

Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 September 2026
Project: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 20
Chairs: David McCaffrey & The Hon. Paul Hamer MP, Member for Box Hill
Minute Taker: Darcy McLoughlin, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)

Attendees	Apologies
- David McCaffrey, facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) - The Hon. Paul Hamer MP, Member for Box Hill (Co-Chair) - Alex Cattnach, Stations Alliance North (SAN) - Andrew Kelly, SAN - Andy McCulloch, community representative - Darcy McLoughlin, SRLA - David Donnelly, SRLA - David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group - Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society - Kelsey Southwood, SRLA - Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayer and Residents Association - Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council - James Roper, Vicinity Centres	- Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) - Richard Shi, ABAW - Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health - Sam Pepper, Box Hill Institute

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping - David McCaffrey (DMc) welcomed attendees, provided an Acknowledgement of Country and reviewed previous actions and minutes. Discussion - Helen Harris (HH) asked if Whitehorse City Council (WCC) will manage the new Box Hill Gardens toilet facilities once installed and whether solar panels could be installed. SAN advised WCC will manage the toilets and panels could be installed later if compatible. HH noted the panels could also power nearby lighting. - SRLA advised a site visit for PRG members could be organised once the new permanent open spaces had been completed.	DMc/PH
2.	Project update SRLA provided a project update including - Start of tunnelling in Burwood. - Changes to the scope of SRL East as announced by the Premier including not proceeding with Box Hill station interchange works	SRLA

	- Progression of Stations South package to preferred contractor. Discussion - Community members asked where the spoil from tunnelling is going. Action: SRLA to provide more information on tunnelling spoil designation at next meeting. - David Morrison (DM) asked if SRLA community consultation would be affected If the Authority is absorbed into the Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority. SRLA advised community consultation will continue as normal. - KE and SRLA discussed station interchange and above-ground infrastructure associated with the station. - DM asked about the long-term use of SRLA project land. SRLA advised this will be a future government decision.	
3.	Works update SRLA provided a works update including - Demolition works underway north of Whitehorse Road. - Upcoming demolition works south of Whitehorse Road. - Utility works and associated pedestrian detours. - Two new public open spaces and Box Hill Gardens enhancements. Discussion - Paul Hamer (PH) requested extra signage and the use of symbols for CALD community members. ACTION: SRLA and SAN to review Box Hill wayfinding signage. - KE asked about the locations of site investigations and long-term station ventilation infrastructure. SRLA clarified the locations. - KE asked about the names of the new permanent open spaces. SRLA advised this is being undertaken by WCC.	SRLA
4.	Engagement update SRLA provided an engagement update including - Recent community engagement events - Upcoming events ACTION: SRLA to send through open space event details to PRG.	SRLA
5.	Other business - DM asked if the Box Hill Structure Plan could be overridden by decisions made by the Minister for Planning, citing an example at 702-706 Station Street, Box Hill currently with the Minister for Planning for approval. ACTION: PH to follow up 702-706 Station Street, Box Hill matter with the Minister for Planning's office. - Andy McCulloch raised that he had sent an enquiry to SRLA and was awaiting a response. ACTION: SRLA to call Andy McCulloch to discuss his enquiry. - Several members of the meeting expressed that it might be time for the group to be refreshed. SRLA confirmed it intends a refresh of the Box Hill PRG membership in 2027.	DMc/PH

- PH asked if WCC had changed its position on the linear park citing a recent radio interview featuring the mayor. WCC shared it was not aware of a position change and committed to following up.
- **ACTION: WCC to confirm position on linear park.**

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1.	PRG	SAN to advise if the toilet block will have solar panels.	Complete	SAN
2.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to investigate support for Whitehorse Heritage Week.	Complete	SRLA
3.	PRG	SAN to explore potential timing for a site walk.	Open	SAN
4.	PRG	SRLA to share Independent Advisory Committee report.	Complete	SRLA
5.	PRG	SRLA to share final structure plans and planning scheme amendments.	Complete	SRLA
6.	PRG	SRLA to provide more information on tunnelling spoil designation at next meeting.	Open	SRLA
7.	PRG	SRLA and SAN to review Box Hill wayfinding signage.	Complete	SRLA
8.	PRG	SRLA to send through open space event details to PRG.	Complete	SRLA
9.	PRG	Minister Paul Hamer to follow up 702-706 Station Street, Box Hill matter with the Planning Minister's office.	Open	PH
10.	Andy McCulloch	SRLA to call Andy McCulloch to discuss his enquiry.	Open	SRLA
11.	Minister Paul Hamer	WCC to confirm position on linear park.	Open	WCC