

Minutes

Subject: CLG February 2021 joint meeting

Date: 25 February 2021 **Time:** 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees

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Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Anthony Havers (AnH)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	David Clements (DC)	Transurban (TU)
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Callum Fogarty (CaF)	TU
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Jack Herbert (JH)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	David Hill (DH)	CPBJH JV
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Mark Latham (ML)	CPBJH JV

Attendees			
Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon	Vesna Newman (VN)	CPBJH JV
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH JV
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington Association	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Monique Perry (MP)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Jim Miller (JM)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Jenika Rivera (JR)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council		
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne		
Adrian Havryluk (ADH)	Maribyrnong City Council		
Dean Ellis (DE)	Wyndham Council		

Apologies

Attendees			
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Peter Gerrand (PG)	North and West Melbourne Association	John Stirk (JS)	BayWest Bug
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Roll call	Secretariat

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5.35pm	2	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.45pm	3	Project update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	4	Actions update	All
6.00pm	5	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.25pm	6	Questions and discussions from members	All
6.50pm	7	Construction update	CPBJH
7.20pm	8	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 to the first CLG meeting of 2021 JW listed apologies and commenced the meeting. JW advised that Anuj Malhotra of Spotswood had resigned from his CLG membership and thanked him for his contributions. JW welcomed new member Dean Ellis, representing Wyndham City Council on the West CLG.
3	<p>Project updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LE advised that there are three landfill facilities undergoing various approvals for soil management disposal. Environmental approvals have been re-submitted for Maddingley Brown Coal, Cleanaway and Hi-Quality, with all three waiting on final approvals. Cleanaway and Maddingley Brown Coal have received planning approvals. DC applauded the significant achievements during the summer works campaign and extensive works along the West Gate Freeway corridor. DC emphasised that the expected level of PFAS in the soil is extremely low and less than what is deemed to be safe. DC acknowledged that there is a huge amount of work to find a robust solution for tunnel soil disposal, with a result expected later in the year. DC explained that Transurban does not believe the West Gate Tunnel Project will be completed by 2023 and is not be able to commit to a completion date at this time. DC discussed the on-going significant works planned to take place throughout 2021 on the West Gate Freeway and East zones. DC confirmed that there had been a safety incident at the LS Precast facility in Benalla. There was an uncontrolled movement of steel form which struck an individual. The worker received immediate medical treatment and is now in rehabilitation and expected to go home in coming days. WorkSafe is investigating the cause of the incident and will release their findings. Measures have been taken across the site to ensure safety where

- rigging equipment is in use.
- AB inquired about the OHS framework at LS Precast and sought clarification about the ratio of the health and safety committee between managers and employees. DC confirmed that the framework has been developed in line with statutory requirements and is confident that CPBJH follow the correct policies and procedures. **ACTION: AJ11 Project parties will respond to AB in relation to queries about LS Precast at Benalla before the next meeting.**
- MW sought an update from the November 2020 meeting regarding the covering of stockpiles. DC explained that a significant volume of soil has been removed from stockpiles to date and transported to landfill facilities. MW questioned what approvals were needed to complete this action. DC clarified that appropriate approvals are in place for this activity. Approvals are still being sought for disposal of soil excavated from tunnelling.
- AH asked if there is any soil being stored in the big shed on Whitehall Street. DC confirmed that there is currently no soil in the shed. DC advised that there is an approach being worked through that will see soil transported from the stockpiles at the Southern Inbound Portal site to the Whitehall Street shed (Tunnelling Hub), where the soil will be placed in storage bins before being taken to an approved landfill facility. Approvals are still being sought before this temporary soil movement will occur. AH questioned if these truck movements will go through residential areas. DC acknowledged the community sensitivities around trucks on residential roads.

Actions update

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- AJ10 action to remain open. LE advised that DoT will be attending the March and April CLG meetings.
- AW13 action to remain open. TC read a statement on behalf of CPBJH. *Further feedback was provided by FOLKC and HBCC at the end of January 2021 on landscaping plans in this area. This feedback is currently being reviewed for incorporation where possible. The Project will continue to work with relevant stakeholders to finalise the plan and share with the group when available.*
- AW15 action to remain open. DH advised CPBJH are waiting on information from Hobsons Bay City Council and Department of Transport.
- AN8 action remain open. CPBJH JV to provide the total number of trees removed.
- AN9 action closed. JM advised that superloads previously communicated to travel at the start of the year have been delayed, likely to be re-scheduled for April. MU noted some gazetted loads are coming through to the site. MW asked if there were any other loads coming and would like to know how the truck numbers may have changed since the November meeting with MTAG. AH also noted Council are keen to be updated. JW advised this action to be closed as truck movements will be a new standing agenda item at CLG monthly meetings.

WGTP MTIA update

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- LE discussed CLG recruitment that attracted 24 new applicants, noting a very positive response to the social media information. In response to CF asking about CLG members staying onboard until the project completion, LE noted that the Terms of Reference do include an 18-month review time. However, she also recognised that it is a voluntary role and members will come and go. LE was appreciative of members attendance and contributions.
- LE reassured that there would be an announcement regarding the successful Partnership projects for the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund shortly.

