

Minutes

West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – West Meeting

Date: 18 September 2019

Time: 5.30-7.45pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Peter Sammut (PS)	West Gate Tunnel Project Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Anuj Malhotra (AM)	Spotswood	Mikell Borg (MB)	WGTP MTIA
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Geoff Liu (GL)	WGTP MTIA
Martin Mlalazi (MM)	Point Cook	David Clements (DC)	Transurban (TU)
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Jala Shekho (JaS)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Charles Fairbairn (CF)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bike Network Victoria	Jenika Rivera (JR)	CPBJH
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council		
Apologies			
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council
Martin Wurt (MW)	MTAG	Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV
Not in attendance			
Marlon De Leon (MdL)	Tarneit	Jenny McMahon (JM)	LeadWest
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	John Stirk (JS)	BayWest BUG

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Report from community members	CLG Community Members
6.00pm	3	Actions from previous meetings	Chair
6.15pm	4	West Gate Tunnel Project, MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
6.30pm	5	Tea Break	All
6.50pm	6	Construction update	CLG Members
7.20pm	7	Actions arising and close	Chair

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:40 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW started with Acknowledgement of Country• JW welcomed all attendees and welcomed new members• JW noted Project support of social enterprise Sorghum Sisters• JW noted apologies.
2	<p>Report from community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KR attended the West Gate Kids event and notes it was worth while• DC noted that he is happy to come back with more information on the program <p>Action: AW10 TU to provide CLG with information on future plans of the West Gate Kids Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GM thanked the CLG group for the site visit invitation• GM asked for clarification on the quality of trucks being used by the project for transportation of spoil• DC noted that the project is working with the top tier of the market• GM noted that his community wants old trucks out of the west and ask where they would be travelling• DC noted that a disposal site cannot be confirmed at this stage• GM advised that the community wants landfill sites filled up and sealed. DC advised that the feedback will be taken onboard. <p>New members - Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DR said he grew up in Kensington and has been a resident of Altona North for 25 years• FS said he is a long-time resident of Brimbank and is the Brimbank BUG president• AM said that he is from Spotswood and is an IT professional in public transport• BB said that he is a resident of Brooklyn with interest in the issue of health and resident safety• MM said that he is a resident of Point Cook with networks in soccer clubs, church groups and social clubs
3	<p>Actions from previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW advised the status of open actions which was distributed to CLG members prior to the meeting. JW asked members if they had any feedback.• JW advised AJ8, LW5 is closed• GM requested that AW9 remain open until an onsite meeting is held. JaS agreed to this request• GM advised that Hobsons Bay City Council should be involved in the consultation with Indigenous representatives in regards to Action LW3. IB confirmed council has been involved• JW advised that LW3 and LJ8 is closed• GM advised that there still needs to be a site review regarding LW4 with additional safety treatments• JaS advised that the project has reviewed the area. DC suggested a site walk to occur for GM• JW advised that LW4 remains open• CF advised that the project did explore options with Powercor however the size of the turning was need for maintenance requirements from Powercor.

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4	<p>West Gate Tunnel Project, MTIA update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB updated the members on the launch of the \$10 million West Gate Neighbourhood Fund • MB explained that the Community Involvement and Participation Plan (CIPP) that guides the fund is currently being consulted on and invited feedback on the plan from members. • MB distributed copies of the draft CIPP to interested members for review.
5	<p>Tea break</p>
6	<p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF provided an update on construction activities in the West Zone including the progress of the Williamstown Road interchange, Fogarty Avenue, the Southern Portal, Millers Road, Paringa Road, Grieve Parade and Houston Court and the M80 interchange • GM noted congestion from the traffic coming in from the west which is blocking Millers Road • CF advised that there are traffic arrangements at Millers Road and that work will continue for 4-5 months. • BB stated that he isn't sure light sequencing works on the outbound lane • DC provided the members information on the management of contaminated soil and advised that as much of the Project is built on and through former industrial land, management of soil contaminates was part of the regular business for this type of work. DC explained there is a classification process to identify how to manage particular types of materials in regard to handling and disposal • PS & DC welcomed new members and encouraged their engagement in this forum.
7	<p>Actions arising and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One new action was created, AW10. • JW closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Open Actions – West Group

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
AW9	Project Co to provide a summary of tree/shrub removal – including area of removal and area of replanting.	TU	There are approximately 200,000 shrubs being planted in the west as part of the West Gate Tunnel Project. Given the high volume of shrub planting, to best address the stakeholder's question in detail, a site walk has been arranged with GM to discuss the removal, retention and planting of shrubs along Kororoit Creek.	Open (To be closed after a site walk is held)
AW10	TU to provide CLG with information on future plans of the West Gate Kids Program	TU		Open

Open Actions – Joint meetings

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
AJ1	Provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings	TU	<p>Landscape kits were distributed to members present at the CLG meeting on 24 July.</p> <p>CLG members will be the first to receive a copy of these documents, before they become publicly available on the project website, at the Visitor Information Centre, mobile info van and for public info sessions.</p> <p>As discussed at past CLG meetings and at the CLG landscaping workshops, each kit for the key landscaped areas across the project will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fact sheet, summarising the area and its key features, plant and vegetation species information and a realistic impression of final landscaped area; • The landscape design, similar to those presented at the workshops, with key labels and design information; and • Additional imagery available for each area. <p>The development of these materials has considered feedback provided by CLG members at past CLG meetings, the three CLG landscaping workshops and to the draft Moonee Ponds Creek landscaping fact sheet.</p>	Open (To be closed after all members have received final comms kit)
AJ8	Further to discussions regarding LJ6 led by FA and PB, a new action is created for WGTP to extract images from the 3D project model to show the design in the area of the Moonee Ponds Creek.	WGTP	Images provided to PB at CLG meeting on 22 August.	Closed

