Minutes

**Subject: North CLG Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 21 May 2020 Time: 5:30-7:15pm**

**Zoom meeting – details found in email on 6 May 2020**

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| **Attendees** |  |  |  |
| Jim Williamson (JW) | Chair | Peter Sammut (PS) | West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP MTIA) |
| Athanasios (Arthur) Bregiannis (AB) | Yarraville | Anthony Havers (AH) | WGTP MTIA |
| Peter Gerrand (PG) | West Melbourne | Liz Evans (LE) | WGTP MTIA |
| Victor Ng (VG) | Seddon | Jason Setchell (JS) | WGTP MTIA |
| Con Frescos (CF) | Yarraville | Alex Woods (AW) | WGTP MTIA |
| Fran Araneda (FA) | Kensington | David Clements (DC) | Transurban (TU) |
| Sue La Greca (SL) | LeadWest | Tobias Jones (TJ) | TU |
| Garry Brennan (GB) | Bike Network Victoria | Jack Herbert (JH) | TU |
| Peter Kartsidimas (PK) | RACV | Tatiana Echeverri (TE) | TU |
| Greg Cain (GC) | VTA | Alan Platt (AP) | CPBJH Joint Venture |
| Adrian Havryluk (AHav) | Maribyrnong City Council | Mario Urban (MU) | CPBJH JV |
| Paul Baggeridge (PB) | City of Melbourne | Vesna Newman (VN) | CPBJH JV |
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| **Apologies** |  |  |  |
| Tony Le-Ngyuen | Sarah Grace | Monique Perry | Greg Cain |
| Martin Wurt |  |  |  |

Agenda Items

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| Time | # | Item Detail | Owner |
| 5.30pm | 1 | Roll Call | Secretariat |
| 5.40pm | 2 | Welcome, introductions & apologies | Chair |
| 6.00pm | 3 | Questions and discussion from members | CLG Members |
| 6.25pm | 4 | Actions update | All |
| 6.35pm | 5 | West Gate Tunnel Project, MTIA update | WGTP MTIA |
| 6.50pm | 6 | Construction update | CPBJH JV |
| 7.15pm | 7 | Actions arising and close | All |

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| **Agenda Item** | **Item Detail** |
| 1 | **Roll Call**   * AW briefed the group with guidelines of how to participate in the Zoom Meeting |
| 2 | **Welcome, introduction and apologies.**  Meeting opened at 5:30pm.   * PS acknowledged that Victoria still remained in a state of emergency and that the state government will soon consider whether or not to extend current restrictions. * PS detailed that although the WGTP is exempt from restrictions, strict safety protocols were in place, with no confirmed cases of COVID-19 across any of the sites. * As a consequence of the state of emergency this has meant some communications have been restricted, including through the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund. We are continuing to assess the 65 partnership applications that we have received, however grants will now be launched in the back half of the year. * DC confirmed with CLG members that Transurban has revised the project’s completion date and that it is now expected to finish in 2023. He outlined the challenges the project is experiencing in regard to securing a disposal facility which is complex and still ongoing. * DC outlined that while the project has experienced challenges, there still was a huge volume of work going on, with close to 3,000 people working on any given day. * DC said the project parties are working constructively together. * FA noted Transurban’s complex commercial issues and asked if there was any likelihood of contract termination. DC explained that they were determined to finish this project, and the contract remained on foot. |
| 3 | **Questions and discussion from members**   * AB noted that the public relations component of the job is an important one and that the matters are complex on large projects. * FA stated an interest in seeing what the project traffic impacts will be in the North and West Melbourne areas. In regards to Moonee Ponds Creek, she advised of a very productive meeting with the Joint Venture about what plant species could be used in that area. She described it as a great exercise for the community to be involved in, noting it was pleasing that other longstanding community members were able to provide recommendations and input. FA thanked VN for her assistance. * CF noted that with community sport set to begin in June, it will pose an increase in traffic. He mentioned that some people in the community talk about noise levels but nothing specific to report. * JW commented that he has found the influx of notifications and fact sheets on soil management particularly helpful and asked LE to elaborate. * LE outlined a range of information is available on the website. In terms of where to find the spoil management fact sheets and other related information, go to [*www.westgatetunnelproject/construction/spoil-management*](http://www.westgatetunnelproject/construction/spoil-management). * PS stated that there are many useful links and diagrams on PFAS which help to provide context, comparing expected tunnel spoil pfas levels to recreational and drinking water standards, and to levels at someother sites in Australia. * FA asked whether it was possible for members to receive notifications on when information is updated or added to the website rather than having to search it out. LE confirmed that that could be arranged. * GB outlined that bike riders are experiencing changes in riding habits. There are many more recreational riders, meaning there is hardly any room on bike tracks. He wasn’t sure if Footscray Road had become a hot spot for riders, and since we live in unprecedented times it wasn’t appropriate to accumulate data. He believed there will be long term changes in the future however he believed no one was planning or making the most of the opportunity to think strategically. He noted that there have not been any complaints raised by riders, although there are a number of areas of work underway. * JW thanked members for the updates. |
| 4 | **Actions update**   * LN6: LE stated that she was looking to close this action unless there was further comment. JW stated that the action has been long standing and asked if there was any obvious reason why this couldn’t be closed be closed. Action was closed. * AJ9: LE mentioned that the action was in relation to a question asked by John Stirk, member of CLG West team. The action was raised at that meeting and is ongoing for the West. Action was closed. * AJ10: LE explained that DOT has given commitment to provide an update at the joint July CLG meeting. This action will be left open, awaiting update in July. |
| 5 | **West Gate Tunnel, MTIA update**   * JS provided members with an update on navigating through the WGTP website and outlined where specific tabs for key information was. |
| 5 | **Construction update**   * AP provided an update on construction activity in the east and tunnel zones – including Footscray Road, Maribyrnong River and Northern and Southern portal. AP also described how the project has adapted to the challenges COVID-19 has impacted on construction. * AF asked whether construction was prepared to combat flooding from Moonee Ponds Creek. AP said that they had plans in place to mobilise affected areas and make sure it was safe after major weather events. * JW asked for any more questions and announced the next CLG meeting is on 23 July. |
| 7 | **Actions arising and close**   * No new actions arose from the meeting. * JW closed the meeting. |