained.” FA questioned where the trees will be planted and the quality of the trees that have been removed. MU commented that not all those being nominated for removal are classified as a ‘tree’ and that the final number is a determining factor in the replacement ratio. He noted he was not in a position to provide those details and will invite the environment manager to attend one of the next CLG meetings.</p>
4	<p>Inner west truck movements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MU advised of three gazetted loads with three columns being transported on Saturday 27 March. The loads will adhere to local road curfews. Loads are expected on Somerville Road at 9am, 11am and midday. MTAG has been informed of delivery. MU stated that two large (superload) deliveries have been rescheduled for April. Timings often change and closer to the date notifications will be distributed to relevant stakeholders.
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Department of Transport

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- NR presented on the Arden Vision and the prioritising of active transport in the area.
- NR stated that the aim is to minimise the introduction of cars travelling North Melbourne to get to Arden.
- ML commented that DoT's role is to calm traffic around the area whilst acknowledging that there still needs to be vehicle access to the area.
- ML noted that the development will also consider environmental and heritage impacts with a significant investment to creating open space.
- ML advised that accessibility is important with creating good links to public transport, walking and cycling paths and the reduction in speed limits on roads.
- AB raised concern over the traffic management and the impact of removing a traffic lane for a cycling lane. ML noted that if there is not viable parking options but there is good walking / cycling options most people make the rational choice and would walk / cycle.
- FA asked for clarification from DOT on what the traffic modelling numbers and impact is to the North and West Melbourne communities once major projects are finished, and traffic changes occur.
- PB questioned the relevance of the presentation as it does not meet the action. NR to present traffic volume data at the next meeting.

WGTP MTIA update

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- MB informed that \$6.4m will be distributed to 19 community projects across Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong Council areas that will create community connectedness and cohesion.
- MB briefly discussed Yarraville Glory Soccer Club and Footscray Community Art Centre's program and how the funding will transform those community groups.
- MB noted that there will be other opportunities for local groups to apply for funding with the grants stream opening shortly and another round of partnerships yet to come.
- AnH acknowledged that the guidelines are broad to attract a larger applicant pool.
- AnH stated that there is an opportunity for CLG to be involved in further reviews such as helping to prioritise key areas.
- AnH noted that an aim was to ensure community groups were able to access funding for projects, and there was feedback from community members that the funds should not replace projects that Councils would normally fund.
- MW questioned if unsuccessful applicants receive feedback and guidance on their application. LE confirmed that all applicants are sent letters and groups can seek feedback and may apply again for future funding rounds.
- MW stated that the guidelines are vague and questioned who made the decision around the successful projects. MW asked for justification of the Williamstown Beach Jetty, the Deakin University Art project as the University does not have a campus in the WGTP area and the Spotswood RSL grant, commenting that the RSL has assets of over \$1.6 billion and income of more than \$300 million of which much comes from gambling. LE advised that in line with the guidelines, WGTP MTIA leads, manages and decides on the successful projects. This process includes consultation with a number of independent parties including CLG members, councils (where they are not conflicted) and relevant government departments. LE advised that there are two internal committees of separate membership within the WGTP MTIA team.
- MW asked where the money for the fund came from and suggested that there is a misconception in the public about the funds are to compensate the community that is most impacted. LE confirmed it is wholly State government funding through WGTP MTIA and that the Grants program is established in response to the Environmental Performance Requirement for the Community Involvement and Participation Fund.
- AnH noted that a strict probity process was undertaken.
- JW noted the extensive review process undertaken by WGTP MTIA and thanked those members who participated. JW requested that a short statement be provided by WGTP MTIA providing more context around the review process and asked whether it was appropriate for the co-contributions to be announced for each of the successful projects.

Questions and discussions from members

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- AB noted ongoing frustrations with truck movements in the area and clarified that vehicles are not running on local roads adjacent to Williamstown Road. LE confirmed that AB's comments and pictures from the February 2021 meeting were passed onto the Department of Transport for further investigation. NS acknowledged that there had been recent changes to traffic flow arrangements in the area.
- PG expressed continued community concern regarding noise at Railway Place. LE stated that there have been meetings with the resident and that the project parties are confident that the West Gate Tunnel design will meet project noise obligations. This was confirmed by CB.
- PB requested that information confirming this be provided to the City of Melbourne.
- LE advised that the matter is not straightforward and not due to one project, that the area has long-standing rail and road infrastructure adjacent to it.
- PG suggested that that he would like to take the issue up directly with the state government and wanted to know the escalation points.
- **ACTION: AN10 Project parties are to provide information about noise mitigation and how it is expected to meet project guidelines. ACTION: AN11 WGTP MTIA is to continue discussions with DoT and their response for mitigating noise from road and rail projects.**
- MW reiterated previous points regarding the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund Partnership announcements as he has had discussions during the past week with community members unhappy with some of the successful projects (noted above).
- FA advised that two months ago she had discussed changes on the alignment of the veloway with CPBJH and sought an update. MU confirmed that FA's feedback was incorporated into a proposal for further review. MU to contact FA directly regarding a time frame on a decision.
- CF noted that the Yarraville Festival was being held on Sunday 28 March and thanked the West Gate Tunnel Project for participating.
- CF acknowledged MW's comments and believes the process was thorough and fair. Applications were based and assessed on what information was provided by the applicant and that it was good to have the opportunity to participate in the reviews. CF reminded the group that the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund is a great initiative and not compulsory but will leave lasting legacy in the community.
- AH discussed the Footscray Wharf Promenade progress along the Maribyrnong River which is now taking shape.
- AH noted the Harris Street closure in July this year which will combine with the Cowper Street works.

Construction update

VN provided the following update on the Tunnel zone:

- Excavation of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) retrieval shaft continues at the southern outbound portal.
- 40% of the roof beams have been completed.
- The southern inbound portal has been excavated to 30 metres.
- Bored piling work, which support the walls ahead of removing the excavated material, is progressing well.
- Vast activity taking place at Williamstown Road to complete piling works for Hyde Street ramps.
- Wall construction around TBM using the slip form technique, which gradually moves up in the TBM shaft.

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JM provided the following update on the East zone:

- On Sims Road there is a temporary overhang structure, where scaffolding works will soon be taking place.
- Ongoing gas and utility works on Mackenzie Road.
- Large concrete segments on the west end of Footscray Road are sitting in the centre median.
- The Port Truckie Diner which was previously under CityLink has been relocated to a new location on Footscray Road between Toll and the old Melbourne Markets.

- Transmission gas line works have been completed on Footscray Road's service lane.
- Upcoming works on Footscray Road with gas works and hydrotesting.
- Marine piling works on Moonee Ponds Creek to commence by the end of March.
- Piling works to commence on the Wurundjeri Way extension.

Actions arising and closing

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- **ACTION: AN10 Project parties are to provide information about noise mitigation and how it is expected to meet project guidelines.**
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 - Meeting concluded at 7.29pm
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