

Minutes

Subject: CLG May 2021 North Group meeting

Date: 13 May 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP, MTIA)
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Bronwyn Neeson (BN)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG)	North and West Melbourne Association	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Tobias Jones (TJ)	Transurban (TU)
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Callum Fogarty (CaF)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Vesna Newman (VN)	CPB Contractors John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Havryluk (AH)	Maribyrnong City Council	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
		Jim Miller (JM)	CPBJH JV

Apologies

Greg Cain (GC)	VTA	Monique Perry (MP)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest	Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Project Update	WGTP MTIA
5.45pm	3	Actions update	All
5.50pm	4	Inner west truck movements	All
6.00	5	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.20pm	6	Tea break	All
6.35pm	7	Questions and discussions from members	All
7.05pm	8	Construction update	CPBJH JV
7.15pm	9	Actions arising and closing	All

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Agenda item	Item detail
	Welcome introductions and apologies
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW welcomed all members to the first CLG North face to face meeting in more than 12 months• All previous attendees reintroduced themselves and new attendees were introduced.• TC explained the Covid guidelines that everyone has to adhere to.
	Project updates
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LE provided an update regarding soil management and advised that two of the three proposed sites, being Maddingly Brown Coal in Bacchus Marsh and High Quality in Bulla have received Planning and Environmental approvals. The Cleanaway site in Ravenhall, has planning approval and is expected to receive its environmental approval shortly.• LE emphasised that once these approvals are in place the tender process, being run by the Project Builder, is expected to be finalised.• CF questioned why three soil sites need to be approved before the tender process can start. VN advised that it is a competitive tender process and noted that all sites must adhere to strict EPA requirements.• CaF noted the successful community open day held on 8 May with a total of 85 people at various sessions held throughout the day. The event was managed in a Covid-safe manner with pre-registrations and capped group numbers. Attendees were provided with a construction overview of the project and appreciated hearing from the engineering team. JW echoed that it was a fantastic day and gave great insight into all of the work underway on the Project.•
	Actions update
	AJ10: WGTP MTIA to invite Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021.
	<p>In lieu of attendance at this meeting, LE advised a proposal to all interested North Group members to meet with DoT at a standalone meeting in the next two weeks to discuss this action and allowing time to cover the matter adequately. LE asked the group if this was amenable or would they rather DoT present at the next meeting. Members expressed disappointment with DoT not attending the CLG meeting proper, but agreed to a separate meeting to be held soon. WGTP MTIA to arrange meeting with DoT.</p>
3	<p>LE noted that following the DoT presentation at the March 2021 meeting, it was evident that the Action required further response. The specific questions that members have emailed to the secretariat have been passed on to DoT to address and will be shared with all North Group members ahead of the proposed session. Action remains open.</p>
	AJ11: Project parties will respond to AB in relation to queries about LS Precast at Benalla before the next meeting.
	<p>CaF advised that CPBJH is still investigating and will contact AB shortly. Action remains open.</p>
	AN8: CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.
	<p>JW reminded that tree numbers had been provided at the March 2021 meeting. FA indicated that more detailed information on what trees will be replaced is needed. MU noted that he had invited CPBJH's environmental manager to attend and discuss further; however, was unable to make it to this meeting. JM indicated that project parties have not yet agreed the definition of a tree, and that is an integral point in relation to tree numbers.</p>

FA asked if there was a national set definition, JM advised that there is not, which is part of the challenge to this aspect of the project. Action remains open.

AN10: Project parties are to provide information about noise mitigation and how it is expected to meet project guidelines.

- FA advised that she felt that some Actions were not prescriptive enough. In order to address this, while the members were all together, the AN10 Action was revised to **“Project parties are requested to provide information with the modelling and data assumptions to demonstrate noise compliance of the Wurundjeri Way extension to residents along Railway Place West Melbourne.”**
- LE advised that as communicated previously, the project view is that noise from the completed Project will be in line with requirements and that noise testing will be undertaken once the West Gate Tunnel Project is completed. LE noted that technical teams are looking into what information and documentation can be provided.
- PG emphasised the importance of demonstrating how compliance was reached.

AN11: WGTP MTIA is to continue discussions with DoT and their response for mitigating noise from road and rail projects.

