

Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group

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| Date | 19/11/2021 | Time | 10:00-11:30am |
| Chair | Mike Marasco | Meeting no. | 8 of 2021 |
| Location | via Zoom | Minute taker | Hugo Birch |

Attendees

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| Name | Organisation | Name | Organisation |
| Mike Marasco (MM) | Independent Chair | Tina Garg (TG) | Community representative |
| Frank Freschi (FF) | Community representative | Paul McMorran (PM) | Community representative |
| Glennys Jones (GJ) | Community representative | Alexander Law (AL) | Community representative |
| John Van Delft (JVD) | Community representative | Liz Lambropoulos (LL) | Manningham City Council |
| Judith Voce (JV) | Community representative | Clare Davey (CD) | Boroondara City Council |
| Anitha Viswanathan (AV) | VicRoads | Leah McGuinness (LM) | Whitehorse City Council |
| Mark Judge (MJ) | Department of Transport | | |

| Apologies | | | |
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| Ben Dawson | Community Representative | | |

Actions – previous

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| 1 | MR to follow up with GJ on the provision for electric bus charging at Bulleen Park and Ride | MR | 19/11 | Completed | Response has been provided to GJ. DoT will not be including provisions to charge electric buses at the Bulleen Park and Ride. |
| 2 | NP to follow up with the NELP safety team on the requirement for vaccination status for face-to-face CLG meetings | NP | 19/11 | Completed | CLG members will need to be vaccinated to attend meetings in person. |

