

25 August 2023



Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group

Date	25/08/2023	Time	10:00am - 12:00pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	4 of 2023
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Alexander Law (AL)	Community Representative
Joe Carbone (JC)	Community Representative	Nicholas Moore (NM)	Community Representative
Judith Voce (JV)	Community Representative	John van Delft (JVD)	Community Representative
Paul McMorran (PM)	Community Representative	Ben Scott (BS)	Spark, Project Manager
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative	Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative
Natalie Pearson (NP)	NELP, Senior Manager, Community Partnerships	Chris Logan (CL)	Spark, Community Engagement Manager
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council	Connor Curtin (CC)	Manningham City Council
Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP, Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Michael Hobbs (MH)	NELP, Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Communications - South
Lisa Rae (LR)	Laing O'Rourke, Head of Communications and Community Engagement	Paige Van Every (PVE)	Spark, Inclusive Employment Manager
David Small (DS)	Spark, Design Lead, Surface Works	Chris Hui (CH)	Whitehorse City Council

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Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Hayley Bester (HB)	Spark, Communications and Community Engagement Director	Shondelle Mathews (SM)	Spark, Manager, Community Engagement
Colin Aitken (CA)	Community Representative	Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative
Mark Judge (MJ)	Department of Transport	Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative
Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council		

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Introduced guests Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted Addressed response from CD, this has been noted in additional information at the end of minutes Confirmed team had met with CA and following his concerns raised at the last meeting. Direct contacts at Spark and NELP have been provided to CA for any ongoing problems Actions: No open actions
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	<p>Presentation covering overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities using drone footage, 8 week works lookahead</p>
Ben Scott (BS)	<p>NM: What noise mitigations are in place for the night works around Trinity? Are there plans for an acoustic shed or noise barriers? CL: Piling works will continue with works finishing between 12 - 3am each night. Noise will continue to be monitored, we will work with individual residents regarding respite and potential relocation options if required. NM: Will noise be monitored 24/7? IZ: Yes, there has been noise modelling done and spot checks are performed to confirm we are working within limits. CL: If a complaint is received, we can listen to the recording and isolate which machine was the issue. MM: Its important that residents are managed on a case by case basis as not everyone is impacted in the same way.</p> <p>JV: Concerns that the entrance to the Veneto Club is difficult to see. FF: This is an ongoing issue as familiar landmarks such as the arch have disappeared. Spark is aware of the issue and that it has impacted our business. CL: The entrance will be shifting slightly east in approximately 3 weeks time and we are working with FF on this to help them maintain operations. We have recently installed a balloon on the roof and new hoarding to promote the venue is open.</p> <p>NM: Is there going to be alternative access on Manningham Road at Bridge St? IZ: There will be changes to traffic in the area which are still sometime in the future, we will share this information once it becomes available.</p> <p>MM: Will the industrial estate be handed back to Council for future plans? NMo: The future use of that land is outside the scope of the project and will be determined in the future.</p> <p>Community Engagement: Social Impact at North East Link Tunnels</p>
Paige Van Every (PVE)	<p>FF: Through the Willan Inclusive Employment Program how many participants have got apprenticeships from the program? PVE: Out of the opportunities available, 9 traineeships and one apprenticeship, all of the participants will do a certification related to the role. There are also other opportunities to come within the project for priority job seekers. AL: Can you provide an update in the next 6-12 months how the program is going? Request noted.</p> <p>Flood Modelling update</p>