- FA stated that part of the issue around this point is that projects only seem to look at individual impact and not the compound noise effects. LE noted that point, and agreed that in this case, the cumulative noise impact is beyond the scope of this Project, however given it has been raised in this forum, we would do our best to continue the conversation with relevant areas of Government. Action to remain open.
- In light of agreeing more specific wording for this action, it was agreed to be updated to **“WGTP MTIA to coordinate a meeting with the Department of Transport to discuss mitigating combined noise from rail and road infrastructure at Railway Place, West Melbourne.”** Action to remain open.

Inner west truck movements

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- JM noted that truck movements were highlighted later on in the presentation.
- No comments received from community members at this stage.

WGTP MTIA update

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- LE announced that the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, Grants stream is now open with applications closing on 18 June. Applications are sought for projects across three funding categories up to the value of \$100,000.
<https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/community/grants/neighbourhoodfund>
- LE noted the Footscray Wharf and Promenade Project is underway. The \$12 million project has been 50/50 jointly funded by WGTP MTIA on behalf of the State Government and Maribyrnong City Council.
- AH presented on the recent wharf developments noting that timber panels have been installed, the wharf embankment fully excavated, and advised that abutment works are 90% complete.
- AH advised that when completed in April 2022 the area on the river will be activated with improved walking and cycling paths, landscaping and BBQ facilities.
- CF and PG questioned if the pontoon's depth will suitable for a canoe / kayak / rowing scull to launch. Note: Post meeting, AH confirmed that it will be a floating type pontoon which has a lowered section at the southern end to allow small watercraft to be easily moved in and out of the water.

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Tea break

Questions and discussions from members

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- AB commented on increased truck activity travelling on Footscray Road and Sims Street.
- FA advised that the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek, the Kensington Association and the North and West Melbourne Association have written to the Planning Minister to

seek support for a design change to the horseshoe segment of the veloway further to consultation with them by CPBJH. FA noted the community support changing the curved section to a straight configuration as they feel this is a better outcome for the community.

- FA noted the realignment will allow for more extensive plantings at ground level, enhancing the biodiversity and amenity values for the open space/wetlands area adjacent to Moonee Ponds Creek).
- LE explained that the horseshoe bend in the project design was a unique element of CPBJH's winning design that went through the public EES approvals process. As agreed with the project builder, any changes to the design will be considered once a comprehensive assessment is undertaken. A decision has not been made on the outcome at this time.
- FA asked about how long it would be until a decision was made.
- LE reiterated that that review process is underway, and would be hopeful of a fairly quick resolution given that there would be desire to align with the construction program.
- PB also noted that the City of Melbourne prefers a straight configuration.
- GB advised that there are currently no concerns to the cycling paths along Footscray Road and Shepherd's Bridge despite the recent narrowing of sections of the shared cycling and walking path.
- AH noted that the Cowper Streets works that intersect with West Gate Tunnel works along Harris Street are now proposed to start in August 2021.

Construction update

AS provided the following on the Tunnel construction zone:

- Ongoing beam installation at the Southern Outbound Portal with the excavation of the retrieval area.
- Ongoing excavation at dive structure at the Southern Inbound Portal.
- Civil works preparation around Youell Street including bored piling to be undertaken near Lyons Street.

JM provided the following update on the Port to City construction zone:

- Works are progressing well along the Maribyrnong River with excavations, shoring and welding continuing.
- VN noted that the area will be regenerated when the Project is completed with the improved walking and cycling paths at the northern portal and basketball courts which will complement the Footscray Wharf Promenade Project.
- The walking and cycling path at Sims Street has been updated with new line markings. Continued engagement with Bicycle Network Victoria and other cycling organisations.
- Four large pre-cast concrete crosshead deliveries have been made to Footscray Road over the past two weeks. MU noted that these deliveries occurred in the early hours - at 2am and travelled along local inner west roads. He noted that no community enquiries were received. JM explained that concrete match cast segments for the elevated section of freeway above Footscray Road would be coming from Benalla via the Hume Highway and CityLink.
- Marine piling is underway at Moonee Ponds Creek which and this will set the foundation to construct a new bridge over the creek.
- PG questioned when works at Wurundjeri Way will commence. JM advised end of May 2021 with drilled piling activities to take place. He noted that these works are quieter and less disruptive than other methods of piling.
- MU noted a rail occupation was taking place shortly for nearby rail works, and the West Gate Tunnel Project would take advantage of that closure to undertake some works.

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