

Meeting Minutes

Date: 22 May 2026
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Monash & Clayton Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 1
Chair: Noel Jones
Minute Taker: Ewan Hickey-Kerr (SRLA)

| Attendees | Apologies |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Jones, GHD (Chair) Campbell Frost, on behalf of The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh Matthew Veale, Monash City Council (MCC) Uyen Tran, MCC Lisa Supple, Clayton RSL Ryan Parker, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Shashika Pathirana, SRLA Daniel Wall, SRLA Ewan Hickey-Kerr, SRLA Christian Dolezal, Suburban Connect (SC) Jason Bates, CSIRO Anna Philips, community representative James Sun, community representative Michael Newbond, Clayton RSL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex Francis, CTA Richard Chau, CTA Nick Davis, CSIRO Lachlan Wolff, MCC The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh Michael Benson, Monash University Shane Butler, Monash Health Raul Pradhan, Notting Hill Neighbourhood House Sharon Daujat, St Peter's Primary Frank Golotta, Clayton Traders Association (CTA) Jim Mademlis, Clayton Traders Association (CTA) |

| Item | Discussion topic | Who |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome and housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Jones (NJ) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 11:03 am with an Acknowledgement of Country. NJ acknowledged that the reference groups between Clayton and Monash have now merged into one combined reference group. NJ paid respect to the late John Saunders from the Clayton RSL, on behalf of the PRG. NJ provided an overview of the agenda. NJ recapped previous actions, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) to provide update on parking solutions at next PRG meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC noted parking strategy in Clayton, including more workers using public transport. SC continue to monitor, noting no complaints received from community in recent months. SC confirmed workforce parking onsite in Monash. Anna Phillips (AP) queried how SRLA were exploring feedback from other community groups on active transport. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA confirmed Monash City Council (MCC) and SRLA are in regular contact and will share feedback relevant to both parties. | NJ |
| 2. | <p>Presentations from SRLA and SC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suburban Connect (SC) referred to the slides to provide an update on current and upcoming works in Clayton, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalising diaphragm wall construction, and site preparation for excavation works | SC |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming site excavation works from mid-2026 to mid-2027 which will include increased truck movements, soil removal, installation of steel capping beams, and covering the station box ○ Working hours for station box excavation will be 7am Mondays to midnight Saturdays. ● SC referred to the slides to give an update on current and upcoming works in Monash, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site establishment works for the start of diaphragm wall construction, noting site offices and facilities have now been established ○ An explanation of diaphragm wall works, noting working hours will increase to up to 7am Mondays to midnight Saturdays in June. ● SRLA and SC provided an update on community engagement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of recent community activities in Clayton and Monash including, attending Clayton Festival, project pop-ups, doorknocks and engagement with local traders ○ A video celebrating the work of the 'Community Crew' who have now completed over 500 jobs helping residents and traders around the construction sites. ● SRLA provided an update on structure planning, noting Standing Advisory Committee assessed the draft documents and provided feedback, which is now with the Minister for Planning for approval. Gazettal of the final structure plans and planning scheme amendment is expected in 2026. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anna Phillips (AP) asked if SRLA engages active transport groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: SRLA to investigate internally regarding active transport group engagement. ● AP noted concerns raised by Monash University staff and PhD students regarding potential construction impacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP acknowledged the current mitigation and modelling processes in place but noted that it would be beneficial for SRLA to explore opportunities to engage Monash University staff and students regarding construction. ○ Action: SRLA to explore opportunities to engage Monash University staff and students regarding construction. ● Jason Bates (JB) queried who the points of contact at the project are for CSIRO regarding construction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA confirmed regular contact with CSIRO technical leads. ○ SC confirmed meetings have been held with CSIRO on the timing of works. | |
| | <p>Questions and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJ noted the next PRG meeting date set for 31 July 2026 ● NJ thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 11:44am | All |

| Item | Stakeholder | Details | Status / due | Owner |
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| New Actions | | | | |
| 1. | PRG | SRLA to investigate internally regarding active transport group engagement. | OPEN | SRLA |
| 2. | PRG | SRLA to explore opportunities to engage Monash University staff and students regarding construction. | OPEN | SRLA |