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David Small (DS)	<p>FF: Is flood modelling based on the final design? DS: Yes the final design is the focus of the modelling. We do modelling based on approximately 70 different scenarios. Two to three days is spent on each scenario. JV: Is 1 in 100 year event still relevant? DS: We use historical data from the Bureau of Meteorology for the modelling and use a number of different 1 in 100 year event scenarios to assist us understand future flood behaviours. JV: Does build up of hard surfaces changes how water behaves. DS: This is all considered in the modelling. FF: Is climate change considered by Melbourne Water? DS: Yes JC: Is there a 1 in 100 model used as a baseline? DS: We set up and calibrate based on what Melbourne Water identifies as set levels. JC: In some cases the effects felt are different to modelling as individuals feel things differently. FF: Minor incidence of sudden rainfall can really affect an area that's already flood prone. DS: Our observation is the Melbourne Water assessments are on the conservative side. NM: Does the modelling take into consideration the interim works such as the bund in the Manningham site? DS: Yes, temporary works are included. FF: Once you have modelling on an area is this shared with the property owners? . CL: The key stakeholders in the flood plain have had initial meetings regarding what the modelling is showing. FF: Have Melbourne Water accepted the interim flood modelling done by Spark? DS: They have accepted the current stage and we'll keep working with them as we progress future stages.. FF: According to Melbourne Water there is negligible effect due to the work? DS: Yes, MW have accepted the current stage CD: Requests a copy of the report and modelling for all Boroondara sites. Where are the retention basins along the program? DS: The proposed retention basins will be in the Secondary Packages, primarily at Tram Rd. MH: We should be able to present on this once the contract has been awarded. JC: Local Government have authority on flood maps etc. CC: Melbourne Water shares the modelling with us and this is incorporated into property reports.</p>
	10:50am BS left the meeting
Michael Hobbs (MH) Lisa Rae (LR)	<p>Presentation covering overview of Eastern Freeway upgrades including current timeline, construction compounds, managing impacts and UDLP introduction</p> <p>FF: From the Veneto Club end of Bulleen Rd and Thompsons Rd what will the access to the tunnel be from around these areas? MH: There is a lot of great detail available on the website NM: Will access be maintained to the Estelle St Bridge? MH: Yes, the intention is to build the new one before the old one is closed. OS: What will the access route for trucks be to the site compound? MH: The first three to six months will be used to build the compound and access for trucks off the Eastern Freeway, they will use Balwyn Rd during this time. We expect approximately 21 trucks a day to use Balwyn Rd whilst the compound is being set up CD: Council is aware there are many sensitive users of Balwyn Rd and we have requested that trucks avoid using Balwyn Rd at certain times for example school drop off/pick up times and ensure the 40km speed limit is adhered to at all times. MH: We are currently planning, once the compound is established, for trucks to come off the Eastern Freeway onto Doncaster Rd then directly into the compound. CD: Council has requested that heavy vehicles don't use Bulleen Rd and local streets, we have asked for Burke Rd to be used as an exit. MH: We are building worker parking to assist with keeping local streets clear. JV: How much of the Koonung Creek Trail will be permanently lost? MH: Most of it will be returned excluding the part that will be used as part of the Eastern Freeway widening. JV: Concerns regarding contaminated soil, which could be brought in. MH: Soil that is removed will be classified then disposed of correctly. OS: Will the diversion of the SUP be complete before the Koonung Creek Trail is closed? MH: Yes, diverting the trail will be one of the first things to be done. FF: Will the path on the southern side of the Koonung Creek Trail still be open? MH: Yes, with detours in place. FF: Will there be a new Doncaster bridge near the Park and Ride? MH: Yes, this will be shared at the UDLP session which we are hoping to present in October. CD: What is the approval process that you go through for the construction compound? MH: They need to be approved by the IEA and then the Minister for Planning. They are then reviewed by DOTP, Council. Consultation with nearby residents via doorknocking and a wider group of residents by letterbox drops and feedback from this is also fed into the plans. CD: Are there any formal points during that process where Council and community members can provide feedback in a formal way? MH: Although no formal process is in place feedback is collated and provided to the project team for consideration in their compound planning as part of the process. FF: Worker parking is an issue, can enough parking be provided for workers onsite rather than in local streets. LR: We are working to accommodate as much worker parking as we can. OS: Residents near Koonung Creek tail should all receive letterbox drops, however believes some may have been missed. MH: I will look into this. LR: We also encourage people to sign up for email updates. There will be a media campaign developed to advertise the UDLP and we'll be holding pop up information sessions at shopping centres as well</p>

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Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>JV: Freeway Golf Club players are hitting many balls onto the Freeway and needs the ball net to be funded. MH: Noted and we are aware of this issue.</p> <p>OS: The pedestrian footpaths on Bulleen Rd bridge are covered in dust and rubbish making them almost unusable as they are already very narrow. MH: Encourage group to notify NELP as soon as possible. Pictures of location also help.</p> <p>Next meeting 6 October 10am</p> <p>Thanked SCLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 12:11pm.</p>

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
S4-1	Link to EPRs to be sent with minutes	JW	6.10.23	Open	
S4-3	Truck route from Eastern Freeway during compound set up to Balwyn Road to be shown	MH	6.10.23	Open	
S4-4	Dates to be provided for member bus tour	IZ	6.10.23	Open	
S4-5	During nightworks when exiting the Eastern Freeway at Bulleen Rd heading towards Bellevue, the left lane is blocked without prior warning.	CL	6.10.23	Open	CL to look into

Actions – Long Term

No	Owner	Topic	Status
S8-1(2021)	MHi	JV asks about ball net fencing at Freeway Golf Course (FGC) and that NELP should be responsible for funding this on top of existing works at the site. At the meeting at 11.08.23 JV reported that many golf balls are being hit onto the Freeway.	Open MHi to advise if this may be possible as part of the Freeways package
S14-1	MHi	MHi to investigate potential for installing radar crossings for pedestrians	Open MHi to advise if these will be installed at some intersections/interchanges

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
1 2024	14 April 2023	Presentation on Motorway Control Centre	SM	Presentation to be given when information available
2 Q4	14 April 2023	MHi to present further information on managing the flood plain in Freeway package design	MHi	Presentation to be given when information available
3 Q3	2 June 2023	HB to present on continuing process with Melbourne Water regarding flood modelling	HB	HB to present at next meeting on 7 July Presentation rescheduled to 25 August meeting CLOSED Presented at 25.08.23
4 Q1 2024	7 July 2023	CW to present NELP Sustainability	JW	Presentation to be given in early 2024

Additional information

Please note the below post meeting note from the meeting held on 7 July 2023:

The Koonung Creek Reserve master plan is a document prepared by NELP in consultation with Council, as agreed to in the July 2020 settlement agreement. The community consultation about the master plan is yet to be confirmed as the master plan itself is still under development and negotiation. The master plan is expected to be reflected in the UDLP.'

The above is in response to:

GJ: What is the timeframe for the Koonung Creek Master Plan? MH: Boorondara Council are aiming to have their masterplan, which is the longer term vision of the reserve, out for consultation in September this year