

2 February 2024



Meeting Minutes

Northern Community Liaison Group

Date	2/02/2024	Time	10am - 12pm
Chair	Jeni Coutts	Meeting no.	1 of 2024
Location	Watsonia RSL	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

Attendees

Attendees			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jeni Coutts (JC)	Independent Chair	Andrew Mills (AM)	Community Representative
Giselle James (GJ)	Community Representative	Stephen Paul (SP)	Community Representative
Adrian Carter (AC) Advisor, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, North	NELP	Shaan Plummer (SPL) Senior Advisor, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, North	NELP
Josh Ribarich (JR) Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	NELP	Jonathan Risby (JRI) Manager Transport, Development and Environment	Banyule City Council
Jonathan Rowlands (JRO) Environment Manager	Spark	Jim Waller (JW) Executive Program Director	NELP
Mick Marcevski (MM) Manager Project Integration & Assurance	Department of Transport and Planning	Kate Zisos (KZ) Senior Precinct Community Engagement Advisor	Spark
William Curlewis (WC) Project Manager	Spark	Caroline Barker (CB) Community Engagement Coordinator	Spark
Michelle Giovas (MG)	Community Representative	Mark Minahan (MM)	Watsonia RSL
Kim Norton (KN) Communications and Stakeholder Relations Lead	AMA	Elizabeth Patena (EP) Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	NELP
Conor Kiernan (CK)	NELP	Steve Denton (SD)	AMA

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Deputy Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations		Interface Zone (Watsonia) Construction Manager	
Brett Kavanagh (BK)	AMA	Paul Raworth, (PR)	AMA
North Zone (M80) Construction Manager		South Zone (Greensborough) Construction Manager	
Luke Minton (LM)	Spark	Lexie Walter (LW)	AMA
Deputy Director, Community Engagement		Sustainability, Environment and Government Policy Lead	
Steve Litterick (SL)	AMA	Alliance Manager	

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Wendy Cisar (WC)	Community Representative	Wade Howell (WH)	Community Representative
Michelle Molinaro (MM)	Community Representative	Scott Lambert (SL)	NELP
		Senior Advisor, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, North	
Shondelle Mathews (SM)	Spark	Kathleen Petras (KP)	Banyule City Council
Spark, Manager, Community Engagement		Transport Planning & Project Coordinator	
Alan Hunter (AH)	Community Representative		

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Welcome and outstanding business</p> <p>Introduced new attendees and presenters</p> <p>Actions N7-2,N7-3 and N7-4 were closed</p>
Jim Waller (JW)	<p>2024 Program Overview: Presentation included project timeline, community focus, works focus and Jobs and Social Value overview</p>
Conor Kiernan (CK)	<p>SP: Is 2028 still the date for completion? JW: Yes, there is some contingency built into this.</p> <p>MG: With the desired completion date of 2028 is that going to come at the expense of residents and the environment having to live with an increase in dust, vibration and noise? For example, I drove up Greensborough Road this morning and the road and residences are covered in dust - is this standard what we can expect for the rest of the project or will it improve? JW: There will be periods where it will be like it is but as the team starts working underground this will improve. With the other packages coming on board, we are also considering if where possible we can do some 'blitz' works to reduce the amount of time some works will take.</p> <p>MG: That may work but people will have to be given choices such as respite for 12 -18 months as this needs to be improved upon. You say you are rewarding contractors for retaining trees, I don't believe this has happened. JW: It depends on the design, for example the ramp locations were changed to retain homes which unfortunately meant more trees were lost. We will replace the trees that have been lost and return a lot of open space to the community such as sporting fields.</p>

