

Minutes

Subject: March CLG Joint Meeting

Date: Thursday 24 March 2022. 5:30-7:30pm

Location: WGTP Info Centre

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Peter Lellyett (PL)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Liz Evans (LE)	(WGTP MTIA)
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Bronwyn Neeson (BN)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Jessica Kurkowski (JK)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Fu Ho Chung (FC)	WGTP MTIA
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Dan Gregor (DG)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG)	West and North Melbourne	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	Transurban (TU)
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	TU
Tallia Gilarry	City of Melbourne	Zoe Taylor (ZT)	TU
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Zoe Kron (ZK)	TU
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Callum Fogarty (CAF)	TU

Attendees			
Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH JV
Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV	Lee Szalnowski (LS)	CPBJH JV
Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV		

Apologies			
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne	Martin Wurt	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)
Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPBJH JV	Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington		

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV

6.20pm	4	BREAK	
6.35pm	5	Member questions	Community members
6.50pm	7	Actions update	All
7.00pm	8	Actions arising and closing	All
7.15pm	9	Thank you and close	Chair

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. <p>WGTP MTIA update</p> <p>PL provided an update on the West Gate Tunnel Project and the commencement of tunnelling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), Bella, commenced excavating the tunnel for southbound traffic on 2 March 2022. The first TBM has travelled approximately 300 metres and is progressing well with soil constantly being removed and transported to the purpose built Hi-Quality Bulla processing site. The commencement of tunnelling is a major milestone of the project and many other works have progressed significantly along the West Gate Freeway, including the construction of new shared user paths and noise walls. In addition, the launching gantry is building the new elevated roadway above Footscray Road, where approximately 500 metres of structure completed.
2	<p>BN touched on the history behind the naming of the two TBMs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first TBM Bella, was named after Bella Guerin, the first woman to graduate from a university in Australia and born in Williamstown in 1858. The second TBM, Vida, was named after Vida Goldstein who was born in Portland in 1869 and was a prominent figure in establishing the right for women to vote and standing for election rights. <p>BN provided an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yarraville Festival is upcoming on Sunday 27 March 2022, at which the WGTP will have a mobile information hub. The festival will be a good way for the community to learn more about the project and ask questions. CLG meetings going forward may be changed to an ongoing joint format and held every 6-8 weeks. A survey will be conducted with CLG members to get their input to this.

Construction update

LS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone including:

- The summer works campaign concluded 28 February 2022 with the West Gate Freeway outbound to M80 outbound ramp reopening on 26 February and the M80 inbound onto Princes Freeway outbound on 28 February.
- An E-News was sent out to over 4,200 stakeholders to promote the re-opening of roads included in the summer works campaign such as Williamstown Road under the West Gate Freeway and the Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp.
- MU advised that communication strategies were in place for the summer works campaign to ensure the community and businesses were aware of the works.
- Nightly closures are still required along Williamstown Road to complete freeway bridge strengthening and freeway widening works.
- New barriers and a Gross Pollutant Trap have been installed at Williamstown Road.
- During February, a traffic switch occurred along the West Gate Freeway, which saw a split in the four inbound lanes to accommodate a new work zone where the citybound tunnel entrance will be built. The traffic switch was required so pavement works on the outbound carriageway and centre section can be accessed.
- The M80 off and entry ramp have been reconstructed at the M80 interchange which include drainage works, ITS works, new barriers, and pavement reconstruction. Road reconstruction works are still ongoing for the next four months on the M80 outbound. Inbound on the M80, new road is being built and a traffic switch is expected to be implemented around July.
- Works are ongoing along Fogarty Avenue with the section between Wembley Avenue and The Boulevard reopened on 22 March.
- The closure of The Avenue underpass is scheduled to commence 9 April and local residents have been notified of this.
- Hyde Street ramps are progressing well, with a focus on installing the remaining beams and finishing the decks. Column and pier works are ongoing.

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CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone.

- The elevated Footscray Road works are progressing well, with the lane span being completed on-route to Docklink Road, before turning and heading west towards Maribyrnong River. The launching gantry has its own wing and trolley system where spans are automatically picked up and installed.
- There will be a 10-day night shift campaign in April, as Dock Link Road cannot be closed during the day.
- Over 90% of the precast columns at the Wurundjeri Way Extension have been completed as well as most of the inbound structure. These changes will create a bypass for city traffic.
- Temporary support girders are in place over Maribyrnong River. A massive 1600 tonne crawler crane coming from Western Australian mines will be assembled to assist place the girders in position.
- The piers for the shared user path along Harris Street are progressing well with ongoing column construction. The walking and cycling path will not be accessible until tunnelling equipment has been moved from the site.

CD provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone, including:

- TBMs will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week reaching a maximum depth of 27 metres. Currently the first TBM sits at a depth of 9 metres.
- Over 300 metres of the outbound tunnel has been bored.
- 80-100 truck loads of soil being moved from the tunnelling hub in Yarraville to the Hi-Quality Site in Sunbury each day, around 100,000 tonnes of soil removed so far.
- The second TBM is currently being commissioned in the Northern Portal and anticipated to commence in April and move into full scale excavation by May.
- 13,480 residents in the tunnel zone and 377 residents in the zone of interest were notified that tunnelling had commenced. Residents will continue to be notified of works under their property a fortnight before the TBM reaches their property.
- Tunnelling drop-in sessions are available each Wednesday from 4.30-6.30pm at the information centre on Somerville Road. Community members are encouraged to attend.
- A community open day will be held at the Info Centre on 9 April.

