

Minutes

Subject: CLG June 2021 West meeting

Date: 17 June 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Jack Herbert (JH)	Transurban (TU)
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Jala Shekho (JaS)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Tim Newhouse (TN)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Mark Latham (ML)	CPBJH JV
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council		
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council		

Apologies

Dean Ellis (DE)	Wyndham Council	John Stirk (JS)	BayWest Bug
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Project Update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Actions update	All
6.00pm	4	<p>Members update</p> <p>We would like members to provide an update as relevant on any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions does your community have about the WGTP? • How have you been communicating information with your community (i.e. at meetings, emails, social media etc)? And what additional resources would you like to help facilitate that? • What has been the response and feedback to those communications? • What is the current WGTP sentiment in your community? How have you gauged this sentiment? • What is happening in your community at the moment? What do you have coming up that you plan to share WGTP information at? 	Community Members
6.30pm	5	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA

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6.45pm	6	Construction update	CPBJH JV
7.05pm	7	Questions from members Opportunity for members to ask questions regarding any topics covered in the presentation.	All
7.15pm	8	Actions arising and closing	All

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1	<p>Welcome introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC conducted a role call and reminded members of virtual meeting guidelines. JW welcomed members and acknowledged country.
2	<p>Project updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AH noted that Maddingley Brown Coal, Hi-Quality and Cleanaway facilities had all been granted environmental and planning approvals and the site selection process for soil disposal is well underway. AH advised that there are direction hearings taking place regarding the Planning Scheme Amendment and noted that this does not prevent a site from being selected. AH acknowledged recent media coverage incorrectly reporting PFAS levels. AH clarified that test results indicate low levels and that large amounts are expected to be below the threshold.
3	<p>Actions update</p> <p>The Chair noted that updates were circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>AJ10 WGTP MTIA to invite Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021.</p> <p>Action has been closed from a CLG West perspective and is expected to be closed at the joint July CLG meeting following the meeting between North CLG members and the Department of Transport on 31 May.</p> <p>AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.</p> <p>Updated design plans were shared with key stakeholders for review, including council, who have provided further feedback. CPBJH JV are currently working through the comments to finalise the landscaping plan in this area. The Project will share these finalised plans with the group when available.</p> <p>GM questioned if the landscaping design referenced included an area between Hosken Reserve and Grieve Parade Bridge, as this should not be part of the off-set planting project. JS to seek clarification if that area is part of the offset planting or not.</p>

Action to remain open.

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 outcome of the six-week Primula Avenue trial.

Note that there are two parts to this action.

Part 1 Paringa Road update (south of West Gate Freeway)

The original approved design for the Millers Road interchange has been provided to CLG West members. LE noted internal project discussions about Paringa Road are continuing, and if there is an approved design change to re-open access to Millers Road, the approved plan would be provided to members.

Part 2 Primula Avenue (north of West Gate Freeway)

Changes to move the stop-line at Primula Avenue a few metres east to help exiting traffic were implemented in late March. In late April as part of a works notification delivered to 300 residents, the Project referenced the opportunity to provide feedback. There was only one piece of feedback provided via this channel, from a community member.

We await any further feedback Department of Transport and Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) before closing out this matter.

Action remains open.

LW8 HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.

CPBJH JV have confirmed that this will be created once the off-set planting design documentation has been finalised.

Action remains open.

Members update

- BB noted that Paringa Road and Primula Avenue remains an issue for Brooklyn residents, particularly Primula Avenue as people are driving recklessly when exiting Primula Avenue and crossing Millers Road. The mix of drivers slowing to turn left into Primula Avenue, with freeway vehicles turning left into Millers Road is also problematic, IB acknowledged those issues and emphasised that there is no easy solution and that is why the intersection is under review.
- BB advised that he communicates with the Brooklyn community by sharing information on neighbourhood sites and will be attending the Brooklyn Community Representative meeting on 7 July.
- DR observed that some drivers exiting the 16 Shops are cutting across three lanes of traffic to enter the Millers Road inbound on-ramp and questioned if they can do a left-hand turn into Paringa Road. BB echoed that drivers cut through Ultra Tune. IB acknowledged concerns.
- KR noted that the community continues to seek clarity/information on the Project completion date. 'Toxic' waste as reported in the media is also an item of community discussion. AH reminded the group that Transurban has announced to the Stock Exchange the Project will not be completed by the original end date of 2022 and that a new end date has currently not been announced. AH acknowledged the challenges of the Project's narrative in the media and noted that once tunnelling commences a more positive message is hoped to be seen in the media.
- KR stated that he reaches out to his community via Facebook groups, community groups and reaching out to council. The website provides most relevant information to help answer any community questions.
- GM observed that the works at the M80 interchange and on Williamstown Road and Millers Road have appeared to slow down, with worksites only appearing to operate between 7am-3pm. With the Project being extended, the impact on the community is extended. They would like to see the shared path works at Kororoit Creek finished as soon as possible, and not linked to the tunnelling delays.

