

# Minutes

**Subject: December CLG Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 8 December 2022. 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: WGTP Information Centre**

## Attendees

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Douglas Morris (DM)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Marta Zyznowska (MZ)	Transurban (TU)
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Pedro Conceicao (PC)	TU
Peter Gerrand (PG)	West and North Melbourne	Lachlan Sturt (LS) (online)	TU
Marlon De Leon (MDL) (online)	Tarneit	Marcus Forsterling (MF)	TU
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)

Attendees			
Nathan Moir (NM)	CPBJH JV	Tim Spawton (TS)	CPBJH JV
Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV	Neil Hutchinson (NH) (online)	City of Melbourne
Ian Butterworth (IB) (online)	Hobsons Bay Council	Claude Manno (CM)	Brimbank City Council

Apologies			
Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)
Mladen Stojanovic (MS)	CPBJH JV	Melanie Ryan (MR)	Transurban (TU)
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Eloise McGurn (EM)	City of Melbourne
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
James Campbell (JC)	TU		

## Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
5.45pm	3	Summer campaign works	CPBJH JV
5.50pm	4	Construction update	CPBJH JV

6.15pm	5	Environmental and landscape update	CPBJH JV
6.20pm	6	BREAK	All
6.25pm	7	Member questions	Community members
6.40pm	8	Actions update	All

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Agenda item	Item detail
	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and stated apologies for the night.</li> <li>JW welcomed members online and introduced guest speaker Tim Spawton - the Environment, Planning and Sustainability Manager from CPBJH JV to the meeting to provide an environmental and landscaping update on the project to members.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>WGTP MTIA update</b></p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LE spoke to the Millers Road noise attenuation program which applies to 38 residential properties on Millers Road between Geelong Road and the West Gate Freeway. 28 properties are currently participating with physical works on the first 18 properties on track to be completed by the end of the year. WGTP MTIA is preparing for works to commence on a further 10 properties in the first quarter of 2023.</li> <li>LE mentioned the WGTP MTIA team will be hosting a stall at the Yarraville Village farmers market on Saturday 17 December from 9am – 1pm, to engage with local residents about the project and upcoming summer campaign works. LE encouraged CLG members to come along.</li> <li>SDR provided a brief overview of the upcoming summer campaign works. The main areas of works will be completed on the West Gate Freeway, Footscray Road, Wurundjeri Way, and Dudley Street. Confirmed dates will be shared further with members in line with a broader communications campaign.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Construction update</b></p>
	<p><b>WEST ZONE</b></p> <p>NM provided an update on recent community engagement across the West zone:</p>
	<p><b>Community engagement update</b></p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent notifications and DLs were distributed to local residents and businesses on Paringa Road reopening, the successes of the Spring Campaign works at Millers Road, the upcoming works on the Avenue underpass and Millers Road interchange resurfacing works.</li> <li>Businesses near Simcock Avenue including Toll, Visy, Scienceworks, Grazeland and Connolly's Civic were engaged to confirm the second stage of utility works at Simcock Avenue and Booker Street. Works were completed 2 December.</li> </ul> <p>CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone:</p>
	<p><b>Key progress</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paringa Road access from Millers Road was reopened on 9 November.</li> <li>Upcoming nightly closures on the Williamstown Road to West Gate Freeway citybound ramp required to support the construction of the new Hyde Street ramps.</li> <li>Upcoming closures of Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp for the gantry crane installation.</li> <li>Works on the Hyde Street ramps are progressing, with the main focus around the inbound entry ramp and the installation of the bridge beams. Hoping to have all bridge beams installed by end of 2022.</li> <li>The Avenue underpass nightly closures are ongoing until 16 December for resurfacing works.</li> </ul>

**EAST ZONE**

NM provided an update on recent community engagement across the East zone:

**Community engagement update**

- Recent notifications and DLs were distributed to local residents and businesses on Moonee Ponds Creek Trail closure, Lyons Street resurfacing works, Dynon Road Bridge closure and shared user path detour and Maribyrrong Street upcoming works.
- NM stated there was a big focus on Dynon Road residential engagement due to the hydro-blasting noisy night works that occurred from 26 November and hoping to come to an end of 22 December. Approximately 14 households relocated during this time and offered respite including white noise machines and noise cancelling earphones to 17 households.
- Face to face engagement was completed with Maribyrrong Street businesses and alternative parking options sourced.

CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone:

**Key progress**

- Works in the Maribyrrong Street precinct are progressing with resurfacing works at Lyons Street being recently completed.
- Bridge works over the Maribyrrong River continue with one steel girder being lifted per week. CPBJH aiming to lift another four girders in before end of 2022.
- Dynon road works ongoing with closure of Dynon Road Bridge in place until 22 December and MTM disruptions until 12 December. Works are on track to be completed by 22 December.
- Footscray Road launching gantry works ongoing with approx. 8 spans going in per day.

