

8 April 2025



Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group

Date	21/03/2025	Time	10:00am - 12:00pm
Chair	Jeni Coutts	Meeting no.	2 of 2025
Location	Manningham Club and Hotel	Minute taker	Niamh Kenny

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jeni Coutts (JC)	Independent Chair	Elizabeth Patena (EP)	Manger, Community Partnerships, NELP
Hamid Peimany (HP)	Community Engagement Advisor, Spark	John van Delft (JV)	Community Representative
Fiona Bettis (FB)	Environment Representative, BTA	Alexander Law (AL)	Community Representative
Mia McMahon (MM)	Community Engagement Manager, Spark	Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative
Nic Morton (NM)	Senior Communications & Stakeholder Relations Advisor, NELP	Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative
Niamh Kenny (NK)	Graduate, Communications & Stakeholder Relations, NELP	Jaimie Ledwidge (JL)	Senior Communication & Community Relations Manager, Burke to Tram Alliance (BTA)
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council	Mike Lowrie (ML)	Head of Delivery, Symal
Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council	Sinead Greenshields (SG)	Senior Environment Specialist, MRPV
Andrew Mangan (AM)	Manningham City Council	Joe Carbone (JCa)	Community Representative
Micheal Hobbs (MH)	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Manager	Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative
Ben Scott (BS)	Bulleen Project Manager, NELP	Khadijah Aminuddin (KA)	Sustainability Advisor, Spark

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Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative	Nic Moore (NMo)	Community Representative
Sam Doyle (SD)	Interface Communication & Stakeholder Engagement Management, NELP	Helena Vun (HV)	Advisor Communications & Stakeholder Relations, MRPV

Agenda

Agenda	Lead
Welcome, minutes, actions & outstanding business	Jeni Coutts (JC)
North East Link Community Fund	Elizabeth Patena (EP)
Combined Construction update - North East Link and Eastern Freeways	Ben Scott (BS) Hamid Peimany (HP) Jamie Ledwidge (JL)
Combined Traffic changes in 2025 update - North East Link and Eastern Freeways	Ben Scott (BS) Jamie Ledwidge (JL)
Eastern Freeways Wayfinding on Koonung Creek Trail and surrounds	Jaimie Ledwidge (JL)
Combined Environment update - Eastern Freeways IEA Report Presentation North East Link Sustainability and Social Impact	Khadijah Aminuddin (KA) Sinead Greenshields (SG) Fiona Bettis (FB)
Combined Community Engagement update - North East Link and Eastern Freeways	Mia McMahon (MM) Jamie Ledwidge (JL)
Other Business	Jeni Coutts (JC)

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SC25 1-1	GJ: Will EV chargers be incorporated in the design for the Manningham Control Centre?	RV/MM	21/03/2025	CLOSED	Spoken to during presentation. HP advised that of the 80 car parks 5% (4 EV chargers) will have ready to charge EV chargers installed. Potential for future installation of 25% of parks (20 EV chargers)
SC24 8-2	GJ: Will the temporary noise walls be made from re-usable material?	JL	21/03/2025	CLOSED	Spoken to during presentation. JL stated the sustainability team advised our contract requires the

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					permanent walls to be made of 90% recycled material from construction waste. JL will keep the group updated about opportunities to recycle temporary noise walls.
SC24 8-3	NM: Provide information about worker parking requirements in the Construction Compound Plans	MM	21/03/2025	CLOSED	Spoken to during presentation, information emailed to Nic Moore
SC24 8-4	GJ: Suggests installing arrows and wayfinding signs to help residents navigate the Koonung Creek trail detours	JL	21/03/2025	CLOSED	Spoken to during presentation. JL advised frog symbol is being added to street trail signage, awaiting feedback from Manningham Council

Actions – Long Term

No	Owner	Topic	Status
S14-1	MHi	MHi to investigate potential for installing radar crossings for pedestrians	MHi to advise if these will be installed at some intersections/interchanges
SC24 1-3	MH	AL has requested that feedback received and mitigations (including for PTV operator) that were put in place for the Bulleen Rd stage two closure be shown after these works	MH to advise once information is available
SC24 6-8	MH	GJ requests if a meeting can be scheduled upon the completion of the Doncaster Park and Ride UDL to include a PTV representative	Pending Doncaster Park and Ride approval and DTP availability
SC25 1-5	JL	Will provide a presentation on noise walls, covering the impacts and the noise levels the community is currently experiencing	JL to present once information is available
SC25 5-10	SD	Burke Road lighting	SD/MH to obtain written assurance from DTP discussing its safety assessment on the current lighting on Burke Road.

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
Q4 2025	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