Questions and discussions from members

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- AB raised concerns regarding traffic congestion and truck movements performing rat runs on local streets surrounding Williamstown Road, naming Powell Street, Salisbury Street and Francis Street. DH acknowledged these legacy issues for the area and that the WGTP will help alleviate some of these issues in the future. LE confirmed that AB's concerns have been passed on to the Department of Transport (DoT) for investigation.
- FS questioned the possibility of opening the trail at Old Geelong Road earlier. DH advised that previous delays with Telstra services in the area have been resolved and works will commence over coming months but its opening is contingent on its

- ability to connect to the wider system.
- GB commented on the upcoming cycling path related works anticipated to commence in April around Shepherd Bridge and waiting for that to start.
- BB explained that with the summer works there were considerable traffic problems and drivers were rat running between streets. In some instances, a 10- minute trip took 1.5 hours during the peak period.
- BB questioned if the volume of traffic experienced on Millers Road is comparable to what it will be like when the WGTP is completed.
- BB noted the difficulties for drivers exiting Primula Avenue onto Millers Road.
- MDL expressed the difficulties in travelling between Werribee and Footscray due to the traffic congestion.
- FA praised CPBJH for their assistance with design changes being made around Moonee Ponds Creek.
- FA conveyed disappointment regarding DoT's update at the December 2020 meeting and their inability to provide a timeline of results to the study. FA noted that the community is anxious and wants to know what traffic impacts there will be and the mitigation methods. FA noted that there are local impacts from Metro Tunnel Project. LE confirmed that DoT will attend the March (North) and April (West) CLG meetings.
- GM mirrored BB's comments regarding traffic congestion on Millers Road and access from Primula Avenue.
- GM noted ongoing discussions around the Bluestone Bridge area of the trail.
- CF agreed that traffic congestion is an ongoing issue in the area.
- CF advised of a situation where the fire brigade was called and had to double back through the local streets to reach Mclvor Reserve.
- MW requested latest updates on superload information and any other truck movements information that the community should be made aware of.
- MW raised concern for DC's earlier comment regarding soil movements being transferred to the Whitehall St shed and how this won't impact local roads. AS confirmed that trucks from the Southern Inbound Portal site would enter the West Gate Freeway at Williamstown Road on-ramp, and travel over the West Gate Bridge to CityLink, using Footscray Road, Moreland Street and Whitehall Street. AS advised that there will be at most six trucks per hour.
- MW asked for confirmation that the future trucks to remove tunnelling soil would also use Footscray Road. AS confirmed this and MW was reassured with the information provided.
- PB highlighted that the Railway Place and Miller Reserve works are ongoing and the park has not opened for an extended period of time, noting there had been concern from the community. MU questioned the number of complaints as WGTP has not received any directly. MU and PB to discuss this separately on 26 February.
- PB sought clarification from CPBJH if they will provide design information to help address community concern regarding noise at Railway Place.
- AH advised that works on the Footscray Wharf Promenade Project are progressing well.
- DR asked if the slip lane at the Millers Road intersection (south side of the West Gate Freeway) could be reopened while the pedestrian crossing is closed as this may help with traffic flow.
- IB acknowledged ongoing community concern regarding truck traffic and congestion.
- MDL, GM and CF are very keen to hear news about the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund.

Construction update

ML provided the below update for the West zone:

- Section of the Grieve Parade bridge was demolished between the 6-11 January.
- While the bridge is rebuilt, traffic has been reconfigured to one lane in each direction over the bridge, with the bridge fully opening on 22 March 2021.
- 18 beams were lifted over three consecutive nights onto the Grieve Parade bridge, each weighing 50 tonne.
- Noise wall installation progressing, with 1100 panels expected to be installed by the end of February 2021.
- Project parties worked with DoT and HBCC to address concerns regarding access from Primula Avenue onto Millers Road. The short-term solution is to move the stop line 3.5m forward to improve the sightline which will be monitored for six weeks. DH

noted that this information has been provided to all community members who raised significant concerns about the issue. DH encouraged the community to provide feedback during the six-week period once it starts.

- Columns being erected on Williamstown Road for the Hyde Street ramps on both sides of the West Gate Freeway. Night works taking place to establish a centre median works area on Williamstown Road.

AS provided the below update for the Tunnel zone:

- Preparation works are continuing in the northern portal site located on Whitehall Street until tunnelling starts.
- Work is progressing at the Southern Outbound and Southern Inbound portal sites. AS highlighting the location where the tunnel entrances will break through.

MU provided the below update for the East zone:

- Piling along the east bank of the Maribyrnong River is complete.
- Dahlenburg Street diversion is also complete. This included a number of new temporary drainage pipes and pits to manage storm water completed.
- Along Footscray Road a portal was installed using a remote-control operated piece of machinery.
- Work is continuing at Railway Place and Millers Reserve with a precast column installed which will assist with the pedestrian / cycling path to be built.

Actions arising and closing

- LE noted that a combination of virtual and in-person CLG meetings will be held throughout 2021 all going well with COVID and in line with government guidelines.

Actions:

- AJ10 WGTP MTIA to invite Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021.
- AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.
- AW15 CPBJH to provide mud map detailing Paringa Road and Millers Road intersection design work. Note that the map has been provided to all CLG West members. Action updated to reflect continuous discussions around the Millers Road interchange design.
- LW8 HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.
- AN8 CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.
- AJ11 Project parties will respond to AB in relation to queries about LS Precast at Benalla before the next meeting.