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Meeting Minutes

Northern Community Liaison Group

Date	19/07/2024	Time	10am - 12pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	5 of 2024
Location	Watsonia RSL	Minute taker	Josh Ribarich

Attendees

Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MMa)	Independent Chair	Jeni Coutts (JC)	Chair
Giselle James (GJ)	Community Representative	Kim Norton (KN)	AMA
Michelle Molinaro (MMo)	Community Representative	Adrian Carter (AC)	NELP
Andrew Mills (AM)	Community Representative	Jonathan Risby (JRis)	Banyule City Council
Wade Howell (WH)	Community Representative	Mick Marcevski (MMa)	Department of Transport and Planning
Alan Hunter (AH)	Community Representative	Wendy Cisar (WC)	Community Representative
Stephen Paul (SP)	Community Representative		
Michelle Giovas (MG)	Community Representative		
Kathleen Petras (KP)	Banyule City Council		
Sam Doyle (SDo)	NELP		
Scott Lambert (SL)	NELP		
Josh Ribarich (JRi)	NELP		
Kate Zisos (KZ)	Spark		
Hannah English (HE)	Spark		
Nani Clark (NC)	Spark		
Jonathan Rowlands (JRo)	Spark		
Jillian Arkoudis (JA)	Spark		

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Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Paul Raworth (PR)	AMA		
Gail Carland (GC)	AMA		
Brett Kavanagh (BK)	AMA		
Steve Denton (Sde)	AMA		
Peter Hunt (PH)	AMA		

Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
NC244-3	Dimensions of land bridge near Veneto Club for GJ	IZ	19/07/2024	Closed	KZ provided update at meeting 19/07. MG requested width dimension and dimensions for other bridged be provided with minutes. Response: The Yarra Link Bridge in Bulleen is 143 metres long and 82 metres wide.
NC244-2	Follow up with NEL on complaint fatigue - lag time in resolving complaints and lack of transparency	JRi	19/07/2024	Closed	JRi spoke to WH regarding concerns
NC244-1	Rubbish clean up at tree protection zone behind hoarding and address late night light pollution	HE	19/07/2024	Closed	KZ addressed rubbish clean up at meeting 19/07. Light pollution to become a separate action. Response: As we continue night works, extra light towers are required on site to provide sufficient light to safely work. We'll continue to move and adjust any mobile light towers where practical and work with residents to understand what light spill they may be experiencing.

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MMa)	<p>Welcome and Outstanding Business</p> <p>Acknowledged apologies</p> <p>Previous minutes were adopted</p> <p>GJ asked about position of dust gauges being placed around Greensborough Bypass, how many and where are they? PR said the team will follow up.</p> <p>Action: Provide update to GJ about location and number of dust gauges.</p> <p>Addressed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC244-3 • NC244-2 • NC244-1 (split into a new action covering light pollution)
Brett Kavanagh (BK)	<p>M80 Update</p> <p>Presentation covered drone footage, 3-month timeline, Watsonia Intersection Realignment program, environmental overview, and community engagement.</p>
Paul Raworth (PR)	<p>MG asked if the future road at the current intersection of the M80 and the Greensborough Bypass was 5 metres below the natural ground level. BK said there will be varying levels, the lowest would be 5 metres below the current road level.</p>
Steve Denton (SDe)	<p>MG asked if they are worried about flooding of the lower road. BK said they are above the groundwater but have mitigations for rain and surface water including pumps and basins.</p>
Gail Carland (GC)	<p>MMo said the offices are close to the road at the end of the M80. BK explained barrier are in place to protect the offices, which meet relevant standards.</p> <p>SP asked when the north zone works finish. BK said there will be staged construction with this area finished in 2027</p> <p>MG asked how many lanes the Yando Bridge is and are there emergency lanes. BK There are 14 lanes across the 5 road bridges. Each left side shoulder is designed for emergency stopping.</p> <p>GJ asked if there are space constraints to put dust gauges on the Red Rooster side. PR confirmed they have places they can put them if needed.</p> <p>MMo said it has been very muddy in AK Lyons after it rains. PR said AK Lyons is a retarding basin so deals with a lot of runoff when it rains, making it hard to reduce mud. GJ said the project team are doing a great job considering constraints.</p> <p>MMo asked if the underpass at Grimshaw Street is for pedestrians. PR confirmed it is a shared walking and cycling path.</p> <p>MMo asked is 40km/h speed limit during Watsonia intersection works is permanent. SDe confirmed it is only in place on weekends during the realignment works.</p>

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	<p>GJ asked if the northside Elder Street crossing across Greensborough Road was going to be retained. SDe said it would be in place during construction, but is marked for removal in the UDLP that is current pending approval. If UDLP is approved, removal would be expected in 2027.</p> <p>MMo and GJ asked about increasing crossing times for pedestrians. PR explained that they want to make sure it's safe during construction and balance pedestrians and traffic.</p> <p>Action: Presentation on traffic light phasing during construction and in the ultimate configuration</p> <p>MMo asked about SMS. GC confirmed that you can subscribe to SMS updates by visiting the Big Build website here: https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/email-and-sms-updates</p> <p>MG asked what VMS stands for. GC explained that it means Variable Message Sign, and they are the electronic signs you see with road information on them.</p> <p>MG asked about regular health checks offered to residents. GC explained that they are regular check ins by phone and doorknock that the team carry out during works to see how impacted residents are going. GC to discuss with MG outside of the meeting regarding impacted residents who haven't been contacted.</p> <p>GJ asked what the complaints are about that the project is receiving. GC advised that they are primarily to do with dust and noise.</p> <p>GJ asked how long the rail occupation will be October. SDe said it would be 3 weeks.</p> <p>SP asked the dimensions of the land bridge in this area. SDe said it is 70 metres wide and 70 metres long.</p>