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- BREAK

Members and questions update:

- DR questioned if soil from tunnelling has been transported from the tunnelling hub to the Hi-Quality site in Sunbury as expected.
- PL confirmed that soil transportation is occurring as planned, around 7,000 tonnes being transported to the site in Sunbury each day. PL reiterated that transporting the soil is a critical process.
- CFR asked if a virtual tracker is available for tunnel works.
- CAF advised a virtual tracker is being organised and will soon be available on the Big Build website. (A tracker is available at the information hub).
- CFR suggested that residents who live in regional Victoria are hesitant to travel to Melbourne's west due to road closures and questioned if WGTP are considering this when closing roads and considering the potential economic losses that may occur as a result.
- PL advised that a lot of effort and time is put into organising road closures and one of the main factors considered before closing a road is the capacity of the road. WGTP MTIA will continue to ensure closures are kept to a minimum.
- GM asked whether the results of the soil testing will be published. It was noted that the EPA results are likely to be published and confirmation of this will be provided to members.
- CFR asked if the air pollution results at Yarraville Gardens will be published.
- LE confirmed that air quality monitoring at six stations across the project area has been in place for 12 months before project construction commenced and results are published on the Big Build Website.

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- KR mentioned that West Gate Freeway line marking has faded outbound towards Grieve Parade, which may be causing some confusion for drivers.
- CF advised that CPBJH will look into this.
- KR mentioned concerns about graffiti along the West Gate Freeway.
- CF mentioned that the removal of graffiti along the West Gate Freeway has commenced. CCTV and security are in place along the West Gate Freeway. The noise walls along the freeway have anti-graffiti paint which assists removal.
- PG asked on behalf of FA – what is the status of the redesign of the 'horseshoe bend' section of the cycle veloway?
- PL advised there has been a proposal to straighten the cycle veloway alignment, which is currently being interrogated in order to make a final decision.
- GM advised that he had viewed the new shared trail in Altona North, and it looks excellent.
- DR queried the status of potentially re-opening access to Paringa Road? DR also noted an ongoing concern relating to pedestrians crossing on the west side of Millers Road. DR also indicated in interest in the predicted traffic patterns from Millers Road heading west on to the freeway ramp.
- MU stated that a communication and engagement approach is due to commence, including talking to the properties which would be affected by the removal of noise in order to re-open Paringa Road. The re-opening of the connection is currently subject to a design change decision.
- LE advised the Project needs to be cognisant of the project noise requirements, as advised through the public Environment Effects Statement process, and therefore consultation and mitigation of noise is an important consideration in a design change request.

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- MU advised an update on the Paringa Road engagement can be given at next meeting.
- GM queried the status of DoT's proposal to construct an additional lane along Millers Road at same time WGTP is doing works, which would severely affect businesses
- DG responded that DoT's proposal is a part of a broader strategic transport study. Any proposal identified in that study is highly preliminary and would likely be subject to its own feasibility study and community engagement before any works are planned. It is understood that no works are planned or funded by DoT at this point in time.
- CFR advised that Footscray Road is uneven near Shepherds bridge which may present a hazard for motorcyclists, particularly at night.
- CF advised that CPBJH will look into this matter.
- GM queried when works will commence along Federation Trail to Grieve Parade.
- LS said there is a temporary arrangement proposed. CF said they need to go through a process to get it approved. LS will provide an update at the next CLG meeting.
- SW asked about dates for round 2 of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund.
- LE said dates are currently being considered and an update on grants will be given at the next meeting.
- CFR noted disappointment that the Yarraville Festival missed out on grant funding.
- CFR noted that he has received communication regarding the pump track and will follow up in the coming weeks.
- AH raised concern of high traffic speeds through a number of work zones across the project. AH questioned whether the current speed limits in place should be changed.
- CF advised regularly meetings occur with Victoria Police Highway Patrol to monitor speeding.

Actions update**AW13 - CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.**

Action to remain open until clarification is received.

Update 24/03: GM confirmed his interest relates to the Kororoit Creek main landscaping package not the offset tree planting package for Grieve Parade. LS confirmed the main landscaping design at Kororoit Creek is completed and will be passed on to GM for information.

AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.

Action to remain open. CPBJH to provide an update in May 2022.

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AN10 - Project parties are requested to provide information with the modelling and data assumptions to demonstrate noise compliance of the Wurundjeri Way extension to residents along Railway Place West Melbourne.

Action to be closed. Meeting was held on 25 February with PG and PB. TG advised that City of Melbourne Council are taking a strong advocacy position in relation to noise concerns along Railway Place. PG accepted that WGTP appears to have met its legal obligations under its Environment Performance Requirements for allowed noise levels on the Wurundjeri way extension (WWE) as set by VicRoads (now DoT). He said that NWMA is seeking action by DoT to build the noise barrier needed along the WWE to minimise the additional noise inflicted on local residents, beyond the existing ambient noise from diesel trains. Implementation of such a noise barrier will require interface with WGTP. PG noted an outstanding follow up from the 25 February meeting, that WGTP are to advise on the ability to fit similar noise barriers used by the Project on the WWE.

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Points for follow up:**7**

- A. Faded lines on West Gate Freeway outbound towards Grieve Parade – put forward by KR and to be followed up by CPBJH
- B. Paringa Rd engagement – MU
- C. Uneven road surface on Footscray Road near Shepherds bridge – put forward by CFR and to be followed up by CPBJH
- D. When will works commence along Federation Trail to Grieve Parade – put forward by GM and taken on notice by LS
- E. Pump Track design – MU with CFR
- F. WGTP to advise on existing noise barrier design fit for WWE – put forward by PG to be followed up by WGTP

Meeting closed at 7:29pm