Open Actions – West Group Landscape Workshop

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LW3	CPBJH JV to advise Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek about consultation with Indigenous representatives regarding the Indigenous garden north of the freeway at Kororoit Creek (near the blue stone bridge).	WGTP MTIA	<p>CPBJH JV advised at CLG West landscape workshop that a number of indigenous groups have been consulted about this garden and they will continue to engage with them on other aspects of the project, particularly around the waterways.</p> <p>Update 13 September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, CPBJH JV have engaged with Indigenous representatives regarding the Indigenous garden north of the freeway at Kororoit Creek. <p>CPBJH JV have worked with number of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP), including Bunurong, Wurundjeri, and Boon Wurrung to formulate the Project's Cultural Heritage Interpretation Strategy.</p> <p>The recommendations of this document are incorporated into the design of this area and the selection of the indigenous planting is coordinated with the project Ecologist.</p> <p>An ecological assessment was undertaken to identify healthy existing indigenous vegetation communities to be retained and protected, provide recommendations for enhancement and rehabilitation of these existing vegetation communities, and identify additional opportunities to re-establish planting communities which were captured in the design.</p> <p>We will continue to engage with the RAPs on other design aspects that celebrate indigenous heritage, such as public art.</p>	Closed
LW4	CPBJH JV to review opportunity for any additional safety treatments at the cycling path intersection along Kororoit Creek – just before the bluestone bridge.	CPBJH	<p>The West Gate Tunnel project is committed to delivering cycling and pedestrian infrastructure that achieves the highest possible level of safety for all users. The Project achieves this by requiring all designs to go through a comprehensive and robust design process prior to commencement of construction.</p> <p>CPBJH JV have undertaken a safety review of this shared use path – taking into consideration a wide variety of elements including path widths, safe intersection treatments, vertical and horizontal gradients, sight lines, design speeds, clearance from obstructions, signage and line marking requirements, and more.</p> <p>As part of this robust design process, the Project can confirm that the design meets all Austroads requirements and no further changes are being implemented.</p>	Open (To be closed after a site walk is held)

LW5	CPBJH JV to review any opportunity to connect the current maintenance track at the edge of Kororoit Creek (below the location of the turnaround bay) with the new SUP.	CPBJH	<p>A meeting was held on Wednesday 21 August with relevant stakeholders, including Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, Melbourne Water and Hobsons Bay City Council to discuss the maintenance track.</p> <p>Connection from the new shared use path to the existing maintenance track will be achieved. CPBJH JV will clear the maintenance track of current weeds and vegetation and move the large boulders (that have been dislodged) off the maintenance track. CPBJV JV will also relocate some large rocks to the entrance and exit of the maintenance track to stop vehicles accessing this area. These works will be undertaken to align with completion of the new shared use path.</p> <p>Ongoing discussion will be undertaken directly with the relevant stakeholders.</p>	Closed
LW7	Opportunity to have CLG members input into a priority list for landscaping offsets with HBCC	CPBJH	<p>In August 2019, CPBJH JV undertook initial meetings with relevant councils and other landowners to discuss opportunities regarding offset planting in areas outside the project boundary.</p> <p>CPBJH JV are currently updating the proposed plans based on feedback from these initial meetings. The offset tree planting plans will be issued to the relevant stakeholders for comment at preliminary design.</p> <p>These plans will also be provided to West CLG members to provide feedback for consideration.</p>	Open
LW8	HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.	CPBJH	<p>The Project is currently consulting on the offset planting areas outside the project – which includes the Federation Trail section in Brooklyn, also known as Pipeline Reserve.</p> <p>Once this has been finalised, the Project will create a landscaping factsheet for this section.</p>	Open <i>(To be closed when factsheet is published)</i>

Open Actions – Joint Group Landscape Workshop

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LJ8	Explore all options to remove or realign the proposed truck turning bay on the Kororoit Creek Trail and respond to CLG and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	WGTP MTIA	<p>CPBJH JV have achieved a reduction in the size of the truck turning bay, and are continuing to explore viability and implications of an alignment change.</p> <p>Update 13 September:</p> <p>The Project explored all options available – including various realignment options of the shared use path and reduction in size of the truck-turning bay.</p> <p>Unfortunately, an alternative location could not be achieved due to pedestrian and cycling sightline requirements and environmental impacts, and utility providers have not supported the reduction in size of the truck-turning bay.</p>	Closed
LJ15	Look into what detail regarding existing and future vegetation can be provided in future landscaping designs.	TU	Some before and after imagery is included in the landscaping communication kits that are to be made available to members and on the project website.	<p>Open</p> <p><i>(To be closed after members receive final comms kit and info is on the web.)</i></p>

Next meeting

West Group: Wednesday 6 November