

Mordialloc Freeway

Community Reference Group



Meeting:	Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group
Location:	Online – Zoom Meeting
Date and Time:	Thursday 24 February – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Attendees:	CRG Members: Jon Garrard, David Cappellari, Peter Wain, Andy Hawkes, Michael Poulakakis, Margaret Hunter, Ken Carney MRPV Representatives: Adrian Furner, Sam Doyle, Luke Minton MCDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Nicole Ekert, Justin Petrie
Apologies:	CRG Members: Frank Pitinga, Mitchell Blood MPs: Heng Meang Tak MP, Martin Pakula MP, Tim Richardson MP
Chair / Secretary:	Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS Assistant: Ai-Lin Chang, RPS
Meeting Contact:	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

Actions from Meeting #4 –

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Provide a solution on temporary lighting at the Lower Dandenong Road intersection	MRPV/ MCDDJV	25 February 2021	Closed
2.	Investigate options to remove fencing and weeds along the pedestrian footpath at Governor Road (section adjacent to Waterways Lakes)	MCDDJV	15 January 2021	Closed
3.	Organise lawn mowing for project areas adjacent to residential properties along Centre to Lower Dandenong Road.	MRPV	15 January 2021	Closed

Agenda Items – Meeting #5:

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1	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola welcomed the members and recognised Traditional Owners through Acknowledgement of Country Nicola refreshed the group on the meeting's house rules Nicola outlined the purpose and agenda for Meeting 5. 	Nicola Wass
2	<p>Updates on Actions from Meeting #5</p> <p>Luke Minton and Sam Doyle provided an update on the questions and actions from Meeting 3.</p> <p>Meeting 3 Action #1 – Provide a solution on temporary lighting at the Lower Dandenong Road intersection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke and Sam confirmed this action was completed, with MCDDJV installing more temporary lighting at the intersection. Luke noted the project has received positive feedback from a local business owner in relation to this <p>Meeting 3 Action #2 - Investigate options to remove fencing and weeds along the pedestrian footpath at Governor Road (section adjacent to Waterways)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor and Nicole confirmed this action was completed <p>Meeting 3 Action #3 - Organise lawn mowing for project areas adjacent to residential properties along Centre to Lower Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor and Nicole confirmed this action was completed. 	Nicola Wass
3	<p>Project snapshot</p> <p>What have you been hearing?</p> <p>Nicola asked members about the key feedback and concerns they have heard from their communities about the Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member raised there are flooding issues on Old Dandenong Road and Centre Dandenong Road and asked if they were related to Project works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam responded that the project team are aware of this and have spoken to Melbourne Water on drainage designs. Sam confirmed that Melbourne Water do not believe MRPV's works to be the cause of the flood The member requested that the Project reinvestigate this, given that the intersection had never experienced flooding issues prior to MRPV beginning their works Trevor and Adrian agreed to reinvestigate and provide an update. <p>What have we been doing?</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor presented aerial drone video footage of the full project alignment and talked through construction progress A member asked if the Project is putting in another lane in the project area near Braeside Park, past Howard Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam responded that these were likely works for the shared walking and cycling path adjacent to the freeway. Trevor noted there were also drainage works also occurring in that area near the power poles 	<p>Nicola Wass</p> <p>Trevor Cruden</p> <p>Nicole Ekert</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member raised that traffic on Wells and Springvale roads has been extremely heavy since lockdown has been eased and asked if the Project has investigated this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adrian responded that MRPV and DoT have investigated this and are implementing changes to the traffic signals at the intersection where possible. Adrian stated drivers should be able to see further improvements in the coming week. Adrian also noted that the Project has received enquiries on this from other members of the community and will continue to monitor traffic in the area ○ A member noted that the traffic at the intersection was likely being impacted by LXR disruptions and impacts along the Frankston Line • Trevor provided an update on the Project's heritage repatriation, including the reburial of artefacts found prior to construction beginning. The event was attended by Traditional Owners and Koorie students • Trevor provided an overview of the Project's upcoming construction disruptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beam lift works at Centre Dandenong Road in late-February ○ Overnight works for the southbound lanes on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway on 13 March ○ Beam lift works at Bowen Parkway on 15 and 16 March. • Sam invited members and the community to attend the opening of the Project's pedestrian underpass on Saturday 13 March and that broader communications about the open day would be launched on the w/c 1 March • Trevor provided an overview on of the Project's 2021 construction lookahead. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if the Project was planning to stage the opening of the Freeway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adrian responded that the Project's contract stipulates that the contractor is required to deliver the Project as a whole, however MRPV will investigate any opportunities to commission parts of the Project earlier with the Department of Transport (DoT). Adrian stated that the only likely section to be considered for an earlier opening is the area south of Springvale Road. Adrian affirmed that MRPV will inform members in advance if any sections of the Project are opened • A member asked if there is an opportunity for the community to view the upcoming bridge beam lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that facilitating an opportunity for the Centre Dandenong Road bridge beam lifts may not be feasible due to the work times, but that the Project is arranging viewing opportunities for the upcoming Bowen Parkway beam lifts • A member asked where the Project's beams are constructed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that the beams are manufactured in Melbourne by Westkon. Trevor noted that the beams are only allowed to be transported at night to minimise traffic impacts • A member asked what the anticipated levels of disruptions are for the Waterways Bridge beam deliveries, given the beams are being transported in the earliest hours of the morning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam and Adrian responded that the beams and its associated truck movements do have noise and light impacts, however these will be contained to specific areas and there are a range of strategies employed to mitigate the impacts. These include have the trucks sit as close to Springvale Road as possible prior to 6am (when works begin) and switching off their engines and lights until works start. Sam noted that the Project will engage with impacted adjacent residents prior to these movements with doorknocks and other communications activities planned. 	

