

# Minutes

**Subject: October CLG Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 27 October 2022. 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: WGTP Information Centre**

## Attendees

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR) (online)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Anthony Havers (AH) (online)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Douglas Morris (DM) (online)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS) (online)	Point Cook	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	Transurban (TU)
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Melanie Ryan (MR)	TU
Peter Gerrand (PG) (online)	West and North Melbourne	James Campbell (JC)	TU
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV

Attendees			
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Ferdinand Saliba (FS) (online)	Deer Park	Claude Manno (CM)	Brimbank City Council
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Eloise McGurn (EM) (online)	City of Melbourne

Apologies			
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit
Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA		

### Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.20pm	4	BREAK	All
6.30pm	5	Member questions	Community members
6.50pm	6	Actions update	All
7.00pm	7	Actions arising and closing	All
7.15pm	8	Thank you and close	Chair

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1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and stated apologies for the night</li> <li>JW introduced new attendees including Douglas Morris who is joining WGTPA MTIA as Manager Community Relations. JW also introduced Melanie Ryan who has joined Transurban as their Senior Manager of Strategic Communications and Engagement. JW also welcomed Claude Manno who was at the meeting representing Brimbank City Council on behalf of Adrian Ashford.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>WGTP MTIA update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AH provided an update on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund round 2 of grants which recently announced 22 successful project recipients along with the inaugural round of the Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund announcing 28 successful projects. West Gate Neighbourhood Fund will be opening up a second round of partnerships in 2023 to allocate remaining funds. AH thanked the CLG members who reviewed applications in their areas.</li> <li>AH advised of an update on Google and Apple maps traffic layers that now include Victoria's Big Build projects road disruptions and closures. WGTP's digital team successfully requested updates for the most recent Spring Campaign works closures which were visible within 24 hours.</li> <li>AH spoke to newly upgraded sporting pavilions at Donald McLean Reserve and WLJ Crofts Reserve who received funding as part of a partnership with the West Gate Tunnel Project and Hobsons Bay City Council to improve recreational and sporting facilities for inner west communities.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Construction update</b></p> <p><b>EAST ZONE</b></p> <p>MU provided an update on recent community engagement across the East zone:</p> <p><b>Community Engagement Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dynon Road construction notification - Distributed 14 October regarding upcoming works to strengthen and widen Dynon Road Bridge. CPBJH had a coffee cart on Dynon Road on 19 October to discuss upcoming works with local residents.</li> <li>Footscray Road steel portal delivery batch 2 notification – Distributed 17 October regarding upcoming closures for the second batch of large steel beams to be delivered to work site, requiring the use of oversized vehicles for the elevated road and veloway.</li> <li>Full closures of Maribyrnong River notification – Distributed 14 October regarding intermittent full closures of the Maribyrnong River south of Shepherd Bridge during the day to construct new bridge over Maribyrnong River.</li> <li>The project parties have engaged with Maribyrnong Street businesses and provided coffee vouchers to thank them for their patience during this time. Miller Street and Laurens Street businesses have also been engaged regarding upcoming Dynon Road works.</li> <li>National Ride2Work Day – All project parties attended this event on 19 October at Harbour Esplanade in Docklands and engaged with plenty of keen cyclists interested to hear about upcoming walking and cycling paths being built in their local area.</li> <li>Docklands market – All project parties attended the community market on 23 October to engage with residents, traders and visitors.</li> </ul> <p>CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone:</p> <p><b>Key Progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maribyrnong River bridges – The first steel girder was lifted into place for the Mackenzie Road exit ramp bridge on 30 September. There will be intermittent day closures of Maribyrnong River south of Shepherd bridge from end October until Feb 2023.</li> <li>Footscray Road – 40 spans currently complete on the elevated road, with 91 spans to be completed in total. Towards the end of the year CPBJH will be lifting steel segments into place which will cause major shutdowns of both carriageways.</li> <li>PG enquired if there was an update on the Wurundjeri Way Extension</li> <li>CF provided a verbal update that the bridge works substructure is now complete. Bridge beams are being installed from the interchange to Dudley Street. CPBJH are currently going through final</li> </ul>

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negotiations with CitiPower for works around that area and are expecting works to commence in the new year.

**TUNNELS ZONE**

CD provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone along with a community engagement update

- Over 700 rolling notifications have been distributed to residents along the tunnel alignment, with approximately 150 left to go. Vida is currently at the home stretch in residential areas and has bored approximately 1500 metres, and Bella is currently under the Western Freeway and has bored approximately 2060 metres.
- CPHJH has provided over 160 coffee vouchers and thank you cards to residents along the tunnel alignment for their patience during this time.
- So far, the Joint Venture has hosted 3 monthly information drop-in sessions at the projects Information Centre. Subject experts have covered air quality, traffic movements and the portal structures. The next information session will be held in December.
- Soil haulage update – there are approximately 200 trucks transporting soil to High Quality site per day. CPBJH have worked through a lot of improvements to ensure minimal spillage.

**WEST ZONE**

MU provided an update on recent community engagement across the West zone:

**Community Engagement Update**

- Fogarty Avenue Beam delivery notification - Intermittent short delays for 15-20 minutes along the length of Fogarty Avenue for beam deliveries between 20-22 and 24-28 October for the cycling bridge over Williamstown Road.
- Fogarty Avenue: Residents and Mclvor Reserve sports clubs were engaged by the project regarding the Fogarty Avenue closure that took place on 11 October. A shuttle flow arrangement was set up the following day to complete these works.
- Grazeland and Toll have been engaged regarding upcoming works and access arrangements during Simcock Avenue works.

