

# Meeting minutes

## WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date:	26 May 2016	Time:	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Place:	Maribyrnong Town Hall, 61 Napier St, Footscray VIC 3011	Meeting number:	Two
Chair:	Jim Williamson (JW)	Minutes:	Kathryn Norton (Secretariat)

### Attendees

Name	Membership
Scott Ellerton (SE)	Yarraville
Jessica Christian-Franks (JCF)	Footscray
Mike Nolan (MN)	Spotswood (Proxy for Simon Birch)
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood
Craig Williams (CW)	Seddon
Craig Rowley (CR)	LeadWest
Margaret O'Loughlin (MO)	Yarraville
Philip Dearman (PD)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council
Neil Whiteside (NW)	Brimbank Council
Stephen Zelez (SZ)	Hobsons Bay Council
Dave Jones (DJ)	RACV
Mac Henshall (MH)	Project team
Samantha Aitchison (SA)	Project team
Jana Dore (JD)	Project team

### Apologies

Name	Membership
Alysha McKenzie (AM)	VTA
Emma Appleton (EA)	City of Melbourne
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn Residents Action Group
Andrew Williams (AW)	Project team
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood

### Attendees

Name	Membership
Kathryn Norton (KN)	Project team
Emily Dooley (ED)	Project team
Gary West (GW)	Project Team
Robin Miles (RM)	Facilitator

## Agenda items

Time	#	Item detail
5.35pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies
5.40pm	2	Address previous minutes and actions arising
5.50pm	3	Overview of planning process <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation on planning process</li><li>• Group discussion</li></ul> Overview of consultation undertaken to date and key themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation about consultation</li><li>• Group discussion</li></ul>
6.50pm	5	Design update and discussion
7.15pm	4	Suggested items for discussion by members
7.20pm	5	Other items <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed agenda for next meeting</li><li>• Site visit</li></ul>
7.25pm	6	Meeting action summary
7.30pm	7	Meeting close

## Minutes

#	Description
1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JW opened the meeting.</li><li>• JW welcomed MN proxy for SB and noted apologies.</li><li>• MN provided brief background to the group.</li><li>• JW outlined the format of the workshop for the meeting, including the focus on the planning process and the consultation feedback.</li></ul>
2	<p><b>Previous minutes and actions arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JW mentioned the possibility of the site visit in the near future. This is to be decided at a later date.</li><li>• JW asked group to endorse minutes and actions from the second meeting.</li><li>• CR and MI requested change and change was accepted by group and noted for action.</li><li>• JW requested any questions from the floor<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– JCF raised sharing documents and the possibility of a shared google drive.</li></ul></li><li>• MP, JCF and CR who didn't attend the first meeting introduced themselves and their involvement and/or interest in the Western Distributor:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– JCF is a Footscray resident and CEO of CoDesign Studio. She is passionate about the project and active citizenship with a background in social impact and urban design.</li><li>– CR is CEO of LeadWest, a group of stakeholders in Melbourne's west particularly businesses. He was previously a resident of Williamstown and now works in Maribyrnong and lives in Footscray.</li><li>– MP is a Yarraville resident with a background in urban design and landscape architecture for both public and private infrastructure.</li></ul></li></ul>
3	<p><b>Group workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RM gave an overview of the workshop</li><li>• Members split into four groups to explore the Western Distributor design options, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- West Gate Freeway widening and tunnel connections</li><li>- Hyde Street access options</li><li>- Tunnel, northern portal and bridge</li><li>- Footscray Road, city access and bypass</li></ul></li><li>• Table groups discussed key issues and opportunities about the design options and a specialist from each table presented back the issues and opportunities raised by members as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>West Gate Freeway widening and tunnel connections</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advantages: encourages trucks to use freeway, metering discourages toll avoidance, possible savings for trucks (time, fuel and maintenance), long tunnel doesn't impact green space and appears to avoid urban and/or social impacts, completion of Federation Bike Trail.</li><li>- Disadvantages: possible traffic from Geelong Road, would prefer to Grieve Parade instead of Millers Road to access freeway, current noise walls could need improvements (especially near cemetery), air quality, short tunnel presents most impact to Stony Creek and Hyde Street Reserve.</li></ul></li><li>– <b>Hyde Street access options</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advantages: recognition there is a shared obligation between north and south, a</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

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	<p>north-south option that hugs the existing freeway corridor is preferred.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disadvantages: elevated structures present noise, visual and air quality concerns, construction management around Hyde Street ramps (particularly Williamstown Road), possible loss of open space, short tunnel presents most impacts.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Tunnel, northern portal and bridge</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advantages: improved opportunities for community facilities, improved cycling access, direct access to the port and the replacement of trees along Footscray Road for visual amenity.</li><li>- Disadvantages: elevated structures could result in loss of views and amenity across waterfront, potential loss of greenspace along Footscray Road, possible impacts of crossings for Cotton Mills building.</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Footscray Road, city access and bypass</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advantages: access to and from the CBD and to and from north of the city from the west, improved cycling access and connections, additional access for freight vehicles, potential for tram reservation along Footscray Road.</li><li>- Disadvantages: concern with additional traffic crossing from the north to the west, unknown impact on E-Gate, impacts to Moonee Ponds, elevated structures present visual amenity and land use concerns, devaluation of future developments, possible increased noise from Wurundjeri Way and Dynon Road.</li></ul></li></ul>
4	<p><b>Suggested items for discussion by members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JW asked the CLG to raise any items to be included on the agenda for future meetings. Members suggested items such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The outcomes of consultation (April-May 2016) and how feedback will be considered</li><li>- The tender process, how tenders will be evaluated and briefed about the feedback</li><li>- More information about the pros and cons of the tunnel options</li><li>- Project trade-offs, including impacts and opportunities</li><li>- Ongoing maintenance of landscape after construction</li><li>- Traffic modelling, including management and the flows of traffic</li><li>- Existing conditions for noise, air quality and traffic.</li></ul></li></ul>
5	<p><b>Other items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The next meeting date was set for 23 June 2016 – this is one week earlier than scheduled to accommodate school holidays.</li><li>• Members agreed preferred location for future meetings is Maribyrnong Town Hall.</li></ul>
6	<p><b>Meeting action summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outlined below (page 6).</li></ul>
7	<p><b>Meeting close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JW closed meeting at 7.40pm.</li></ul>

## Actions

#	Action detail	Owner
1	Explore options for sharing documents e.g. google drive	Secretariat
2	Share Consultation fact sheet with group	Secretariat
3	Compile table discussion notes and share with group	Secretariat

## Next meeting

Date:	27 July 2016
Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	City of Maribyrnong Town Hall, 61 Napier Street, Footscray VIC 3011
Chair:	Jim Williamson

Minutes prepared by: Emily Dooley

Minutes approved by: Jim Williamson



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