Meeting minutes

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Date: 15 September 2022 **Time:** 10:30am – 11:25am

Location:Microsoft Teams MeetingProgram:Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)

Title: SRL Monash Precinct Reference Group

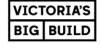
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Attendees	Apologies
 The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos, Member for Oakleigh Dominic Luddy, GHD Molly Campbell, Deputy Paul Hunter, Senior Project Manager, Suburban Rail loop Authority (SRLA) Will Roberts, Deputy Director Strategic Communications and Engagement, SRLA Jesse Overton-Skinner, Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement, SRLA Alister Campbell, Senior Planning and Environmental Manager, SRLA Vanessa Campbell, Precinct Director, Monash and Clayton, SRLA Isabella Di Nello, Project Support Officer, SRLA Nicole Russo, Engagement Advisor, SRLA Nicole Ekert, Laing O' Rourke (I&EW) Matthew Veale, Project Manager, City of Monash Ishka de Silva, President of Monash Student Association Michael Benson, Monash University Nandini Sengupta, Notting Hill Neighbourhood House Colin MacRae, CSIRO 	 Brad Mountford, Head of Engineering, The Australian Synchrotron Nick Davis, State Manager Victoria and Tasmania Business and Infrastructure Services, CSIRO

Key discussion points

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Welcome and housekeeping	Steve Dimopoulos (SD) welcomed everyone to the rescheduled Monash PRG meeting and thanked them for their patience and understanding.				
	 Dominic Luddy (DL) advised minutes from previous meeting were distributed and all previous actions have been closed. DL provided outline of meeting agenda. DL facilitated PRG member introductions. 				
Environment Effects Statement (EES)	SRLA provided an overview and update on the SRL East Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and noted the following: • Digital EES was the first of its kind, allowing people to find targeted information on the elements of the project that mattered most to them. • Public hearings: • 39 days.				







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	 Received 366 submissions.
	 47 witnesses and experts were heard.
	 Minister's assessment released 10 August 2022.
	 Minister's assessment supports the project, finding the project's
	effects on the environment will be acceptable, subject to
	recommendations.
	 Assessment is available online.
	 Outlined recommendations including providing more robust
	measures to address construction impacts such as noise, air
	quality, dust, odour, traffic provision of replacement open space
	and additional business support measures.
	o AC also noted recommendations for a Voluntary Purchase Scheme for residents, changes to surface and tunnel plans (around
	permanent road closures and pickup and drop off areas) and
	Council representation on the Urban Design Advisory Panel
	(UDAP).
	SRLA provided an overview of outcomes and recommendations relating to
	SRL East at Monash, including:
	 Support's SRL East's EES Independent Advisory Committee's
	(IAC's) finding that assessment of cycle flows along Normanby
	Road and pedestrian flows into Monash University should be
	undertaken.
	 Supports IAC's finding that potential Electromagnetic Interference
	(EMI) impacts to sensitive equipment will be appropriately mitigated
	through the EMI Environmental Performance Requirements
	(EPRs).
	 Support's IAC's findings that there will be positive impacts on
	businesses around the SRL East Monash station.
	 Commends Monash University and SRLA for constructive approach to reaching issues
	to resolving issues. SRLA will continue to engage with stakeholders and community
	over the coming months as the project progresses with approvals.
	SRLA noted engagement and support initiatives for impacted landowners
	and tenants, including:
	 SRLA has been in regular contact with impacted landowners and
	tenants over past two years.
	 SRLA will reach out to discuss process, timeframes and available
	support once formal process is underway.
	 Case Managers will be appointed once formal process is underway
	and provide dedicated support to those impacted.
	Voluntary Purchase Scheme for residents, businesses and
	commercial properties. Scheme will be available throughout planning, construction and operation of SRL East.
	SRLA provided an overview of changes to business support measures,
	including:
	 Support to displaced businesses, including language, financial
	planning, account and management assistance.
	 Localised business disruption mitigation plans – developed for each
	precinct.
	 Business Support Guidelines were assessed as part of the EES
	and changes will be adopted to the guidelines.
	 Dedicated Landowner and Business Support team already working
	with businesses and implementing initiatives to support them.

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	 SRLA noted SRLA regularly engages with businesses along Howleys Road. SRLA encouraged PRG members to raise any ideas or matters they are hearing in this forum. DL asked SRLA how PRG members should raise these 			
	matters outside of meetings. SRLA responded that PRG members can send an email to			
	the PRG inbox. o Ishka De Silva (IDS) noted that university students would be receptive to voucher schemes in future.			
	 SRLA thanked IDS for input and noted that there may be opportunity given the trader voucher scheme in Clayton. 			
	SRLA are continuing to work on next steps and updating relevant planning documents for approval.			
	 Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) and Major Transport Projects Facilitation (MTPF) project area declaration will progress through approvals. 			
	Noted secondary approvals that are required from the Minister prior to construction, including the Environmental Management Framework (EMF), Urban Design Strategy (UDS) and Public Open Space Framework (POSF). SRLA intends on submitting these			
	documents in the coming months. Questions/comments			
	Nandini Sengupta (NS) noted that Notting Hill Neighbourhood House have had discussions with SRLA and Monash City Council on Monash University's proposal to relocate the childcare centre to the open space adjacent to the Neighbourhood House. NS noted that this area is of great interest to their community given planting			
	activities. • Michael Benson (MB) acknowledged that the university is aware of the			
	matter.			
	 SD noted the childcare facility relocation site must be carefully considered, noted ongoing process underway, but depending on where that lands, looking at options through planning processes. 			
	 SRLA noted that SRLA and Monash City Council (MCC) met with Notting Hill Neighbourhood House recently on the matter and that the proposed land for relocation is owned by Monash University so it is up to them to determine how to develop their land. 			
	SRLA noted that SRLA is committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders including NHNH, MU and MCC on the matter.			
	NS thanked SRLA and MCC for the opportunity to speak with MCC about the matter.			
	 MV noted that a planning application is with Council and will be open for public comment in due course. 			
Initial and Early	Laing O'Rourke (LOR) provided an overview of Initial Works in Monash to date.			
Works update	 Site Investigations in Notting Hill occurred in May 2022 for about four weeks. 			
	 Currently, no additional Site Investigations planned in the precinct. If further works are required, the surrounding community will be notified well in advance of those works commencing. 			
	 LOR asked the group if they have any feedback on the communication and engagement activities to date. 			

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	 MV noted that Council have been happy with how Laing O'Rourke have approached and delivered communication and engagement activities. 	
Other business	DL opened the floor for other business items to be raised by the group.	
	No other business items were raised.	
	DL noted that there were no actions raised as part of today's meeting.	
	SD thanked PRG members for their attendance and participation.	
	Next PRG meeting to be held in December 2022.	
	-Meeting closed at 11:25pm-	

Actions - new

		Due	Status	Update
N/A	Nil			

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