

Meeting minutes

Date: 11 June 2024 **Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Kingston Heath Golf Club/Teams
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Heatherton Community Reference Group
Meeting Number: 7
Chair: Kim Jordan

Attendees	Organisation/Role
Kim Jordan	Chair
	Community Members
Andrew Dawson	Residents Against Inappropriate Development
Andrew Taylor	Kingston Heath Golf Club
Carol Dawson	Residents Against Inappropriate Development
Giuseppe Sottile	Community representative
Guy Davidson	Community representative
Martin Powles	Community representative
Michelle Hornstein	Kingston Residents Association
	Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)
Adam Greenberger	Senior Manager, Environment & Planning
Anna Raftery	Senior Manager, Strategic Approvals
Brenton Shaughnessy	Deputy Director, Engagement
Kelsey Southwood	Senior Engagement Adviser
Mitch Getson	Engagement Adviser
	Suburban Connect
Isolde Piet	Construction Lead - Tunnels
Kelly Marshall	Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager
Ryan Anderson	Construction Lead – Alex Fraser
Apologies	
Dishan Rajaratnam, Christway College	

Item	Discussion topic
1.	Welcome and housekeeping
2.	SRLA update
3.	Tunnels South

4. Questions and discussion
5. Meeting close

Meeting minutes

Discussion

1. Welcome and housekeeping:

- Kim Jordan (KJ) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country

2. SRLA update:

- SRLA provided an update on the Clarinda Recycling Facility use background, including:
 - Timeline related to the use of the Clarinda Recycling Facility
 - Response provided to the Community Reference Group (CRG) in April 2023.

3. Presentation from Suburban Connect (SC), including:

- Tunnels South
 - Tunnels South scope
 - Clarinda tunnel access structures
 - Approvals
 - Tunnel boring machine pathway
 - Cross passages
 - Tunnels South Engagement

4. Questions and discussion:

- A community member queried if a new Environment Effects Statement (EES) will be developed.
 - SRLA advised that the Minister for Planning issued the *Suburban Rail Loop Ministerial Guidelines for Assessment of Environmental Effects* in September 2020. These Ministerial Guidelines acknowledge that during delivery there may be a need to vary the project scope and sets out how to address the variation. Suburban Connect (SC) needs to determine whether the project variation will result in any 'significant new effects' compared with what was assessed during the EES and confirm the change can be adequately managed by the existing Environmental Management Framework (EMF) and Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs).
 - This process is currently underway and will involve consultation with Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), Melbourne Water, Kingston City Council and the Minister for Planning.
- A community member queried what would happen to the site once the tunnelling is complete.
 - SC advised the land will be returned to the previous condition.
- A community member queried how deep the South Eastern Trunk Sewer (SETS) is.
 - SC advised the sewer is approximately 25m deep.
- A community member queried if trains would run below or above the SETS once the Project is operational.
 - SC advised the tunnel will run above the SETS. Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) no longer need go over the top of the SETS, reducing risk of damage.
- A community member queried if the risk to the SETS was known in the initial design.
 - SRLA advised the need to protect the SETS was a key project consideration and has been engaging with SETS owner Melbourne Water throughout the project development.
- KJ queried whether the construction methodology above the SETS will be cut and cover.

Discussion

- SRLA advised this is correct.
- KJ asked for confirmation that the tunnel was always going to run above the sewer and it was always known the SETS would need to be protected.
 - SRLA confirmed that is correct
- KJ asked for clarity about the consultation timeline with the Minister for Planning
 - SRLA advised there is no statutory requirement for a response from the Minister within a certain time period, however, SRLA expects a response in the next few months.
- A community member queried if noise modelling related to the Alex Fraser (AF) site has been conducted and if SRLA will share with the community.
 - SRLA advised that noise modelling has been conducted and are working through if the modelling can be shared with the community.
 - **ACTION: Suburban Connect to confirm if Alex Fraser noise modelling can be shared with the community.**
- A community member noted that impacts were assessed in relation to 217 Kingston Road, Heatherton not the AF site.
 - SC advised they are undertaking the necessary impact assessments, which takes into account sensitive receptors – or nearby residents and businesses – in the vicinity of the AF site.
- A community member noted residents can hear noise from AF now and are concerned about impacts.
 - SRLA noted SC needs to confirm that the works can be adequately managed by the EMF and EPRs in consultation with key stakeholders.
- A community member queried why an acoustic shed is being built at the AF site but not the Stabling Facility western tunnel entrance.
 - SRLA and SC confirmed an acoustic shed will be built at the western tunnel entrance.
- A community member noted the AF site was setup in a specific way for their works which was part of the planning permit, this change will impact their works.
 - SRLA advised Planning Scheme Amendment C223 seeks to introduce an incorporated document into the Kingston Planning Scheme to enable the Alex Fraser operations to be reconfigured to make space for SRL East and then reinstate operations once SRL East works are completed on the site. Once SRL East works are complete Alex Fraser Group will operate the site in accordance with the existing planning permit.
- A community member queried when SRLA will be finished with the AF site, noting that AF will close in 2033.
 - SRLA advised SRL East works will be undertaken on site for approximately 4-6 years
- A community member queried if the changes consider the Victory Road site which is planned to be parkland.
 - SRLA confirmed the Victory Road site will be considered as a sensitive site in planning for AF works.
- A community member queried how long it will take to move the TBM from the eastern tunnel entrance to the western tunnel entrance.
 - SC advised the TBM will be moved by a heavy haulage contractor and will take approximately one day to move from the eastern tunnel entrance to the western tunnel entrance.
- A community member queried if all the spoil will be removed from the AF site.
 - SC advised approximately half of the spoil from the Tunnels South package of works – between Cheltenham and Glen Waverley – will be removed at the AF site. Approximately a quarter will be removed at Monash and approximately a quarter will be removed at the Stabling western tunnel entrance.
- SRLA noted significant reduction of impacts for cross passages located in Ball Road, Byng Avenue and Golf View Road which no longer require surface works
- A community member queried if ground freezing has been used in Australia, particularly in the summer months.
 - SC advised it is a standard approach for tunnelling in other parts of the world and is ultimately a safer solution.

