Meeting Minutes Mordialloc Freeway



Meeting #2:	Mordialloc Freeway Community Reference Group		
Location:	Dingley Project Office, 358 Boundary Road, Dingley Village		
Date and Time:	Thursday, 19 July, 6:30 – 8:30		
Attendees:CRG Members: Lucinda Bertrum, Mark Hardman, Scott Fothergill, Tim Moran, Phil New Steve Quenette, Margaret Hunter, Judith SiseAttendees:Major Road Projects Authority (MRPA) staff: Brendan Pauwels, Daniel Kollmorgen, Ren Shankar, Luke Minton, Alyssa AndertonOther: Nic McCaffrey (WSP), Arvind Deivasigamani (WSP)			
Apologies:	MP: Tim Richardson, Paul Cameron		
Chair / Secretary:	Chair: Ben Neil (Capire Consulting) Secretary: Alisha Nee (Capire Consulting)		
Next meeting:	Thursday, 20 September 2018		

Actions – Meeting #1

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1	Guidelines/process to assist CRG members in sharing project information with the community.	VR	19 July	Complete Included in pack
2	EES summary/cheat sheet with key themes or FAQ's to be disseminated. Links to comparable projects.	VR	31 July	To be finalised
3	CRG member contact list to be shared between members	VR	June	Complete
4	Potential agenda items for future meetings (TBC): • Impact on wildlife • Traffic modelling, network performance	VR	ТВА	Complete Sep meeting



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Key discussion points/decisions

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Renee Shankar	 Agenda Item # 1 - Actions from previous meeting. Feedback requested on guidelines/process. A soft copy to be sent with minutes. Projeupdates from MRPA can be copied and pasted and shared with the CRG members networks. Steve Quentte requested soft copies of map from wall to use as a reference when sharing information. Renee Shankar to send various options to CRG. EES cheat sheet still being worked on. A flowchart will be key point of information. A series of videos will be available at the end of July/early August for the public and will shared with the CRG. Complete Discussed in Agenda item #7
Brendan Pauwels	 Agenda Item #2 - Introduction to MRPA. Major Road Projects Authority, otherwise referred to as MRPA, is a new authority responsible for the delivery of major road projects. It was once the Major Project Division of VicRoads but now sits under the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). The MRPA reports to the Office of the Coordinator General similar to the Level Crossing Removal Authority, the North - East Link Authority and the Western Distributor Authority. Approximately 300 employees will be moving across from VicRoads to the MRPA. Alle Garner has been appointed the new CEO. He has previously worked at the Level Crossings Removal Authority. A new Mordialloc Freeway project office has been established and is located in Dinglee Village. The office will also be used as a 'community engagement hub'. An official off launch is yet to be confirmed but will take place within the next month In regards to the construction and maintenance of roads the MRPA and VicRoads will continue to work closely together. Essentially VicRoads will own the asset, for exampl the road or land, and the MRPA will be responsible for building the road. Once the roat is built, it will be developed to ensure protocols around decision making work. Some authority will be delegated to MRPA from VicRoads, for example approving traffic management plans. MRPA will be responsible for any defects of the project for a two-year period after completion. The project will then be handed over to VicRoads to manage. An email has been sent to all subscribers regarding the new entity. People will be redirected from the old VicRoads Mordialloc Freeway website to the new MRPA website.
CRG members	 Agenda Item #3 - Community update What have you been hearing? Phil Newman said he was surprised to find people in the business community who knew little about the project or what was happening. Brendan Pauwles acknowledged it is important to build the profile of the project. Judith Sise said visitors to Braeside Park have no knowledge of the project when she mentioned it. Ben Neil asked her why she thinks that is the case. Judith said perhaps people don't care. She recommends having an article in the Dingley Dossier or placing signage or information outside local supermarkets where people frequent would increase the project profile. Steve Quenette said he had received two pieces of mail regarding local development - one was about the level crossing removal, the other in relation to the golf club.