**TUNNELS ZONE**

CD provided an update on recent community engagement across the tunnels zone:

**Community engagement update**

- Recent notifications and DLs were distributed to local residents and businesses for the gantry crane installation at the inbound portal along with DLs distributed for routine well maintenance works at Earsdon Street, Hall Street, New Street, Norfolk Street, and Vockler Street and two-week rolling notifications for TBM1 (Bella) at Cullen Court linked to the southern inbound portal.
- Vibration and noise monitors were installed in private residences in vicinity of the southern inbound portal.
- Engagement with businesses along Youell Street and Cowper Street regarding parking of WGTP staff.
- Upcoming information session on 14 December at the Information Centre

CD provided an update on the below activities taking place across the tunnels zone:

**Key progress**

- Bella, the TBM boring the 4km outbound tunnel, has bored 2,340m and installed 975 rings as of 4 December. Bella is now boring under the West Gate Freeway.
- Vida, the TBM boring the 2.8km inbound tunnel, has bored 1,941m and installed 809 rings as of 4 December. Vida is now under Westgate Golf Course.
- Vida, the inbound portal headwall for the TBM breakthrough (estimated to be early 2023)
- 52,000 trucks have transported tunnel soil so far.

**ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPING**

TS provided an update on recent environment and landscaping activity within the project:

- TS mentioned that project parties are in the very final stages of approving the offset planting plan with final planting figures to be made available shortly. Some tree clearing is still ongoing which is why offset numbers aren't finalised as yet.
- Meetings were had with all project parties and IREA to properly define what a tree is. It has been agreed that juvenile trees will be a part of the 5:1 ratio.
- They have recognised that with the 5:1 offset ratio of replanting there is not enough space within the project area for the number of plants that need to be replanted. Looking at areas just outside of the project boundary to plant extra trees.
- TS noted that the 5:1 offset ratio is for the whole project.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TS identified that self-sown trees will be replanted at a 1:1 ratio.</li> <li>• TS offered to present to the group once final offset planting design packs are signed off.</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER NEWS</b> CF provided a brief update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout October, CPB John Holland got involved with and raised funds for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and exceeded our target of \$20,000.</li> <li>• The Project raised over \$43,500 with all proceeds going directly to Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA).</li> <li>• The excellent outcome was warmly noted and applauded by all present.</li> </ul>

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**BREAK****Member questions**

**Q: PG asked about whether the ventilation structures will include pollution monitors.**

A: CD stated that pollution monitors will be located in the vicinity of the ventilation structure with TS clarifying that monitors will also be within the structure. Further detail will be provided at future meetings.

**Q: GM asked if there is going to be keep clear line marking completed near the 16 shops on Paringa Road?**

A: CF advised he will take this question on notice and get back to GM with further information.

**Q: PG requested a Wurundjeri Way Extension update.**

A: CF said that over the last month the Wurundjeri Way Extension has been the projects busiest work site, with 120 pre-cast girders installed since November all the way up to Dudley Street. LE advised we will check for photographs of the area that can be shared with members.

**Q: GM mentioned there is a new 6ft fence being installed along Beevers Street Altona North that is blocking local residents access to a linear park space. Will this be a permanent fence?**

A: CF replied saying there was a lot of fencing being installed at the moment and will take the question on notice to follow up on. LE stated this will be a new action ALL5.

**Q: PG requested specific planting numbers across the project.**

A: SDR mentioned that all project parties are still in final stages of getting planting numbers finalised and hopes to have answer soon.

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**Q: PG on behalf of FA. Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek asked about the situation in straightening the section of shared path/veloway near to the Creek.**

A: SDR advised the situation remains unchanged in that there are ongoing discussions to reach resolution on the future maintenance of a rail bridge that be integral to the design change.

**Q: DR mentioned that when exiting from the Millers Road outbound ramp, some vehicles continue on straight instead of turning right assuming they are double right turn lanes.**

A: SDR confirmed that the left lane is a through and right lane and that this is the required layout at a freeway exit ramp as required by DOT

**Q: KR sent through questions prior to the CLG meeting for response.**

These included areas of street lighting not operating around the Melbourne Road and freeway entry ramp, also that 40 km speed limit signs on West Gate Freeway are often operating for no apparent reason. Overhead signs and lack of road markings when travelling toward the City from the Western Ring Road/M80 has been raised previously and requires attention.

A: Transurban and CPBJH JV are following up on these questions and will provide a written response that can be passed onto members.