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4	<p>Sustainability initiatives</p> <p>Justin Petrie (MCDDJV) presented to the group an overview of the Project’s sustainability initiatives.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin talked through the Project’s sustainability approach and its intersecting balance of protecting the environment, enabling greater social development and supporting economic growth • Justin also provided an overview of the Project’s sustainability initiatives, including material, water and energy initiatives • Justin noted 166 sustainability opportunities have been identified by the Project, with around 50% of these initiatives implemented to date. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if the native vegetation that is along the length of the Project’s alignment would be preserved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justin responded that the Project’s design had mitigated the removal of the trees. Justin noted that MCDDJV were conscious of the existing environment and adjusted their construction methodology and designs to ensure the trees weren’t impacted • A member asked if information on the Project’s sustainability outcomes would be made publicly available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that the project team is actively working on telling these stories and are presently determining what the communications approach should be ○ The member praised the Project on their work done so far on sustainability and stated Project materials would be critical in addressing the concerns of local residents on this topic • A member asked if other state government major infrastructure projects were delivering similar sustainability initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adrian responded that whilst the Project must comply with the Major Transport Infrastructure Authority’s (MTIA) Recycled First Policy, the Project is one of the first across the authority to support new industries and innovations. Adrian noted that communities should expect to see the same level of commitment towards sustainability in other MRPV projects moving forward • Luke asked members if there was a preferred communications approach for the sustainability initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member stated he preferred a one-pager fact sheet as they were able to attach this to their usual e-mail updates to their community group ○ Luke stated that MRPV can provide some information on the sustainability initiatives into the Project’s monthly updates. 	Justin Petrie
5	<p>Partnership and legacy opportunities</p> <p>Sam provided an update on the Project’s communications and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Team is continuing to discuss partnership and legacy opportunities with Council and the Department of Transport (DoT), including the opportunity to install artwork in the pedestrian underpass at Braeside Park. • Sam also informed the group that the Project would be partnering with Edithvale CFA to support their fun run and supply water to the event. 	Sam Doyle

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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if information boards along the tracks displaying information about the area’s local ecology is being considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that this is being actively considered in the area’s base design and MRPV and MCDDJV are discussing whether the information boards can be implemented ○ The member noted that there are a lot of nature groups and hiking groups visiting Waterways presently ○ Adrian asked the member about what content they would like to see on the information board ○ The member responded that information on the history of Waterways and the environmental context of the area would be well received. • A member asked if members would receive a formal response from the Project on their legacy and partnership suggestions and if so, when they should expect to receive a response by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that the project would provide formal responses, however noted that they would not be able release this information all at once given that some ideas are still being actively worked through. Sam noted this in turn would make it difficult to determine an exact timeline for responses ○ The member noted that an update on their submissions would be appreciated and the community would understand that some items are still being investigated ○ Sam committed to providing responses to all submissions and would update the group on the status of these submissions at the next meeting 	
6	<p>Other business</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked how anti-graffiti measures would be managed at the underpass and other blank concrete canvases along the project alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded an anti-graffiti paint coating will be applied to the underpass and the noise walls to help make it easier to clean graffiti • A member asked who is responsible for managing the area where people park their cars at the end of Parkway near Braeside Park and if there is a proposal to formalise area into a car park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke responded Kingston City Council is responsible for that area and that while MRPV is not able to answer this question, they can raise this in their meetings • A member asked if the shared use paths could be opened ahead of the Project’s commissioning date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded it would be unlikely due to the high costs of moving the temporary fencing and associated safety risks • A member asked if it was possible prior to the Project’s commissioning date to test the effectiveness of the noise walls and inform the group of what the noise pollution levels will be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that whilst there are some tests for the purposes of quality control, it would be difficult to stimulate the actual levels of freeway traffic in a controlled environment. Trevor noted that a significant amount of data, research and investigative studies have informed the design and materials of the noise walls to ensure it does genuinely mitigate noise. Adrian also raised that additional noise quality tests are undertaken once the Project is commissioned. 	Nicola Wass

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7	<p>Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the Project's social procurement initiatives, including the engagement of social enterprises • Partnership and legacy opportunities update • Sam raised that the next meeting is likely to be held face to face, as MRPV have been given approval to proceed with face-to-face activities • Sam confirmed members would be able to attend the next meeting either face-to-face or digitally, based on their personal preference. 	Nicola Wass

Actions from Meeting #5 –

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Investigate flooding issues on Old Dandenong Road and Centre Dandenong Road and if they are related to Project works	MRPV/MCDDJV	22 April 2021	Open
2.	Provide information on the Project's sustainability initiatives into the Project's monthly updates.	MRPV	Ongoing	Open
3.	Provide a written update to all submissions on the Project's partnership and legacy opportunities.	MRPV	22 April 2021	Open
4.	Update the CRG on the status on all partnership and legacy submissions at the next meeting.	MRPV	22 April 2021	Open

Next meeting: Thursday 22 April 2021