

# Mordialloc Freeway

## Community Reference Group



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Online – Zoom Meeting
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Thursday 21 October – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Present - Peter Wain, Ken Carney, Frank Pitinga, David Cappellari, Michael Poulakakis</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Luke Minton, Sam Doyle, Adrian Furner, Joshua Lim</p> <p>MCDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Melissa Doolan</p> <p>MPs: Mr Tim Richardson, Mr Meng Heang Tak</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Jon Garrard, Margaret Hunter, Mitchell Blood</p> <p>MPs: N/A</p>
<b>Chair / Secretary:</b>	<p>Chair: Emma Wiggan, RPS</p> <p>Assistant: Laura Browning, RPS</p>
<b>Meeting Contact:</b>	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

### Actions from Meeting #8

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Share milestone and project progress stories to Aspendale Gardens Resident Association for the group to share on their social media channels	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed
2.	MRPV to inform the Aspendale Gardens Residents Association of attendance for the Community Fun Day	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed
3.	Update on the End of Year community event	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed

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4.	Update on community site tour	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed
5.	Update on project completion CRG survey	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed
6.	Preview and progress on the mural design	MRPV	21 October 2021	Closed

#### Agenda items – Meeting #9

#	Description	Presenter
1	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma welcomed the members and recognised Traditional Owners through Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Emma refreshed the group on the meeting's house rules</li> <li>Emma outlined the purpose and agenda for meeting nine</li> </ul>	Emma Wiggan
2	<b>Updates on Actions from Meeting #8</b> <p>Luke Minton provided an update on the questions and actions from Meeting 8.</p> <p>Meeting 8 Action #1 – Share milestone and project progress stories to Aspendale Gardens Residents Association for the group to share on their social media channels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke will share information with the AGRA on social procurement, sustainability, and progress in a presentation when restrictions ease</li> </ul> <p>Meeting 8 Action #2 - MRPV to inform the Aspendale Gardens Residents Association of attendance for the Community Fun Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The event has been postponed until March 2022</li> </ul> <p>Updates on the end of year community event (action #3), CRG site tour (#4), CRG survey (#5), and pedestrian underpass mural design progress (#6) were provided later in the meeting by Luke, Sam and Adrian.</p>	Luke Minton
3	<b>Project snapshot</b> <p><b>What have you been hearing?</b></p> <p>Emma asked members about the key feedback and concerns they have heard from their communities about the Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community member asked about what happens to the time lapse footage filmed throughout the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam responded that some footage has been published already but it will be best leveraged towards the end of the project. A big collection of footage from the project life cycle is being gathered and will be shared with the public closer to the opening date</li> </ul> </li> <li>A community member enquired about why the blue bridge screens are placed on one side of the bridge in different locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke responded that blue screens are placed on the residential sides of the bridges but not on the sides of open space or industrial infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Emma Wiggan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community member added that the signage poles are sensational and asked whether they are oversized, noting that the blue screens are a lovely colour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adrian responded that they are a new standard size and are quite unique because they have a circular hollow section. Adrian thanked the community member for their positive feedback.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>What have we been doing?</b></p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trevor presented aerial drone video footage of the full project alignment and talked through key construction progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key notes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some sections of the walking and cycling path are still missing but nearly all the landscaping is finished</li> <li>There is a lawn mower working along the route tidying up the vegetation, and the grass and trees are growing well</li> <li>Some noise walls are yet to be installed but will be completed in the coming weeks</li> <li>Most of the line marking is done apart from some off ramp areas and south of Governor Road</li> <li>Some areas of the shared walking and cycling path are currently holding water but will be fixed before the project is completed and the Freeway opens. After opening, the project is required to come back and fix anything needing more work</li> <li>The north bound on-ramp near Lower Dandenong Road will be the last section completed before the Freeway opens</li> <li>The mural for the shared user underpass will begin shortly</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Trevor thanked the community for their patience during the closures for Springvale Road works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adrian echoed Trevor's thanks and extended praise to the constructors for their efficient work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>High level construction lookahead</b></p> <p>Trevor provided an update on upcoming disruptions, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be night works on Centre Dandenong Road and Governor Road to install gantry signs</li> <li>There will be night works and road closures on Lower Dandenong Road for course wearing and line marking, painting, drainage and lighting which will be completed by late-October</li> <li>Springvale Road will undergo day works, lane closures, night works and road closures for the installation of barriers, as well as bridge painting and drainage, course wearing, detector loops and line marking before the end of October</li> <li>The southbound carriageway on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway will be closed for about three days in early-November for asphaltting and line marking</li> <li>Along the whole route, works will continue on noise wall installation and the shared user path</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A community member asked whether the Thames Promenade ramps will be opened earlier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trevor responded that all sections will open at one time and final works are still ongoing in that section</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Pedestrian underpass mural</b></p> <p>Sam provided an update on the pedestrian underpass mural</p>	Sam Doyle

