

# Minutes

**Subject: CLG August 2021 North meeting**

**Date: 19 August 2021    Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Location: Zoom**

<b>Attendees</b>			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Bronwyn Neeson (BN)	WGTP MTIA
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Dan Gregor (DG)	WGTP MTIA
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne	Shane D'Rozario	WGTP MTIA
Adrian Havryluk (AdV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Patricia Thein (PT)	Transurban (TU)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Zoe Taylor (ZT)	TU
Ferdi Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Callum Fogarty (CaF)	TU

## Attendees

		Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
		Vesna Newman (VN)	CPBJH JV
		Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
		Anthony Moran (AM)	CPBJH JV
		Tim Spawton (TS)	CPBJH JV
		Alex Savilla (AxS)	CPBJH JV
		Jesse Ngo (JN)	Aurecon Group

## Apologies

Monique Perry	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Victor Ng	Seddon
Peter Gerrand	West and North Melbourne	Martin Wurt	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest		

## Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Announcements and news	WGTP MTIA

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5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.10pm	4	<p>Members and question update</p> <p>We would like members to provide an update as relevant on any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What questions does your community have about the WGTP?</li> <li>• How have you been communicating information with your community (i.e. at meetings, emails, social media etc)? And what additional resources would you like to help facilitate that?</li> <li>• What has been the response and feedback to those communications?</li> <li>• What is the current WGTP sentiment in your community? How have you gauged this sentiment?</li> <li>• What is happening in your community at the moment? What do you have coming up that you plan to share WGTP information at?</li> </ul>	Community members
6.30pm	5	Guest presenter: CPBJH environmental manager Tim Spawton	CPBJH JV
6.40pm	6	Guest presenter: CPBJH noise specialist Jesse Ngo	CPBJH JV
6.45pm	7	Actions update	All
7.00pm	8	Actions arising and closing	WGTP MTIA

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1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW welcomed all members to the meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Announcement and news</b></p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZT advised the group of good construction progress in particular across the three tunnel portal locations.</li> <li>• ZT noted the recent media coverage regarding the Financial Year 2021 results and that the project parties had entered into a good faith mediation</li> </ul>

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- ZT expressed that Transurban share everyone's disappointment that the project won't be completed by 2022. Transurban is committed to completing the project and has provided cash flow support to CPBJH JV to fund the soil disposal.
- AH noted the significant traffic incident on the West Gate Freeway earlier in the week.
- AH noted recent media around the Victorian Ombudsman's review of the EPA approvals of Environment Management Plans for soil disposal sites.

**Construction update**

AS commented on the below activities across the Tunnels zone:

- Excavation is almost complete at the southern outbound portal with 90% of the portal structure complete.
- Excavation on the southern inbound portal is halfway completed with a focus to complete the concreting works.
- At the Northern Portal site, tunnel boring machine (TBM) preservation works continue, with structures built around the two TBMs.
- Utility works happening on Harris Street for preparatory works on the share use path.

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JM provided an update on the below activities across the East zone:

- Continued pier installation on Footscray Road with capitolts rested on top, these structures will hold the future elevated road.
- A test has been completed on one span on the launching gantry on Footscray Road, which will install the elevated road elements.
- Work is commencing on the Dynon Road share use path. This will be installed over the tracks between North Melbourne station and Dynon Road bridge.
- Piles have been installed at Moonee Ponds Creek which will support the elevated bridge that connects Dynon Road with Wurundjeri Way.
- MU noted that two crosshead deliveries are expected this week, with four per week expected over the next month.