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

**Key Progress**

- Millers Road Spring Campaign – All roads and ramps have now been opened after a 9-week campaign, however still in final stages of Millers Road intersection works. Pavement was reconstructed on the northbound lane and walking and cycling path works are complete. The West Gate Freeway is approaching 80% completion including the cleaning up of footpaths, painting of panels and noise walls. At Paringa Road the temporary noise walls have been removed and the new noise walls and retaining wall is complete. Pedestrian and cycling improvement works have also been completed.
- Grieve Parade traffic switch - From late-November, the separated outbound carriageway on the West Gate Freeway will be extended from Millers Road to the M80 Interchange. The two right lanes will travel express towards the Princes Freeway and M80 Ring Road. Drivers wishing to exit at Millers Road or Grieve Parade will need to be in the two left lanes. These lanes will also continue to the M80 Ring Road and Princes Freeway.
- Fogarty Avenue - Bridge beam deliveries have started for the cycling path over Williamstown Road. Works continue under the West Gate Bridge and shuttle flow will remain in place until second half of November until these works are complete. Landscaping has started to take place along Fogarty Avenue.
- CFR asked if landscaping was completed on both sides of Fogarty Avenue. CF to take that question on notice.
- Hyde Street ramps – on the exit ramp north of West Gate Freeway, a major beam campaign was completed with 66 beams installed. Beams west of railway line to be installed end of 2022. At the entry ramp south of West Gate Freeway, the remaining beam installation is planned for February 2023, which is east of Williamstown Road.

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**BREAK****Member Questions****Q. FS asked when the 1500m section of the Federation Trail will be reopened to cyclists between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.**

A. CF stated works are still happening on the path itself all throughout 2023 and noted a coordinated approach between all parties on when it will open. FS noted disappointment about timeframe and strong interest in providing benefit and improved safety to the community/bike users.

**Q. KR mentioned signage inbound to the M80 Princes Freeway is a bit misleading to drivers and drivers are last minute jumping across several lanes. Line marking is worn away on road speed markings would be more beneficial than static signs. Also, some frustration for drivers when the 40km road work speed signs are left out when there are no works happening.**

A. CF noted the comments and stated they have a line marking crew dedicated to making touch ups along the West Gate Freeway. CF also mentioned that once the work site is removed and they can add an additional 2 lanes it will fix a lot of these problems.

**Q. GB enquired what is the project's shutdown period over Christmas and the New Year.**

A. CF said 22 December 2022 - 11 January 2023.

**Q. GY made mention of the questions he sent in prior to the meeting regarding the bus shelter and safety railing on Millers Road along with the school curfew period through permits.**

A. MR confirmed they had received the questions and that these will be responded to outside of the meeting. LE noted that WGTP MTIA will follow up the school curfew permits response and email GY.

**Q. AB again noted traffic on Williamstown Road has been congested at night recently. He suggested that advanced warning to the left lane as only taking city bound traffic and that a message board may be helpful to advise drivers and assist in lane choice.**

A. CF responded that there are currently works happening which limit opening into two lanes for through traffic. CPBJH may be able to review this in February 2023, so a further update will be provided.

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**Q. GM and IB requested the final plans for where the offset planting will be going, the breakdown for each council area and when it will be made available.**

A. SDR stated that plans for offset planting should be finalised by end of year and if anyone requires further information to request this from CPBJH or WGTP MTIA.

**Q. IB asked if Paringa Road businesses have been engaged with regarding upcoming works**

A. AH responded saying that engagement has occurred with some of the property and business owners, however, the communications plan is currently being finalised and hope to undertake more engagement soon.

**Member Comments**

- BB stated positive comments in having Millers Road opened again in both directions on the West Gate Freeway. BB also stated it is great that Primula Avenue is now open, with Paringa Road soon to be open with access to the 16 shops.
- CF commented on the recent flooding event and asked whether there could be greater flexibility to re-open some Project Road/lane closures to assist in moving traffic. This was noted by project parties and LE advised that she understood some adjustments were made at Footscray Road.
- GM thanked Liz and the project parties for organising site visits for members to Kororoit Creek and Millers Road. GM also stated that the western side of the West Gate Freeway is looking great and thanked all the project parties.
- GM was also grateful for the R2 Grants outcome to fund the bluestone bridge upgrade project.
- AH commented on the major construction activity at the Maribyrnong St/River area and is interested in parking outcomes.

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	<p>JW closed the meeting by making mention of caretaker period during November. Project parties are still available should any questions arise about construction or works.</p> <p><b>Actions update</b> While there is progress across each action item, they remain open seeking some further details ahead of discussion at the December meeting.</p> <p><b>AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.</b> Action to remain open. An email was sent to members with information on tree numbers and will be spoken to again in December CLG meeting. A request was made for offset tree planting plans to be made available</p> <p><b>ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.</b> Action to remain open.</p> <p><b>6 ALL3 – TU/JV to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.</b> Action to remain open.</p> <p><b>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.</b> Action to remain open. Information was provided to members in a written email on 27 October. Project parties to follow up with MTAG regarding this along with NHVR (National Heavy Vehicle Regulator) permits through school curfew periods.</p> <p><b>Informal follow ups for next meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CPBJH JV to advise if both sides of Fogarty Avenue will have landscaping completed.</li> <li>b. WGTP MTIA/CPBJH JV to advise of upcoming summer disruptions in December CLG meeting.</li> </ol>
7	<b>Meeting closed at 7:30pm</b>