	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayden Dewar has identified an Aboriginal artist to collaborate with, and the two are working on the final design for the mural</li> <li>• The design will be finalised shortly and Hayden will begin painting the mural in early-November</li> <li>• A recent design of the mural was shared with the CRG group</li> <li>• Community members will be able to access the pedestrian underpass while the artwork is going up, so they will be able to watch it progress</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrian thanked the group for their role in the inception and creation of the mural</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>End of works community event</b></p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to current COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting, MRPV might not be able to hold an end of works community event</li> <li>• Other opportunities for a celebration will be scoped pending Government health advice and any further announcements on restrictions</li> </ul>	Luke Minton
6	<p><b>CRG site visit</b></p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to local health advice in line with COVID-19 restrictions, MRPV is looking into a possible visit before the Freeway opens</li> <li>• Luke added that CRG members may be involved in a small media event and be among the first to drive on the new road as a thanks for their participation in the CRG</li> <li>• Sam added that a walk on the freeway won't be possible with the lead time required and the restrictions that need to be overcome. Sam reiterated the desire to thank the CRG members in some way for their time</li> <li>• Luke confirmed that with restrictions easing in November to allow groups of 15, a small site walk may be possible to inspect noise walls and an on-ramp. This will provide CRG members with an opportunity to ask additional questions about the project and chat to the project team</li> <li>• Adrian asked CRG members what they think of this idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A community member asked about the date and time for this event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Luke responded that maybe 13 November as a tentative date, pending weather and site logistics. He added that the plan is to conduct the site walk within a window of one to two hours</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Adrian Furner
7	<p><b>CRG survey</b></p> <p>Key Points:</p> <p>Emma asked for final reflections on the process and project.</p> <p><b>CRG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community member: This was an amazing journey that has gone quickly, and it was amazing to see it happening right at our doorstep. It was a great opportunity for businesses in Woodland's Drive and having our businesses stay open was a really positive win for everyone in our area. We're looking forward to the opening. The inconvenience has not been as bad as it could have been. Thanks for the privilege of being part of this group</li> </ul>	Emma Wiggan

- Community member: Agreed with the previous comment. Thank you everyone from the Government down, including everyone who has had input on the project. Some residents aren't too happy with it going ahead but with sound barriers and trees etc, we are hoping the impact will be small and I see benefits for our community. It was really worth it, what we've done
- Community member: Same as the others. The opportunity to be involved has been great. I travel to Frankston every day and seeing the progress has been amazing. It will ease the traffic and do well for the community
- Community member: Thanks to the working group, they have been very approachable and have come to meetings full of information. Nothing has been too hard for them. To the CRG, it has been great dealing with you virtually and bringing different viewpoints and perspectives. Regarding the freeway, it is good to see it go ahead and has been an absolute pleasure
- Community member: To the project team, congratulations on the accomplishment. Being in project management (non-construction) myself, I appreciate how big a project this is, and the challenges it comes with

#### **Local MPs**

- Heang – This has been a fantastic journey. Thank you to everyone.
- Tim: 234 weeks ago the project was announced, and the scale of the project has been substantial but the level of care, professionalism and courtesy shown by the project team should be commended. This is a great outcome and I appreciate the effort during challenging circumstances. To everyone and their efforts, thank you for your input in shaping the project and putting in their time for their community. It's been a pleasure and a delight. Hopefully I will meet you all in person at a site tour

#### **Project team**

- Trevor: This group has helped implement a lot, for example changing steel noise walls into recycled plastic walls which provide lovely flashes of colour. Also, your support for the artwork. As a contractor, I hope we've kept our promises. This has been a remarkable process. We've kept the urban design promise of the freeway being recessive, which it will be in three years when the trees grow. Eventually it will be an amazing urban park for kilometres. Thank you to the local members for their support and for showing up
- Melissa: Thank you to everyone, this has been a great project to be part of. The community has been so tolerant and the CRG has been patient and fantastic
- Sam: This has been a good time and a great project. The level of engagement from this group has been fantastic, including coming back with questions and talking to the community and always bringing their feedback. There has been a two-way conversation, which is an example of how these groups are supposed to work
- Joshua: The interactions between community and MRPV are really great to see

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke: Thank you to the group for your active involvement and care for your community. We really do use your feedback and we appreciate the time you've put in to represent your community</li> <li>• Luke will share a survey with the CRG group for their input and feedback in the next couple of weeks, with other information about upcoming events.</li> <li>• Sam added that the project team is still available to the CRG to talk and answer questions</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Other business / final comments</b></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A community member asked whether there are on / off ramp signals included and whether there is scope for them to be included in the future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adrian confirmed that the width of the freeway means that in the future this infrastructure can be added, but at this stage they are not planned or required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A community member asked whether the CFA has accessed the freeway for a risk analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke responded that conversations are ongoing about the best date for this, and Sam confirmed that it is still front of mind</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sam added that while drone footage makes it look like the freeway is almost complete, and while they are ahead of schedule, they can't confirm a date for completion or opening at this stage. Sam also added that the CRG will be part of the first people to hear about completion and opening, and that it is likely to be weeks away, not months</li> <li>• A community member asked whether all works need to be complete before opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adrian confirmed that all works to ensure the safe operation of the freeway will be complete before opening, but there will be ongoing activity after opening to tidy up minor items along the route</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A community member asked about the possibility of setting up a review of the project in a year's time to measure and evaluate the performance of the freeway and learn from the experience. They also suggested including traffic counts to track traffic volume and movement and involving VicRoads to do this. They added that this idea is supported by the Aspendale Gardens Residents' Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adrian confirmed that this is part of a normal process with asset owners and stakeholders and is included in how they will close the loop on the project benefits analysis and objectives</li> <li>○ Adrian added that they will consult local members and the CRG as part of this process. Community questions will be included as part of a gateway review that will happen after the Freeway opens</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A community member added that the project team has achieved a lot during the short space of the project and congratulated them</li> <li>• A community member asked about the presence of rabbits in Braeside park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adrian confirmed that the presence of rabbits in Braeside Park has been brought to the attention of Parks Victoria</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Emma Wiggan

### Actions from Meeting #9 –

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Share milestone and project progress stories to Aspendale Gardens Resident Association for the group to share on their social media channels	MRPV	21 October 2021	In progress pending Covid-19 restrictions
2.	Update CRG on possible site visit or inclusion in media event, in leu of a site tour.	MRPV	12 November	Open
3.	Share survey with CRG for their feedback.	MRPV	8 November	Open