**Q: CFR asked if there would again be sponsorship provided for Yarraville Festival.**

A: LE mentioned from a State Government perspective, the Neighbourhood Grants program is the avenue for sponsorship. TU/JV will advise CF on other sponsorship opportunities.

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**Q: CFR asked when TBM Bella (4 km tunnel) is expected to breakthrough?**

A: CD answered approximately end of May 2023.

**Q: CFR asked if there has been any enquiries or complaints regarding soil movement after the recent wet weather?**

A: CD mentioned no complaints have come through about soil movement where the tunnels are traversing underneath. CF also commented on the recent notification to residents regarding maintenance of water monitoring devices.

**Q: AHV asked whether it would be possible to present on environmental sustainability outcomes of the project at future meetings.**

A: TS said he and his team are working on this as a leading rating has been achieved on this project and he would be happy to present on this at future meetings.

**Q: PG asked about the offset tree planting plan, as there is not enough space in project area for all plants to be replanted, which other local government areas have been considered?**

A: TS stated the areas for extra planting need to be looked at holistically across the project. There are limitations in some areas to plant within the project area and considerations such as maintenance and tree survival are also key factors. The project requires a 5:1 offset ratio to be delivered across the whole project. The project has been working with Councils around the landscape design packages. SDR stated WGTP MTIA is in contact with councils regarding this important element of the project.

**Q: GM requested an estimate of replanting numbers.**

A: TS said the final numbers are very close to being agreed.

**Q: PG asked what proportion of trees are juvenile trees?**

A: TS advised approximately 14%.

**Q: KR asked how long the maintenance period is for these new plants?**

A: TS said there is a two-year maintenance period in place where CPBJH JV will be working with councils and Melbourne Water to ensure the plants are well looked after for their future survival.

**Q: NH asked about environmental performance requirements and how the project is tracking?**

A: TS outlined that the project has a "very high" rating meaning the project is performing very well against the requirements.

**Member Comments**

- BB stated it was a relief to the community to see access to Paringa Road open from Millers Road, especially heading into the Christmas period. It has made a positive impact to the traffic in the area.
- GB mentioned signage for cyclists along key routes will need to be refreshed to make them easier and clearer to read if there are future cycling closures or changes over the coming months. He noted it is difficult for riders at speed to see signage, however appreciate the efforts made LE stated that feedback on location and positioning and size of text on signage has been passed on. NM confirmed this is being done. CFR agreed he has noticed an improvement regarding signage.
- NH mentioned that he noticed that the signage in the area for cyclists on corflutes requires an update and refresh near Railway Place and Miller Street Park.

**Other Comments**

- DM made mention of Christmas shutdown period of the project from 22 December to 11 January 2023.
- Annual West Gate Bridge Maintenance works undertaken by DOT will be going ahead from 26 December to 4 January with up to 90-minute delays expected. WGTP MTIA will circulate more information on this to all members in email.

**Actions update**

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**New action:** ALL5 - CPBJH JV to follow up on whether new black fence at Beavers Street/Millers Road is permanent.

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

Action to remain open. Tim Spawton attended December CLG meeting and stated the project is in the final stages of getting exact tree replanting numbers and offered to present to members once offset design packs have been finalised.

**ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.**

Action to remain open. Update 30/11/22: The project is working toward having both the northbound and southbound footpaths at the Millers Road interchange re-opened in the permanent arrangement prior to the Christmas shutdown period (pending weather and unexpected events).

**ALL3 – TU/JV to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.**

Action to remain open. Update 30/11/22: Addressed last CLG by JV Construction Managers. All project parties working toward a solution.

**ALL4 – TU/JV to advise why the new bus shelter on the Millers Road city bound entry ramp is facing the ramp traffic instead of the retaining wall.**

Action to be closed. WGTP MTIA had meeting with MTAG regarding information on the bus shelter with specific reasoning provided on why the shelter is facing that way.

**Informal follow ups for next meeting:**

- a. WGTP MTIA to send CLG members the DOT West Gate Bridge maintenance information pack.
- b. WGTP MTIA to send CLG members progress photos of Wurundjeri Way and the gantry crane installation at the Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp site.
- c. TU/CPBJH JV to follow up on Yarraville Village festival sponsorship.
- d. CPBJH JV to follow up on if any line marking will be completed near Paringa Road 16 shops.
- e. CPBJH JV/TU to follow up on questions sent in by KR in writing.

**Meeting closed at 7:10pm**

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The Chair closed the meeting at 7.10 and thanked all those present for attending and or presenting. The Chair especially wished to thank all those who do the important organising of the meetings and the follow up between meetings.