

Meeting Minutes

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date:	9 November 2017	Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Blackbird Cruises, 1 Maribyrnong Street Footscray	Meeting number:	Eighteen
Chair:	Jim Williamson	Secretariat:	Samantha Aitchison

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair
Michael Ingram (MI)	Kensington and North and West Melbourne
Steven Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
Rosa McKenna (RM)	Spotswood South Kingsville Resident Group (proxy)
Simon Birch (SB)	Spotswood
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn Residents Action Group
Phillip Dearman (PD)	MTAG
Craig Rowley (CR)	LeadWest
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council
Peter Sammut (PS)	Western Distributor Authority (WDA)
Greg Meyer (GM)	Western Distributor Authority
Liz Evans (LE)	Western Distributor Authority
Irene Clarke (IC)	Western Distributor Authority
Samantha Aitchison (SA)	Western Distributor Authority
Victoria Jessop (VJ)	Transurban
Jim Waller (JWa)	CPB/JH Joint Venture
Tim Holmes (TH)	CPB/JH Joint Venture

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Neil Whiteside (NW)	Brimbank City Council
Dave Jones (DJ)	RACV
Richard Smithers (RS)	Melbourne City Council
Jessica Christensen-Franks (JCF)	Footscray
Craig Williams (CW)	Seddon
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Stephen Zelez (SZ)	Hobsons Bay Council
Margaret O'Loughlin (MO)	Yarraville
Scott Ellerton (SE)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Not in attendance:	
Alyson Protetto (AP)	Altona North

Agenda items

Time	#	Item detail
5.30pm	1	Welcome, Introductions and apologies
5.35pm	2	Safety briefing Peter Somerville, Blackbird Cruises
5.40pm	3	Tour commences
7.20pm	4	Return to Blackbird Cruise dock Action summary, next meeting and close

Item	Item detail
1	<p>Meeting opened at 5.40pm</p> <p>Welcome, introduction and apologies</p> <p>JW welcomed members, noting apologies and thanking Peter Somerville for hosting.</p>
2	<p>Boat Tour</p> <p>Peter Somerville provided an interesting and informative overview of his operations and the history of Maribyrnong River; taking in areas such as Cotton Mills, Swanson Dock, CSR/Sugar Australia, Coode Island, Webb Dock, Stony Creek.</p> <p>PS provided a project update; that we are waiting for the Minister for Planning's Assessment and contract close. Timing of both are expected to take place by the end of the year.</p> <p>PS talked to elements of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyde St ramps and improvements along Stony Creek • Recently announced noise protection for Stony Creek • Location of Maribyrnong Bridge and McKenzie Road ramps; located at the corner of DP World; over Footscray Road and following the alignment of Footscray Road to Appleton Dock Road. <p>JWa talked to CPB/JH Joint Venture design that went through the EES process. The key principle of the project is how to make the west better through areas such as good quality materials and superior urban design.</p> <p>JWa provided information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycleway at Shepherds Bridge and how that links into the veloway • Maribyrnong River crossing that consists of two MacKenzie road ramps and one mainline carriageway • The underside of the bridge has 4m clearance, 2.5 m to road level. Mackenzie Road will be elevated on structure to meet the feeder roads. <p>JW also provided an update on investigative work in the Maribyrnong River that there is good progress on checking heritage and existing conditions.</p> <p><u>Employment and procurement</u></p> <p>PS spoke to the level of local procurement and opportunities for locals as part of this project. Also noting the cumulative investment in infrastructure projects across the four Authorities; the WDA is one of four Authorities with Melbourne Metro, Level Crossing Removals, and North East Link. Through these projects, there will be increased opportunities to employ graduates and trainees.</p> <p>WDA will have only around 70 employees. Have recently taken on two YES trainees and a number of graduates.</p>

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	<p>JWa spoke to engaging with people in the west as part of this project on employment. There is a strong social procurement program on this project that includes the employment of disadvantaged workforce; and former auto workers.</p> <p>JWa also provided information on its work alongside service provider agencies such as the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and Matchworks.</p> <p>JWa spoke to the recent announcement around the sponsoring of five scholarships for senior school leavers in western suburbs schools to work in the construction industry.</p> <p>JWa advised that there would be approximately 6,000 jobs created as part of this project, some of which would be indirect, such as in the field of catering for the extensive workforce.</p> <p>It was also noted that Industry Capability Network (ICN) briefings had commenced with around 150 local businesses attending the first session in Williamstown; from a range of small and medium sized businesses. Registrations are currently open and members were encouraged to pass this information on to their communities.</p> <p>JWa advised that CPBJH Joint Venture already had around 300 staff employed on this project, and about 65 were from the west.</p> <p>With so many opportunities in the industry presently, the JV is keen to present attractive opportunities to future employees.</p> <p>JW spoke to Victoria's proud manufacturing history and that through this cumulative construction investment, Victoria can set itself up over the next few years</p> <p><u>Council Updates</u> DA provided an update on Mayoral elections that were held 8/11/17. CR provided an update on Melton and Brimbank elections. IB advised their Mayoral election will be held 10/11/17.</p> <p><u>Other</u></p> <p>Peter Somerville spoke to the Monument located on the east bank near MacKenzie Road and how he had been campaigning to move it to the end of Parker St.</p> <p>Peter Somerville asked JWa about tree planting and landscaping as part of the project.</p> <p>JWa advised that there would be approximately 17,000 trees planted with additional landscaping, particularly in the undercroft of the Maribyrnong Bridge and MacKenzie Road ramps.</p> <p><u>JW asked for questions, however</u> no questions were forthcoming from the group.</p>

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5	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>JW thanked PS and JW as well as Peter Somerville for hosting the group.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for early December</p>
6	<p>Meeting closed at 7.25pm</p>

Next meeting

Date:	14 December 2017
Time:	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place:	Maribymong Town Hall
Chair:	Jim Williamson

Minutes prepared by: Western Distributor Authority

Minutes to be endorsed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair and CLG members at the next meeting.