- GM expressed concern regarding the Department of Transport's presentation at the April 2021 meeting where it was noted that the Millers Road and Williamstown Road corridor study would further help planning the network, when there was no conclusion from the study.
- GM advised that planning is progressing for Hosken Reserve upgrade as part of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund Partnerships grant. It would be good to see both Stage one of the shared path and the opening of the new Hosken Reserve early 2022 to coincide with a community event.
- GB noted that he has insights across many infrastructure Projects and commented that this Project is doing well in their approach to communication and stakeholder engagement.
- MW noted the community's frustration with not knowing the expected Project completion date, and the potential for significant cost increases as reported in the media.
- MW noted information being shared about deliveries and that traffic diversions are all going ok.
- MW commented on the recent Age article which included incorrect projected traffic volume data for Millers Road and Williamstown Road, which he believed was ingenuine as he was not aware of the volume changing due to toll point changes made after the EES. AH confirmed that the correct information was provided in response to the media enquiry. That information is available on the Project's website and would be sent to MW for information.
- MW commented that a senior member of the freight industry had advised that superloads were being delivered via road and not rail due to economic reasons and requested a report be shared outlining this. JH noted it was a matter for CPBJH JV and that Project parties would investigate.

ACTION AW14: Project parties (Transurban, CPBJH and WGTP MTIA) to provide information regarding the decision factors regarding the delivery of superloads via freight verses rail.

- MDL noted that the community is feeling the impacts of COVID and associated job losses, is there a role that the West Gate Tunnel Project can play to support his community through this tough time and help address broader issues
- IB shared positive feedback from community members where new noise walls have been installed and the significant noise reduction they have noticed.
- IB advised that the Hobsons Bay open space enhancement projects (Crofts Reserve pavilion and Donald McLean Reserve pavilion) are well advanced and expected to be completed by the end of 2021.
- AA noted that councillors are enquiring about the soil management decision and understands that it is an ongoing commercial discussion.

WGTP MTIA update

- LE discussed the Millers Road residential noise reduction program which applies to front-facing residential properties on Millers Road between the West Gate Freeway and Geelong Road. There are 38 eligible properties with the majority participating. Property assessments on each participating property are well advanced with next steps to engage building contractors to undertake the work.
- LE emphasised that this program is to mitigate noise from additional trucks that will use Millers Road once the project is completed, and truck bans apply.
- LE reminded that the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund – Grants applications close on 18 June. The grants stream will support community led projects that improve community access and participation across three funding categories up to \$100,000.
- LE noted that WGTP MTIA facilitated four grant writing workshops and two information sessions across Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong City Council.
- LE reiterated that there will be further funding rounds available.
- JS provided an update on the Bridge Naming Competition which was a community initiative to name the two pedestrian overpasses that reflect the spirit of the West. Over 250 entries were received and are being reviewed. Consultation will take place with community representatives including the traditional owner's group.

Construction update

ML provided the following construction update on activities happening across the West zone:

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- Over 50% of the noise wall concrete panels have been installed, with a focus currently between Millers Road and Newport Rail bridge. Approximately 20 concrete panels are installed each day with 12 per night.
- Along the West Gate Freeway, centre median pavement reconstruction works are taking place, with 90% of existing pavement materials being recycled and reused to reconstruct the freeway. Motorists will notice traffic switches over the next four months which will create the north side of the West Gate Freeway as a construction zone to enable completion of noise wall installation, share use path, pavement and barriers.
- At the Millers Road ramps, noise wall panels and acrylics are being installed. Temporary lighting has been removed with permanent lighting now installed.
- Near Williamstown Road, the Hyde Street ramp works are progressing with noticeable pier column installation on the north and south side of the West Gate Freeway. Crossheads will be placed onto the pier columns.
- Along Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville, (between Wembley Avenue and Mclvor Reserve) there will be a one-way traffic arrangement to remove the old noise wall panel and create more room for the upgraded walking and cycling path.
- Internal cladding is completed on both the Muir Street and Rosala Avenue pedestrian bridges, with internal mesh installed on top. A design solution is being sought to permanently address the whistling noise on bridges.

TN provided the following community engagement update across the West zone:

- Information day hosted at the Project's Information Centre on 8 May with 80 people in attendance.
- Localised community pop-up at Mclvor Reserve on 15 May to explain the Fogarty Avenue works program.
- Noise wall installation progress is the most common enquiry the Project is receiving.
- Direct engagement with businesses around the Simcock Avenue powerline relocation works.
- Door knocked residents near the Newport Rail Bridge and advised of asphaltting works and offered respite options.
- Site walk with Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, Hobsons Bay and Melbourne Water to identify flora and fauna impacts.

Actions arising and closing

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