Discussion

- SRLA and SC noted it has been used in Australia, including on Perth Metronet and the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- A community member queried why the spoil removed from the western tunnel entrance cannot be removed from the AF site.
 - SC advised that these sites operate independently, and infrastructure would need to be built to transport removed spoil from the western tunnel entrance to AF. There are also different methods used to move the spoil at each location which would impact the ability to move spoil across sites.
- A community member queried where the spoil will be removed to.
 - SRLA advised the spoil would be transported off-site to a lawful place for disposal.
 - A community member queried if spoil could be removed to a site in the area.
 - SRLA advised lawful sites throughout the south-east region that have capacity to receive the spoil are being assessed.
- A community member queried what SRLA will do with the spoil at the Lantrak site now that they have acquired the site.
 - SRLA advised the team is working through works on the site, noting that a polymer has been sprayed on the existing stockpile to reduce the amount of dust in the area.
- KJ confirmed the consultation is focused on the Clarinda Material Recycling Facility (Alex Fraser Group) reconfiguration Planning Scheme Amendment solely – not SRL East works within the Alex Fraser site.
- A community member queried how truck movements will be impacted because of the change.
 - SC advised the level of truck movements in the overall area will be the same but moved to the AF site. SC is still considering truck movements and will provide a briefing to the CRG once confirmed.
 - **ACTION: SC to provide briefing about truck movements in Heatherton and Clarinda once plans are more developed.**
- SRLA noted the intention would be to get trucks onto Dingley Bypass as quickly as possible.
 - A community member noted an access track should be built to allow trucks to enter Dingley Bypass without using Kingston Road.
- A community member queried why Elder Street South opened earlier than notified for.
 - SRLA advised it was because the works for the access track were complete.
- A community member queried if ground freezing is normally completed close to landfills noting concerns of gas leakage.
 - SC advised ground freezing is used to freeze the ground water that already exists in the soil. A tube is run from each tunnel and refrigerant flows through the pipes to freeze the ground. This technique does not push liquids or gas out of the ground or water table.
- A community member asked for SRLA to confirm if TBMs will tunnel through landfills.
 - SRLA advised TBMs will not intercept landfill waste during tunnelling.
- A community member queried if all the equipment will be moved from the Stabling Facility to the AF site.
 - SRLA noted the equipment currently on site is required by Laing O'Rourke to build the eastern tunnel entrance and will remain in place.
- A community member queried whether the fact that the TBM will no longer be launched from the eastern tunnel entrance changes the design of the structure.
 - SRLA advised there is no change to the design.
- A community member noted a recent image in the media regarding the scope changes led to some misunderstanding in some parts of the community.
 - SRLA advised the community member to send the image through to the project, noting the images supplied are generally an indicative representation and the project has no control over what is published in the media.
- **ACTION: SC to provide presentation regarding acoustic sheds at future CRG.**
 - SC noted the acoustic shed provides weather protection and noise reduction.
 - SRLA noted the acoustic sheds will reduce impact on the community, but they will not remove all impacts.
- A community member queried if more dust monitors will be installed at AF.

Discussion

- SRLA advised AF have dust monitors located on site which is a requirement of the existing planning permit which will be maintained.
- SRLA noted SC have to prepare an Environmental Air Quality and Dust Management Plan that needs to be approved by the EPA – this will include requirement for dust monitoring.
- A community member queried whether AF or SRLA should be contacted regarding dust in the area.
- KJ advised best to contact SRLA at first instance.
- A community member queried where the TBMs travelling from the western tunnel portal to Cheltenham will be retrieved.
 - SC advised the TBMs will be retrieved from the Stabling Facility western tunnel entrance.
- A community member queried if Talbot Quarry is a site for spoil removal.
 - SRLA advised SC are responsible for finding appropriate places to dispose of spoil and they are working on those plans now.
- **ACTION: A community member requested an update on works at 91-185 Kingston Road, Heatherton at the next CRG**
- A community member noted the scope change was announced after the previous CRG and queried why the CRG was not briefed earlier.
 - SRLA advised approvals were not in place to discuss the AF site at the May CRG. SRLA understands the importance of briefing the CRG and that is why an out of session meeting was called at short notice.
- A community member noted concerns about information being announced in the media rather than to the group ahead of time.

5. Closing items and next steps:

- Meeting closed.

Actions

#	Previous Actions	Owner	Due	Status
1.	SRLA and Kingston City Council to discuss ownership of drainage pit mentioned in the CRG. <i>KCC to provide written response regarding drainage pit action and include in minutes.</i>	SRLA	Future CRG	Open
2.	Future presentation opportunities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 631 bus route – Department of Transport and Planning - DTP 2. Traffic assessment process 3. Urban Design Advisory Panel 4. Public Open Space offset process and timeline 	SRLA	Future CRGs	Pending
#	New Actions	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Suburban Connect to confirm if Alex Fraser noise modelling can be shared with the community.	SC	Future CRG	Open
2.	SC to provide briefing about truck movements in Heatherton and Clarinda once plans are more developed.	SC	Future CRG	Open
3.	SC to provide presentation regarding acoustic sheds at future CRG.	SC	Future CRG	Open

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