**Member's update:**

- GB observed that the Moonee Ponds Creek pontoons are effective for trapping rubbish in the water, but that it hasn't been cleared. JM will look into getting the rubbish cleared.
- AB noted that community questions have not been responded to on the WGTP's social media channels.
- FA described her involvement with the community is largely via the Kensington Association and Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek whose main channels of communication are via their website, regular newsletters and monthly meetings which are attended by local residents and interested parties. The WGTP is a standing item at the monthly meetings, any updates to the project are covered in the minutes which are referenced in the newsletter. In relation to this FA noted the groups frustration at the lack of progress on the action items that are of interest to them namely increased traffic volumes, and proposed mitigation strategies, adverse impacts to Moonee Ponds Creek and the proposed design change of the veloway which she sought an update on. ZT acknowledged the community's interests and said that the project parties are still working on the proposed design change and reaching a decision.
- CF advised there has been lots of discussion from the community regarding the noisy construction works at night near Fogarty Avenue. The community was also under the impression that closures on The Avenue and Fogarty Avenue were complete. VN explained the noise is from hydroblasting activities and that community notifications were put out, which she would email in follow up to CF. VN also noted that in future communications regarding works of this nature would be shared more widely.
- CF wondered if it was possible to open the side road near Mclvor Reserve to Francis Street. AdH explained this had been considered earlier, but not possible as the road is not properly formed.
- CF put forward whether there is an opportunity to develop an Olympic level skate park at Footscray Road, given the great coverage of skateboarding through the Olympics.

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AxS would look into what facilities have currently been documented and their design status.

- PMN: AxS advises that a pump track has currently been detailed in the vicinity of the bridge 75 veloway near Moonee Ponds Creek. The Pump track has been designed with a hard surface to provide a multi-purpose facility including skate-boarding use. Detailed design of the pump track has already been completed and the JV, therefore, are not proposing to pursue any further changes to this facility.
- AdH questioned with the project delays, what impact this will have on the broader road network. ZT advised this is still being considered and difficult to answer at this stage and requires a considered response
- AdH showed images of the progress made at the Footscray Wharf Promenade Project with landscaping and decking being installed.
- PB queried the noticeable colour variation on the Footscray Road gantry. JM explained that the first span is in testing and at various stages of coatings. The panels will be painted with the final finish in grey.
- PB asked for an indicative time of when the Dynon Road shared use path will be open to the public. JM noted that due to covid there have been complexities with this area of the project, including the need to reschedule the rail occupation timings, with a timeframe not determined.

**Guest presenter: CPBJH environmental manager – Tim Spawton**

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- TS introduced himself as the environmental manager across the WGTP, responsible for all environmental, sustainability and planning requirements.
- TS explained the process of tree and ecological assessments that are conducted on the project, and the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs), with the IREA acting as an external auditor.
- TS described that as per the EPRs, an arborist is required to inspect all vegetation and determine their life expectancy, type and size. The arborist will look at all opportunities for the trees to be retained or removed.
- TS noted that positive outcomes have been agreed with the City of Melbourne to work through tree assessments.
- TS highlighted the rigid process involved with removing trees as once an assessment has been conducted the IREA will conduct their own review and assessment.
- TS noted a recent Walk on Country with the Traditional Owners Group, which looked at opportunities to improve the landscaping.
- FA sought clarification on how trees were classified. TS explained that this is still being worked through as the definition of a tree is yet to be confirmed. Ultimately, the IREA are the independent body who will oversee this outcome.
- FA asked whether the project will be able to confirm the number of trees to be removed and the number to be replanted in light of the 1-5 requirement. TS confirmed this would be possible, however the assessment is currently ongoing and cannot be confirmed at this point in time.
- FS questioned how many trees are being removed on the Kororoit Creek shared user path and Bay Trail. TS explained that the project will enhance the experience and amenity along this corridor. The assessment of trees to be removed and planted is currently ongoing.
- GM requested TS to present on this at a CLG West meeting, which TS agreed to.

**Guest presenter: CPBJH noise expert - Jesse Ngo**

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- JN introduced himself as the senior noise acoustic engineer for the project builder, CPBJH.
- JN provided an overview of the noise assessment modelling conducted, particularly around Railway Place, West Melbourne.
- JN explained the requirements of the Project Scope and Requirements contract (PSR) and Environmental Performance Requirements that set the noise limits for road traffic noise for this project, which for properties in Railway Place is a limit of 63db.