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	<p>MG: Parking is an issue since the project started. JW: Construction parking has been built but as the workforce changes overtime it's a massive task to educate and monitor everyone. We are working on building more parking.</p> <p>MG: A compliment - I called the Contact Centre and was put straight through to NELP which is an improvement.</p> <p>GJ: Is the increase in dust and noise permanent until the end of the project? JW: It shouldn't be, as we have increased dust mitigation and with the low grade of the road in the trench and local traffic only using the local roads. The area should feel quieter.</p> <p>SP: Just planting the trees isn't good enough, what about their maintenance? JW: There is a maintenance plan in place for 25 years for the primary package. We are also building habitat which will also be maintained. The other packages will also have maintenance plans in place and the trees will be monitored and the ones that don't survive replaced. CK: If any members have a better idea how this can be done, please let us know.</p> <p>SP: I've noticed as other projects are coming to completion more focus, more media attention is being placed on NELP. Is there a way that whilst acknowledging the issues media attention can be given to the 'good news stories' coming out of NELP such as employing priority job seekers and how lives are changed? JW: It would be good to have stories about real people and how lives can be changed through employment and focus on positive things.</p>
<p>Luke Minton (LM) Kate Zisos (KZ)</p>	<p>Spark Works Update Presentation included works updates on Watsonia, Lower Plenty, Tunnels and Community interactions.</p> <p>MG: Are the community interactions shown just for Spark? KZ: Yes, this is just Tunnels for January, the M80 completion team will report on their own.</p> <p>AM: Is it possible to have cameras showing works that are happening eg: the dirt going through the conveyor belt etc? KZ: We have time lapse cameras, and these videos are sometimes incorporated into the NELP monthly update videos on their website. We can explore this possibility.</p>
<p>Kim Norton (KN) Brett Kavanagh (BK) Steve Litterick (SL) Steve Denton (SD) Paul Raworth (PR) Lexie Walter (LW)</p>	<p>M80 Completion Update Presentation covered upcoming and completed works including Environmental and Sustainability overview and community engagement.</p> <p>MG: Do you need to build a ramp to allow cars to pass over the rail lines? SL: No, the road will almost follow the rail line on a standard grade.</p> <p>MG: Will there be public access to the new wetlands? BK: No, there is no public access, but you will be able to see it from the top of the hill near the radio tower.</p> <p>MG: There will be approx 350 trucks per day heading onto the freeway? BK: Yes, approximately 1 truck approximately every 1.5 minutes - this will mostly be day works.</p> <p>MM: Will there be more traffic lights on the Greensborough Bypass during works? BK: No, this will remain the same until the end of the works when the current lights will be removed.</p> <p>SP: Will there be any changes to Greensborough Bypass? BK: There will be a new shared user path connection between the Macorna and Yando St bridges, the rest remains as is.</p> <p>SP: And towards the Civic Drive roundabout? BK: No, our work scope finishes at Plenty Road Bridge.</p> <p>SP: Where can I see the Marcona St Bridge upgrade. BK: You can view this on the UDLP website, the existing bridge will be replaced.</p> <p>SP: Will there be any improvements to links into The Gorge? BK: The connection points will be enhanced but remain the same.</p> <p>MG: Has consideration been given to the fauna (especially the kangaroos in Yallambie) during tree removal? LW: We have a kangaroo management plan and advise which areas an ecologist need to visit before tree removal.</p> <p>SP: How are the offset Studley Park gums being maintained? LW: We have two Studley Park gums that are managed perpetually.</p> <p>GJ: As trees contribute to air quality is there an assessment done when they are removed what the effect will be? LW: Yes, this is monitored and approvals are sought before works begin.</p> <p>AM: Where will the entry/exit point at AK Lines be? SD: It will be off Grimshaw Street</p>

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	<p>AM: Will traffic lights be installed? SD: Yes, there will be lights temporarily.</p> <p>GJ: Is there temporary access at the moment at AK Lines? SD: There is currently partial plant access at Knight St, we are planning to close this access once the compound is established.</p> <p>JR: Will there be landscaping done along the shared path at Frensham Reserve? SD: Yes, this is coming up.</p> <p>MG: Will there be surface water sampling up and downstream of the project? LW: Yes, we are working with Melbourne Water on this.</p> <p>MG: Banyule Creek is eroding, is this being monitored? LW: We have engaged a sediment and erosion control expert to create our plans that go into our site environmental plan.</p> <p>MG: Are the community interactions just for January? KN: Yes</p>
Jeni Couatts (JC)	<p>Other business</p> <p>LM: Bus Tour to be scheduled for late March/early April 2024</p> <p>MM: Considering having a display of upcoming works at the Watsonia RSL</p> <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Next meeting 15 March 2024</p> <p>Thanked NCLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 12pm</p>

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
N7-1	KZ to advise MG where Banyule Creek is in relation to the works	KZ	02.02.24	Closed	KZ contacted MG on 06.02.24 and provided further information
N7-2	MG has asked if distribution maps for works notifications can be shared with the group including street and suburb names	JR	02.02.24	Closed	Distribution maps for works notifications will not be shared
N7-3	JR to present environmental update at next meeting. A regular update has been requested for future meetings	KZ	02.02.24	Closed	JR attending meeting with plans for future presentations on key environment matters
N7-4	SM to advise the rationale for adding the additional two metres and the cost?	WC	02.02.24	Closed	The hoarding in question sits on a two metre retaining wall which gave it the extra height.
NC241-1	JW to send EOI for bus tour	JW	15.03.24	Closed	EOI sent to members 06.02.24

Actions – Long Term

No	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
N6-6	KZ to present lookahead on Greensborough Road surface works	KZ	Q1 2024	Open	Update to be presented when information available

No	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
NC241-2	Can construction works be shown via livestream on NELP website?	KZ	Q3 2024	Open	KZ to advise if this will be possible once the TBM structures are in place

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
Q4	1 December	JC has requested actual v's modelling for noise and vibration to be presented in 2023	LM	LM to arrange JR (Spark Environment Manager) to present when results available
Q3	31 March	Vent outlet operation presentation including how will the vent outlets disperse the emissions and how far will they go?	LM	LM to arrange presentation
2025	31 March	Presentation on LXRP's communication plan for the Macleod level crossing removal	JN	LXRP to present at a future meeting
Q3	12 May	VPS Overview	LR	Presentation to be given in future meeting
Q1 2024	27 October	AMA to present what goodwill offers will be available to residents	KN	Presentation to be given in future meeting

Additional information

Tunnels Community Interactions	M80 Completion Community Interactions
Enquiries/Comments: 34	Enquiries/Comments: 154
Project engagement and responses: 46	Project engagement and responses: 67
Complaints: 13	Complaints: 17
Positive Feedback: 1	Positive Feedback: 3