Key discussion points/decisions

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Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies and introduced new attendees New combined updates during presentation slides explained Acknowledgement of country conducted
	<p><u>Outstanding actions addressed</u></p> <p><u>Short term actions</u></p>
Hamid Peimany (HP)	<p>SC25 1-1: HP advised that there will be 80 car parks with ready to charge EV charging points to 5% (4 of) of all car parking services. Electrical infrastructure prepared to allow for future installation of EV charging points to 25% (total of 20 inclusive of 4 available on day 1). Action CLOSED.</p>
Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p>SC24 8-2: JL stated the sustainability team advised our contract requires the walls to be made of 90% recycled material from construction waste. Don't have final plan of where they will go. Still some time until the noise walls come down, so we will keep the group updated. Action CLOSED.</p>
Mia McMahon (MM)	<p>SC24 8-3: MM notes this question was raised by Nic Moore so this information will be provided to him after the meeting. The plan is from 2022 which outlines the construction compound plans at the start of early works pre major construction. Site has now progressed into major construction, so the scope has increased. Since the removal of worker parking earlier this year, we have reviewed the plans and given there is no environmental risk the plan doesn't need to be updated. This is why it's still in the 2022 format online. This information has been emailed to Nic Moore – action CLOSED.</p>
Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p>SC24 8-4: JL to address later in presentation.</p>
	<p><u>Long term actions</u></p>
Michael Hobbs (MH)	<p>SC25 5-10: MH stated the issue has been raised with Department of Transport (DTP) and they believe the current lighting is safe and that upgrades to lighting are planned to occur as part of future Hoddle to Burke project. NM reminded the group that SD updated the group in the November meeting that DTP determined the current lighting setup was safe. RM frustrated with the lack of a concrete answer and requested this advice from DTP in writing MH states he will seek assurance in writing from DTP that it is safe in all weather types and times of the day/night. SD/MH to obtain written assurance from DTP discussing its safety assessment on the current lighting on Burke Road. Action remains OPEN.</p>
Elizabeth Patena (EP)	<p><u>North East Link Community Fund</u></p> <p>EP: As per presentation.</p> <p>JCa: Asked if an organisation has won projects across multiple categories, what can they do.</p> <p>EP: Stated that it's fine to apply for more than one project per category, as long as they are different projects.</p>
Ben Scott (BS)	<p><u>North East Link construction update</u></p> <p>BS: As per presentation.</p> <p>The group noted how helpful it was to see seeing the artist impression and construction drone footage side by side.</p> <p>BS: Stated the surface hole was back filled and both TBM's have resumed tunnelling. Noted that both TBM's have broken through. Stated the TBM does around nine rings per day.</p> <p>Group discussed what the area south of Manningham Road, near the concrete plant (currently shown as green open space) is going to be post construction. NM stated the area is future development and there are no further updates at this time.</p>

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Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p><u>Eastern Freeways construction update</u></p> <p>JL: As per presentation.</p> <p>GJ: Expressed safety concerns about the excavation works for the bus lane on Bulleen Road near Thompsons Road close to the pedestrian footpath.</p> <p>JL: Reassured that the pedestrian path will be switched to the other side very soon once the pedestrian crossing on the dog leg is complete.</p>
Mia McMahon (MMc) Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p><u>North East Link and Eastern Freeway Traffic Changes in 2025 combined update</u></p> <p>MMc and JL: As per presentation.</p>
Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p><u>Eastern Freeways Wayfinding on Koonung Creek Trail and surrounds</u></p> <p>JL: As per presentation.</p> <p>GJ: Suggested an extra logo on street signage be added so it's clear that you're on the trail. JL: Stated that this is being done with the frog symbol, waiting on feedback from Manningham Council.</p> <p>Group discussed if there is a screen with project information in the Greythorn office. JL stated there is a screen inside the office.</p>
Sinead Greensheilds (SG)	<p><u>Eastern Freeways IEA Report Presentation</u></p> <p>RM: Requested for updates on current issues to be included as part of the IEA presentations.</p> <p>NM: Acknowledged this feedback and assures going forward a focus on current issues will be incorporated. MM noted that recent changes to construction methodology were made at Carey Grammar following spikes in noise levels. This is a good example of how the project makes ongoing changes when needed, outside of the IEA reports that are produced.</p>
Khadijah Aminuddin (KA)	<p><u>North East Link Sustainability and Social Impact</u></p> <p>KA: As per presentation.</p>
Hamid Peimany (HP)	<p><u>North East Link and Eastern Freeways Community Engagement combined update</u></p> <p>RM: Asked what the compliments were about. HP/MM: Stated they are about urgent actions such a respite and one from Carey Grammar about recent dust mitigation efforts. RM: Requests a slide outlining the types of compliments be added for future meetings. (Action)</p>
Jamie Ledwidge (JL)	<p>JC: Asks if the types of complaints have changed. MM: Notes that construction parking complaints have increased as site parking has been reduced, working with council to mitigate the issue. Acknowledged the frustration and will continue to keep the group updated.</p> <p>RM: Mentioned the politically motivated community meeting recently held at Veneto Club. MH: Assured the group that the project is aware of the issues discussed in these meetings and has several methods of communicating with the community.</p> <p>GJ: Stated that she attended the meeting and heard parking and litter were top concerns from the community. MM: Acknowledges that the project is aware and is addressing these issues.</p> <p>CD: Stated that a resident with crack damage was told to wait until the end of the project to be assessed and make any claims. JL: Clarified that they can wait until impactful works close to them</p>

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	have ended so the assessment is the most accurate but they do not have to wait until the end of the project in 2028.
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>JC: Opened the floor for members to raise any further questions.</p> <p>CD: Raised parking issues around the Manningham Hotel and Club. JD: Added that he saw two disable parks illegally parked in. MM: Acknowledged it's busy today at Manningham Hotel since there is a Spark leadership workshop taking place. Assured they are actively working with Manningham Hotel to monitor the situation and will check cars parked in disabled parks.</p> <p>CD: Alerted the group to an upcoming community forum set up by Cr Nolan.</p> <p>GJ: Complimented the artist impression side by side video and the work detours and signage the project has done. MP: Confirmed it will be presented again in the next meeting.</p> <p>JCa: Raised concerns around public safety. Believes the committee should be able to formally close out public risk issues. Reiterated his desire to get DTP to respond to public safety matters in writing, which is an ongoing action.</p> <p>RM: Asked for an update on the Manningham River Red Gum. MM: Advised that the team is continuing to monitor the health of the tree and that it is doing well.</p> <p>JC: Closed the meeting, noting the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 2 May.</p>

Actions – new

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SC25 2-1	RM: Suggested a slide detailing the types of compliments received be added to future presentations.	MMc/JL	02/05/25	OPEN	