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- JN described the approach used to analyse the noise impacts, which included acoustic modelling based off 2045 road data, industry standard analysis to calculate sound, terrain modelling from DELWP, data from City of Melbourne, road traffic speed and the existing noise barrier on Railway Place. Based on these inputs, the noise modelling forecast that the anticipated traffic noise generation will comply with the requirements of the PSR and that no further mitigation is recommended.
- FA noted that the concern for the community is the cumulative noise impact from WGTP and the rail corridor. SDR advised that this is ultimately a matter for the Department of Transport to consider how their policies would apply.
- AB asked if vibration had been investigated. JN stated vibration is not an issue from road infrastructure, which is different to rail
- FS questioned the durability of the noise walls. AxS advised the noise walls are designed with a design life of 40 years.

**Actions update****AJ10 WGTP MTIA to invite Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021.**

- LE noted that there is no further analysis expected in the short-term and that WGTP MTIA continue to liaise with the Department of Transport (DOT), the CLG will be advised of any updates.
- FA explained that some of the previous questions asked of DOT were not addressed at the meeting. She also noted that the DOT committed at that meeting to provide further details in relation to proposed mitigation strategies.
- JW requested FA to clarify and advise which questions were not addressed. LE noted that WGTP MTIA can coordinate direct engagement between FA and DOT to address outstanding queries. Action to remain open.

**AN11 WGTP MTIA to coordinate a meeting with the Department of Transport to discuss mitigating combined noise from rail and road infrastructure at Railway Place, West Melbourne.**

- SDR explained that WGTP MTIA continue to liaise with DOT in relation to cumulative noise policies and, if appropriate, will provide a DOT contact name for concerned CLG members FA and PB to directly take their concerns up with. Action to remain open.

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**AN10 Project parties are requested to provide information with the modelling and data assumptions to demonstrate noise compliance of the Wurundjeri Way extension to residents along Railway Place West Melbourne.**

- SDR confirmed WGTP MTIA had recently provided the report to the City of Melbourne, and that JN presented on the report findings to the community. PB confirmed he had received the report.
- PB and FA suggested that the action should remain open due to PG's absence and his direct interest in it. JW determined that the action can be closed out of session, pending discussions held with FA, PB, PG and SDR during the out of session period.

**AN8 CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.**

- FA requested that the action remain open because TS' presentation did not detail the number of trees that will be removed, what will be saved, how many trees will be replanted and where they will be replanted. AxS advised that this information is currently being assessed and that it won't be finalised for approximately 3-6 months.
- JW determined that in the interests of information not being available for 3-6 months, the action item is closed at this time and responses to the above questions will be revisited in 3-4 months' time. (PS – this item will be discussed in December to coincide with the meeting schedule with CLG North group members).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FA agreed provided it was made clear that this action item has not been addressed and will be re-instated if the information provided does not address the underlying action item.</li> </ul>

**Other**

- PB noted a delay in the last meeting minutes going onto the website and it was agreed in future that members would be emailed when the final minutes are uploaded to the website.

**Actions arising and closing**

- AJ10 WGTP MTIA to invite Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021. Item remains open. FA to compile questions not addressed in previous meeting.
- AN11 WGTP MTIA to coordinate a meeting with the Department of Transport to discuss mitigating combined noise from rail and road infrastructure at Railway Place, West Melbourne. Action remains open. WGTP MTIA to liaise with DoT.
- AN10 Project parties are requested to provide information with the modelling and data assumptions to demonstrate noise compliance of the Wurundjeri Way extension to residents along Railway Place West Melbourne. JW determined that the action can be closed out of session, pending discussions held with FA, PB, PG and SDR during the out of session period.
- AN8 CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed. Action to be closed and revisited when more information has become available.