Key discussion points/decisions

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| Mike Marasco (MM) | <p>Welcome and outstanding business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM welcomes the group and confirms that the previous minutes have been read and adopted. MM introduced the presenters for the tunnelling package. |
| Michael Caink (MC), Conor Kiernan (CK) | <p>Tunnel Package update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC introduces himself and CK and the structure of the presentation. MC gives a presentation highlighting the process that has led to this point, through the reference design, the EES (Environment Effects Statements), the preliminary approvals, and the multiple consortia meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: JV asked why extending the TBMs (Tunnel Boring Machines) and having the cut and cover reduced will be significant? A: MC - The spoil of the machine that comes from the grinding is easier to move than with cut and cover, this reduces the number of trucks needed. This applies to both North and South areas. Q: PM queried when greater details of the design will be made available. A: MC - The UDLP (Urban Design and Landscape Plan) will have more pictures and will have better engineering pictures to show how the ramps work and where they go, there are lots of connections and different inputs that need to be worked through which takes time, at the moment the design is big and mostly concept which locks in all the positions such as where people can enter the tunnel, cross the tunnel, and all those sorts of things. This will progressively be done over the next two years. Q: CD: asked for more detail regarding the changes to the southern interchange. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: MC, Uses the image to explain the area and orientate answer, Bulleen Road will only be slightly altered to allow room for the tunnel, coming in you can choose to exit the road or enter the tunnel. Coming out of the tunnel you can come into Thomson's road, the city, across the freeway or to Doncaster. A map will be created showing all the possible traffic movements. ○ A: CK, what you see in the image is not exactly what the final product will look like, there is still a lot of processes to go through until the final design to make sure everything is compatible. ○ Q: LL, On the land bridge from Bulleen Park, wants to know more about the accessibility for clubs and parks in the area, will we be able to see designs? Stresses that the facilities remain accessible. ○ A: MC, this is something that we have been looking into, have been meeting with the stakeholders in the area and have had strong discussions, the connectivity requirements are in and we will come back with details ○ A: CK We will introduce the spark leads to the council and can speak with Clare to help organise these meetings. These workshops and conversations need to happen. ○ Q: FF, what is the expectation and range of traffic and its reduction between the tunnel and the new Bulleen road? ○ A: MC, the nature of getting around the clubs and parks will be quite different and much calmer as people use the freeway-to-freeway connection. The project intends to have local communities safer and better connected. Trucks have been a key focus and the ramps have been built around that requirement, these heavy vehicles that had been Bullen Road and Rosana Road will now have a much easier pathway. Journey's out of the club and to the schools will be more predictable and safer. ○ Q: FF, Safety, and the community are key focuses, including kids' safety when moving around and the exit ventilation tunnel in regard to clean air. ○ A: MC, the traffic in the area is currently unsafe, with kids in the area and trucks around, the new bridge will help the kid's safety, the contractors are built around this. The EPA has standards around the ventilation, work will not be able to start until the air is confirmed up to standards, Spark is already in these discussions. Predictable journeys will be more consistent too, with current trips being unpredictable in their length. ○ Q: GJ, the bridge across Bulleen Road has moved from the East to the West, I cannot see a path through on the land bridge. ○ A: MC, using imagery, shows the bike path, which goes up and across the bridge as well as two different methods of getting down. Including stairs and ramps. The UDLP will come out and provide more information soon. Uses a second image to provide a different angle on the pathway. ○ Q: GJ, when does the UDLP come out? ○ A: CK, Early next year for the tunnelling package of works. ○ A: MC, From Bulleen to Watsonia effectively. ○ Q: GJ, there is a concern that the bicycle trail connects to Rosemary Bridge which is about 2m wide and almost made from gravel and is substandard. ○ A: MC, I will take notes on this and get back to this, this will come in future packages. We will be addressing these items then, possibly in the North East Trail. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: CK, The UDLP helps ensure that all the packages have cohesion and speak to each other, it is a tool of guidance for the tunnelling works. ○ Q: GJ, the bus lanes and bike path should be made at the earliest stage for their environmental benefits, so they do not have to wait until 2027. ○ A: MC, 2027 is the end date for everything, paths may be completed before then. We need to wait until the tunnels are confirmed as they will influence the other designs. There will be bridges and all new infrastructure to work with accessibility methods as bikes and wheelchairs. The extended tunnel will assist in building bike paths quicker. So that they can work on the top landscaping at the same time as underground work. ○ Q: FF, it would be good to expand the North East Trail sections plans like the other amenities helps. ○ A: CK, the UDLP process will give a good outline of the networks for walking and cycling through communities, the details of the connections and their exhibition will be thorough ○ Q: AL, has the scope of the design of the tunnels changed? ○ A: MC, we have drilled lots of geo-tech holes and still plan to make more, lots of the holes will be above the tunnel and some are to the side of the tunnel, this friends reaffirmation to the geo-tech engineers. The new land involves familiar well-structured rock materials that are well known to the tunnelling community, similar to what was dug out for the North East tunnels. We are involving international companies for their experience and combining it with our Australian local business and experience. ○ Q: AL, with the Manningham exit being shortened, how much land will be returned and what is that land going to be used for afterwards? ○ A: MC, we are cleaning up the ramp and its footprint, this will open the space but we are not sure exactly what we are doing with the area. The businesses that were acquired were done so to make way so that this could be built, the new design should make it much better connected ○ A: LL, part of the land will be used to bring back employment, this can be seen on the Bulleen land use framework on the DELP website. ○ A: MM, there is an existing business liaison group, we are also about to establish another business liaison group for those who are remaining, to assist them in support to help during building disruption, including marketing assistance. ○ Q: AL, given that NELP is in separate groups and packages, is there a possibility that there is a division of work and is not centralised enough? ○ A: MC, the state did consider looking at this as a wholistic process, we worked with the private sector to divide the projects as they are to ensure that we can deliver them all on time. It is a massive project, there are no small projects involved here. We considered aggregating it as it provides the state with better opportunities for employment and support lots of businesses without having all the risk in one business. The different senior group leaders are often meeting up. There are risks but we believe we have taken the right actions to lower them. We also want to build and grow our employees so they are ready for the next projects in Victoria. ○ Q: JV, where is the connection between the golf course and bus terminal, and several other connections in the area? ○ A: MC, we will come out with schematics to show how the new area will look. |

