

Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 March 2024
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Burwood Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 10
Chairs: Louisa McPhee (GHD) & Matt Fregon MP for Ashwood
Minute Taker: Tyson Garlick, SRLA

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisa McPhee (Chair, GHD) Matt Fregon (Member for Ashwood) Graham Ross (KooyongKoot Alliance) Graham Scott (Community Representative, Friends of Gardiners Creek) Yvonne Yip (Deakin University) John Wilson (Community Representative) Leah McGuinness (Whitehorse City Council) Liz Grabham Laing O'Rourke (LOR) Nicole Ekert (LOR) Rebecca McHutchison, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Jesse Overton-Skinner (SRLA) Adam Mellino (SRLA) Charles Windeyer (SRLA) Elizabeth Reynolds (SRLA) Erin Dale (SRLA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Coffey (Melbourne Water) Mark Joel (Mount Scopus) Matthew Duke (Presbyterian Ladies' College)

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<p>Welcome and housekeeping</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Fregon (MF) opened the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MF gave everyone an opportunity to introduce themselves. MF welcomed Graham Ross (KooyongKoot Alliance representative) to the 10th Burwood Precinct Reference Group, noting Graham is a new PRG member. MF gave an Acknowledgment of Country. Louisa McPhee (LMP) welcomed everyone to the 10th Precinct Reference Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMP noted the apologies for the Burwood Precinct Reference Group meeting, noting that Matthew Duke and Mark Coffey are an apology. LMP remarked that Michelle Mayur (Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association representative) stepped down from her role. LMP noted that SRLA is looking to recruit a replacement from the Association. LMP went through the previous actions, nil outstanding. LMP provided an overview of the agenda for today's meeting. 	LMP / MF

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Presentations from SRLA and Laing O'Rourke

SRLA gave an update on community engagement, including:

- Recent and upcoming community events SRLA has/will hold within the Whitehorse municipality.
- SRLA noted that the Burwood network support facility urban design landscape plan (UDLP) is currently on public exhibition until 15 March, SRLA advised this would be discussed later in the meeting.
- SRLA called for input and ideas around local engagement opportunities that SRLA can attend/represent in the future and noted that SRLA is looking into the Ashburton Festival for 2025.

Matters arising:

- Graham Scott (GS) queried how many community members attended the Burwood community information session. LOR/SRLA remarked around 20 community members, noting that there was a significant increase in attendance compared to the previous community information session and that lots of good generally positive conversations including with dog walkers and oval users passing by.
- MF remarked that 30,000 households received information in their letterboxes on SRL East precinct planning, encouraging residents to have their say and provide feedback on the precinct visions. SRLA noted later in the meeting there would be further discussion around precinct structure engagement.

Presentation by Laing O'Rourke giving an Initial & Early Works update, outlining:

- A high-level overview of past, current and upcoming works in the Burwood area.
- Recent community engagement, including engagement with a range of community groups.
- LOR discussed the pedestrian changes along Gardiners Creek Trail, on the northern side.

SRLA /
LOR

Matters arising:

- GS sought clarification on what the acronym TAS stood for. LOR advised the tunnel access structure.
- GS queried who is constructing the tunnel access structure. LOR advised that Laing O'Rourke is constructing the structure.
- GS commended SRLA on how they engaged the community on the Sinnott Street Reserve replacement park.
- GS noted that engagement with ParkRun could have been stronger concerning upcoming works and impacts. Graham Scott explained the logistical challenges ParkRun must undertake to change their running route, noting engagement should have happened with this group further in advance. LOR took this on notice and outlined engagement underway with ParkRun and Whitehorse City Council on finding a solution.

LOR discussed the Burwood network support facility urban design landscape plan (UDLP), noting:

- LOR discussed the Burwood network support facility UDLP which is out for public exhibition from 30 January 2024 – 15 March 2024.
- LOR noted key considerations of the network support facility.
- LOR explained that a UDLP is required for above ground permanent structures as outlined in the SRL East Incorporated Document. LOR noted that the UDLP only relates to the 66kv building, noting the other buildings are temporary and not subject to a UDLP.
- LOR noted the location of the facility, situated on the corner of Highbury Road and Sinnott Street.
- LOR explained why the Burwood network support facility is required, noting it will power the tunnel boring machines which will build the SRL East twin tunnels.