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Renee Shankar CRG members	 Mark Hardman suggested signage at intersections at the end of the Mornington Peninsiula Freeway. He would like to see more presence in the newspapers. Signage will be visual once construction starts. Community issues, concerns or queries Scott Fothergill said residents along the proposed freeway corridor have expressed many concerns. Tim Moran indicated that there was low awareness as to where the freeway was being built and agreed that there is a lack of interest/ awareness
Nic McCaffrey	 Agenda Item #4 - Environment Effects Statement (EES) Presentation Biodiversity and Habitat - update on study areas Margaret Hunter asked about the EES report. Nic advised that the preliminary report is available on DELWP's website but a lot of work has been done since this report and many recommendations made. Renee will send links to the group. Lucinda Bertrum asked if there will also be a report on the positive impacts of the project. Brendan Pauwels confirmed these are also included in the EES studies. Judith Sise questioned whether any studies have been done on frogs, insects, fish, bats or animals in Braeside Park other than mentioned in the presentation. Nic McCaffery advised that frogs have been done on some species of fish however due to the nature of the water pools in the park, the fish wouldn't survive and therefore don't stay there No targeted studies have been conducted on insects or fungi. Judith said there are many species of microbats in the area. Brendan Pauwels advised that legislation doesn't require these to be included as part of the assessment. However, as part of the clear and removal process, inspections will be conducted prior and animals will be relocated in accordance with the relevant frameworks. Steve Quenette asked how will they know if the mitigation strategies in place have worked. Nic McCaffery confirmed that monitoring technology is in place for studies. Brendan Pauwels advised that a monitoring plan and program will be in place throughout the project. Daniel Kollmorgen advised that ongoing monitoring will be done to measure if targets set have been achieved. These will be reported on.
Arvind Deivasigamani	 Agenda Item #5 - Environment Effects Statement (EES) Presentation Noise and Vibration - update on study area Steve Quenette asked if a map will be provided in the report which shows before and after mitigation treatment. Arvind Deivasigamani advised there will be Brendan Pauwels mentioned that the targets set will be conservative. Judith Sise asked about the impact on Braeside Park as noise has potential to affect flora and fauna. Arvind Deivasigamani advised that Parks Victoria will do assessments and provide recommendations. They are still looking at different types of mitigation options. Brendan Pauwels said that some policies are black and white while others are open to considerations. Judith Sise asked who sets the targets for parks. She said that it is important as people should be able to use the park not only for recreational purposes but also health and wellbeing. Brendan Pauwels said that is usually managed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Daniel Kollmorgen advised that the EES Scoping Requirements require assessment to be done. Steve Quenette suggested noise be measured in different areas of the park. Steve Quenette asked how businesses will be affected during construction. Brendan Pauwels advised that the communication and community engagement plan will involve



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	 everyone in proximity of the project – residents, businesses who operate at different times of the day. Mark Hardman expressed concern about employees of businesses who require a quieter environment, such as office staff, if there are no measurements taken in the industrial area. Arvind Deivasigamani advised that measurements will be taken. Although Brendan Pauwels advised these are not normally required to be measured. Many businesses are often happy that signage for their business is more visible to a higher volume of traffic.
	Agenda Item #6 - Project Update
	EES investigations
Brendan Pauwels	 Technical studies are being finished. All information will need to be compiled and reviewed by the Minister for Planning. The EES should be on public exhibition late October for a 6-week period. A copy will also be available the MRPA office. A panel hearing is likely to happen in the early in 2019.
	Request for tender
	• Proposals from contractors are due in October and must address EES recommendations. The project is the first road project in Victoria to be registered with the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia. Tenderers will be incentivised for innovation and sustainability.
	Agenda Item #7 – Next Agenda
CRG members	 Agreed by CRG members for next agenda to focus on the following EES investigations traffic modelling Impact of waterflows
	Agenda Item #8 – General Discussion
CRG members	 Lucinda Bertrum expressed appreciation of the information shared by the guest speakers. Phil Newman suggested more time in the next agenda to allow for questions. Tim Moran said there was a lot of jargon used, including who WSP is, as it wasn't explained prior. Suggested to give a quick introduction prior to presenting information Renee Shankar advised that a suite of short videos recapping the presentations will be released which can be shared with the community groups. Daniel Kollmorgen thanked Nic McCaffrey and Arvind Deivasigamani for their presentations. Arvind Deivasigamani advised CRG members that he and Nic are independent consultants and have been engaged to present on factual outcomes which will be in the final report. Scott Fothergill raised the question again of seeing the business case for the project. Renee Shankar advised that this is still being looked at. Brendan Pauwels advised that the EES will include some data for a business case.

Actions – Meeting #2

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1	Feedback requested on guidelines/process for sharing information	CRG	Where required	Ongoing
2	EES summary/cheat sheet with key themes or FAQ's to be disseminated. Links to comparable projects	MRPA	August	Work in progress
3	Soft copies of maps of the project to be disseminated for CRG members to use as a reference	MRPA	Early August	Completed
4	Link to preliminary EES report to be sent to CRG members	MRPA	Early August	Completed
5	Suite of videos with EES information to be disseminated	MRPA	Late July/early August	Work in progress