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| <p>Mike Marasco (MM), Natalia Pearson (NP), Chris Logan (CL), CPB</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM thanks MC and CK for their presentation and answers. <p>Outstanding business continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM Confirms there are no apologies. • MM Confirms that the minutes have been read and that they are accepted. • MM reviews outstanding items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First item – Contracts are yet to be allocated and the matter is on-going ○ CL, the piece of work we were referring to there are no longer part of the scope ○ MM, that is the same for the second item ○ Q: JV, asked about fencing, this is to be discussed once the final design is to be realised, ○ A: MM says it is still the case that this will be realised later. ○ NP sent out an email to Glennis regarding electric bus charging at Bulleen Park and Ride, department of transport advised that charging should take place at bus depo's only, that there is insufficient bus parking to allow for this to occur without disrupting other busses. ○ GP, there is a technology that has been designed for some time and has been used overseas where the vehicles are charged constantly throughout the day when taking passengers. Bike manufacturers have tiles where the bike stand would place down and charge on them. ○ MM, regarding a previous meeting comment on when we can meet face to face, after this weekend we will be at a 90% vaccination rate then attendees who are double vaccinated will be able to attend. People can speak to NP about any questions on that matter. • MM continues to the next agenda item, CPB works update. |
| <p>Chris Logan (CL), Isolde Piet (IP), Glen Preema (GP), Melissa Read (MR) Deanna Hadid (DH),</p> | <p>CPB Works update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL, introduces CPB presenters and states that there are delays, especially affecting YEMS which are linked to the construction lockdown and general Covid delays, there has also been a commercial matter with a subcontractor which has taken a little while to resolve and is close to being back onsite. • IS, using a timeline slide discusses the schedule mentioning the last couple of months have been tough but that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, the program is still being workshopped. The long-term look of the program will be coming, for now only the next few weeks have more certainty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Works on most sites will be moving through the new year, not meeting the original plan of Christmas. ○ Avon Street and a few other sites have resumed work and will continue to open in the next few weeks. All tunnelling is now completed across this project. The last machine in Bulleen Rd is being demobilised. Construction on the maintenance hole will start soon. ○ Manningham Hotel & Club has broken through, and the machine has been removed. ○ Trinity Grammar has had the fencing and gates completed as well as shade cloth along Bulleen Road. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marcellin College has had tunnelling completed and the site is being cleaned up for manhole construction. Ball net fencing will start 10 December, fire services are being relocated now. ○ Regarding the Freeway Golf Course, the Western sewer reticulation installation is ongoing, all underground work aside from some trenching is completed. The actual manhole construction is about 50% completed, the bypass is ready for the sewer to tie in. ○ Carey Grammar School has had its Ball Net fencing completed and the reinstatement works have commenced, there are still two manholes to be built for the sewer works. ○ Both Bulleen Park and Veneto club except one southern manhole at the pavilion is completed, the underground sewer has been installed and grouted. We will need to return to these locations to tie into the new sewer, making sure everything will flow nicely. ○ Bulleen Road south of Golden Way, the sewer is completed, and the drill is leaving tonight. Next works in this location are to build manholes, the most northern one being 16m. Then they will start reinstatement which currently has concept designs. ○ Q: JV, concerning an upcoming walk tour of the area, has the above information been available outside of today's meeting? ○ A: CD, not sure if Heath and Bill will go into the details of the early works and impacts in the work program tomorrow, the council is aware of the delays and is planning for outcomes. ○ A: DH, we have given a notification to the council regarding sewer works at the gold course and will provide it to Judith. ● MR Introduces Bulleen Park & Ride, Piling works are ongoing and are almost finished. There are night works that have now been pushed back to the 29th Nov, these works are mostly focused on the on-ramp section on the Thompsons Road entry ramp, which involves line marking, drainage works, and pavement works to accommodate the new access and egress. There will be an impact in the form of on-ramp closure involving EMS boards in the local area to let people know. This should take approximately 4 sessions of night works and Vic roads have been notified, the works are not as noisy as the setup works that occurred previously. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is lots of work happening inside the site, including preparation for the site shed, once the concrete pad foundation is installed the sheds will be moved across. We will then continue with the relocation of utilities such as sewer pipes and electrical connections. ○ We will be taking over the Bulleen Swim Centre parking area and our workers will be parking there, we will also be producing a quarterly newsletter to keep residents informed. ○ Q: AL, what are the lengths of the night works? ○ A: MR, there are a total of 4 nights and we have notified the residents, we do not anticipate the works to be noisy. ● CL, to note, we were pleased to host the premiere about three weeks ago onsite at Bulleen Park and Ride for the awarding of the major project to Spark. Eastern Freeway. ● GP, Service investigations are ongoing around Chandler Highway. Doncaster and Burk Road have work coming up for the end of the year. We have located most of the cables we are looking for, with some being harder to find. We have a reasonable location of most cables. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL uses a slide map to show where the ground-penetrating radar will be used to try and find a cable. We are continuing to the end of the year, with possible work into January and February in Burke Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: AL, what were the issues with finding the cables? ○ A: GP, some of the references to show measurements were not present or accurate, underground services can be known to be inconsistent in this way. • GP, there are works underway with CitiPower and are going well, there are two locations with Mountain View Road and Page Avenue. We are undergrounding local low voltage power lines, we are connecting the properties around to the underground connection. This includes work on the residents' properties to connect and have everything ready. CP uses an image to explain the process at Page Avenue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have worked through the freeway with the pilot hole which is a small first drill, they are now enlarging the hole to be the correct diameter, where they can eventually put through the cables. This included night works and have worked with the residents on this. Most work will now be during the day. CitiPower is doing the work on their network, so our work is working around them. ○ Q: TG, when will the service relocating around Doncaster Road happen? ○ A: GP, there will probably be work there for later next year, we will not be doing many early works there, at the moment its mostly just investigation works. There was a bigger early works program that has been cancelled by NELP, it may happen at a later date. ○ Q: TG, does NELP know when that's planned? ○ A: NP, we will try and find out when that's happening (under the bridge in Doncaster) ○ MM, Natalie can clarify this and come back to the group with a response. • DH, the current CitiPower relocation works along Willow Grove and Page Avenue has identified several properties which could be affected by the night works, only one of four affected residents accepted the offer for temporary relocation during the construction. • Both DH and a CitiPower representative performed door knocking a week before the works and dropped off notifications too on top of the regular stakeholder engagement activities. They have sent out 12 notifications, including DL drops around further work updates, there were more notifications in this last month for the Citi works along the Eastern freeway and in the South regarding the moving assets between Boreholes B and D. • There were a few complaints in October regarding detour signage and noise complaints, there is regular stakeholder communication, especially in Bulleen Road which has had complaints around noise. A resident also complained about potential damage from water piping coverage, the team has moved the cover as a response. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: JV, Regarding Sparks UDLP works, will Dianne or Spark be undertaking the communication consultation and how will that be notified to the broader community? ○ A: CL, the early works will be mostly undertaken by NELP with Spark support, there will be a new team in place earlier next year. ○ Q: JV, how broad will the opportunity for community input be? ○ A: NP, it will be very broad, there will be a presentation to this group, it will be available online with a website and there will be lots of communication around the UDLP process. ○ Q: JV, and not over the Christmas period? ○ A: NP, no, it will not be over Christmas. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q: GP, what is the time frame and is there an expert panel for this process? What is the process? ○ A: NP I might get Connor to respond to that, it is a very public process, I will be next year but Natalie will get more information on that. ○ Q: MM, can we get someone along to the first meeting for next year to talk about that? Perhaps we could liaise with Spark. ○ A: NP, from 2022 we will start to see the tunnelling package becomes a regular agenda in these meetings. ○ MM, these meetings will have a spark representative in the future. |
| Mike Marasco (MM), Natalie Pearson (NP) | <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP explains that NELP is currently undertaking planning scheme amendment on the Eastern Freeway regarding a small amendment to the project boundary. Relevant stakeholders are being contacted. • MM thanks everyone for the updates and presentations. • MM thanks everyone for their patience and contribution for what has been a difficult year on zoom, wishes everyone and their families a safe and happy Christmas and is looking forward to 2022. |

Actions - new

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