- LOR encouraged PRG members to review the UDLP and make a submission.

Matters arising:

- GS queried how long construction of the network support facility would take. LOR advised it will take up to 18 months to construct the temporary structures.

SRLA gave a structure planning engagement update, noting:

- SRLA noted the Draft Precinct Visions engagement closed on 3 March 2024. SRLA remarked that there were unprecedented levels of engagement, particularly for planning engagement.
- SRLA noted the Draft Precinct Vision engagement undertaken, with pop-ups, information sessions and workshops with key stakeholders.
- SRLA remarked that there were over 529 Burwood Draft Precinct Vision paper downloads.
- SRLA commented that there were 614 responses to date on the Burwood Draft Precinct Vision.
- SRLA advised that there was strong support among residents on the preliminary ideas and opportunity areas drafted for Burwood.
- SRLA noted the key themes in the Burwood Draft Precinct Vision, centering around amenities, development and transportation.

ACTION: SRLA to confirm receipt of KooyongKoot Alliance submission for the Burwood draft precinct vision.

Matters arising

- GS noted that satellite cities are positive and SRLA is future proofing the area by planning. Graham Scott further noted that SRLA will need to ensure that there are appropriate types of infrastructure embedded within the community to support population growth.
- GS commended SRLA for looking to enhance Gardiners Creek.
- GS noted that the Burwood Draft Precinct Vision has 'pulling powers,' centering things around the SRL East station and Deakin University. GS remarked that SRLA will need to examine where the focus will be, suggesting to also have arrows go outwards away from SRL East station and Deakin University. SRLA thanked GS for his comments.
- GS commented that SRLA should further explain the benefits of the project to the community.
- GS raised potential lighting to be installed along Gardiners Creek. Graham Ross advised on the disadvantages of installing lighting near the creek, highlighting the negative impacts to biodiversity, particularly to small birds and the tree canopy.
- Graham Ross (GR) noted that SRLA is contributing towards the pragmatic move towards planetoid megalopolises.
- GR queried what happens after the Draft Precinct Visions. SRLA advised that next steps would be shared with the PRG members as soon as possible, noting a summary of feedback would be shared from the SRL Precincts Discussion Paper and Draft Precinct Visions. SRLA noted that the Authority is working closely with Plan Victoria to ensure alignment, noting Plan Victoria will present to the group at the next PRG.

ACTION: Plan Victoria to present at the next Burwood Precinct Reference Group.

- GS queried the potential effects SRL East could have on Council rates. Matt Fregon advised that rates are a Council matter. SRLA to consider developing Q&As on this matter.
- GR queried when tunnelling would commence. SRLA advised that the first tunnelling contract, Tunnels South between Cheltenham to Glen Waverley, was signed last year to expert global tunnelling consortia Suburban

	<p>Connect. The next tunnelling contract, Tunnels North will be signed this year. SRLA advised that tunnelling will commence from 2026 with four tunnel boring machines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR had questions about carbon offsetting and emissions, querying whether there would be embedded carbon offsets. SRLA noted that as part of Tunnels South, the four tunnel boring machines will be powered by 100 per cent renewable electricity and total emissions from construction to be 20 per cent below industry standard. SRLA took GR's question on notice. <p>ACTION: SRLA to clarify SRL East's carbon offsetting emission measures.</p>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMP went through new actions raised at this meeting. SRLA noted that the next round of PRGs may commence from late-April/May 2024. 	LMP / SRLA

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1.	Graham Ross (KooyongKoot Alliance)	SRLA to confirm receipt of KooyongKoot Alliance submission for the Burwood draft precinct vision	Complete	SRLA
2.	Plan Victoria	Plan Victoria to present at the next Burwood Precinct Reference Group	Complete	SRLA
3.	Graham Ross (KooyongKoot Alliance)	SRLA to clarify SRL East's carbon offsetting emission measures	Complete	SRLA