Kate Zisos (KZ)	<p>Tunnels Update</p> <p>Presentation covered drone footage, 3-month timeline, a surface works update, community engagement, and an update on how the project manages dust, air quality, surface water and groundwater.</p>
Jonathan Rowlands (JRo)	<p>SP asked if the TBM is launching in July. KZ said it will launch very soon.</p> <p>SP asked if the green gantry crane will stay. KZ said it will remain for a while and then be moved to the south of the job to retrieve the TBMs.</p> <p>MG asked if the video from the 3D model is on the website, and if not if it can be sent with the minutes.</p> <p>Action: Surface works flyover to be shared online or to the group when possible.</p> <p>SP asked if there would be sound from the road near Greensborough and Lower Plenty roads. KZ there will be sound barriers along Greensborough Road near the Eel bridge.</p> <p>MG asked about the upgrade to the Silk Street bridge. KZ advised she would come back to MG.</p> <p>Action: KZ to provide MG information about the Silk Street bridge upgrade.</p> <p>SP asked if the project is staying within EPRs for air quality. JRo said yes for the most part. Where it is identified that they aren't then they refine and adjust processes and mitigations.</p>

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	<p>MG asked if an alarm is sounded when a non-conformance is recorded during monitoring. JRo said most of their alerts are scaled to 75% of the limit to ensure they don't breach. Alerts are monitored 24/7.</p> <p>MG asked if groundwater was being recharged here. JRo said that is only happening at Bolin Bolin.</p> <p>MG said dust continues to be a problem. JRo said dust is definitely a challenge but the project continues to increase the amount of controls they apply to address it.</p> <p>MG asked if they can get the actual results and trends for monitoring. SDo said there are 6-monthly IEA Summary Reports on the North East Link website. While they don't have the actual results, they do show that the results are independently audited.</p> <p>Action: Link to the IEA Summary Reports to be shared with the minutes.</p>

<p>Mike Marasco (MM)</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>MG asked about Greensborough College blocking dog walkers from the oval and said NEL had previously committed in writing to no changes in this regard. MMo clarified that access is managed by the college, not NEL.</p> <p>Action: MG to send SDo copies of the NEL communications materials that commit to unchanged access to the oval.</p>
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<p>Mike Marasco (MM)</p>	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>MMo asked about google maps directing people the wrong way onto Tennyson Street. GC confirmed it is a matter for Council and she will assist MMo after the meeting.</p>
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Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
NC245-1	Update to be provided on how light spill from site is managed	HE/KZ	30/08/2024	OPEN	As we continue night works, extra light towers are required on site to provide sufficient light to safely work. We'll continue to move and adjust any mobile light towers where practical and work with residents to understand what light spill they may be experiencing.
NC245-2	Provide update to GJ about location and number of dust gauges	PJ	30/08/2024	OPEN	

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NC245-3	Presentation on traffic light phasing during construction and in the ultimate configuration	PJ	30/08/2024	OPEN	
NC245-4	Surface works flyover to be shared online or to the group when possible	KZ	30/08/2024	OPEN	
NC245-5	KZ to provide MG information about the Silk Street bridge upgrade	KZ	30/08/2024	OPEN	KZ to call MG
NC245-6	Link to the IEA Summary Reports to be shared with the minutes	SDo	30/08/2024	CLOSED	Link sent with minutes 09/08
NC245-7	MG to send SDo copies of the NEL communications materials that commit to unchanged access to the oval.	MG	30/08/2024	OPEN	

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
NC242-3	Between Grimshaw Street and Watsonia Road - traffic is banking up more than it used to maybe due to traffic signals on Grimshaw Street giving more green time to the traffic going on Grimshaw street than Greensborough Highway	KN	26.04.24	Open	
NC242-4	KN to contact MM at DTP and arrange for him to address GJ concerns around Watsonia Station offset carpark	KN	26.04.24	Open	

Actions – Long Term

No	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
N6-6	KZ to present lookahead on Greensborough Road surface works	KZ	Q1 2024	Open	KZ presented on this in the 19/7 NCLG meeting
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
NC242-1	MG: Asks what is the percentage of greenhouse gas emissions for the entire NEL Project?	RH	Q3 2024	Open	We won't be able to provide the emissions total until the final energy models have been received from our delivery partners associated with the

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					project once it becomes available in July.
NC243-6	Would like to know the figures of women and the gender balance in labouring roles and construction.	SM/KM	Q3 2024	Open	

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
Q2	10 May 2024	GJ has requested the five phases of construction for Watsonia Road realignment and traffic plans including traffic signals and timings	KN	
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 206	M80 Completion Community Interactions 233
Enquiries/Comments: 150	Enquiries/Comments:125
Project engagement and responses: 14	Project engagement and responses: 52
Complaints: 41	Complaints: 52
Positive Feedback: 1	Positive Feedback: 4

Additional information

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