

Minutes



West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – West group meeting

Wednesday 19 June 2019

5:30-7:50pm

WGTP Visitor Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Anthony Havers (AH)	West Gate Tunnel Authority (WGTA)
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Geoff Liu (GL)	WGTA
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bike Network Victoria	Jala Shekho (JaS)	Transurban (TU)
John Stirk (JS)	BayWest BUG	Simonetta Guastella (SG)	TU
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons bay City Council	Ebony Fisher (EF)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH)
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Charles Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH

Apologies

Martin Wurt (MW)	MTAG		
Jenny McMahon (JM)	LeadWest		
Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV		

Not in attendance

Marlon De Leon (MdL)	Tarneit		
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek		
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA		

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting	Chair
5.35pm	2	Actions from previous meetings	All
5.40pm	3	CLG Landscape Workshop Update	All
5.50pm	4	Report from CLG community members	CLG Members
6.05pm	5	Special Guest: Ian Butterworth	Hobsons Bay City Council
6.25pm	6	Tea Break	All
6.40pm	7	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.55pm	8	Questions from CLG members on construction update	CLG Members
7.10pm	9	West Gate Tunnel Authority Update	WGTA
7.30pm	10	Actions arising and close	Chair

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:35 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW started with Acknowledgement of Country• JW welcomed all attendees• Attendees introduce themselves to the group• JW read apologies/introductions• JW thanked Sorghum Sisters for the catering.
2	<p>Actions from previous CLG monthly meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW advised that updates for actions have been circulated and some actions will be closed• JW advised that AW1 is closed.• JW asked if TU could provide an update for the next actions• JaS advised update for AJ1 that landscape roll plots are being prepared for information sessions and will be provided to CLG members.• JaS advised that AJ2 and AJ7 are closed• JW noted that CLG members are always welcome to ask questions between meetings regarding actions
3	<p>CLG landscape workshop update</p> <p>West Group Landscape actions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW noted that the West Landscape CLG workshop was conducted on 05/06/19 and the actions were circulated on the 14/06/19 by GL to West Landscape workshop members• JaS advised that LW1 and LW2 are closed• JaS advised that LW3 will remain open.• GM asked if Hobsons Bay was consulted on LW 3. JaS advised that feedback was provided• JaS advised that they are waiting on advice regarding LW4 and LW5• JaS advised that LW6 is closed• JaS advised that LW7, LW8 and LW9 will remain open• GL confirmed that IB provided feedback in regards to LW9. WGTP will forward the feedback to the project parties <p>Joint Group Landscape actions -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JaS advised that LJ2 is closed• JaS advised that LJ3 and LJ4 will remain open• JaS provided an update on LJ5, LJ6 and LJ7• JaS advised that LJ8 will remain open and noted that GM is aware of the reduction of the size to the truck turning bay• JaS advised that LJ9 and LJ10 will remain open• JaS advised that LJ11 and LJ13 are now closed• JaS provided an update on LJ15• JW noted that some items will need to go back to the North Group (LJ5, LJ6, LJ7 and LJ15)• JW asked if anyone has any questions regarding any of the actions discussed today. No questions were asked.

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4	<p>Report from CLG community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB noted that there has been a lot of change along Footscray Road • KR advised that there has been an improvement in road resurfacing in his area. LE noted that they have heard the feedback regarding line markings • IB advised that there has been some calls/request regarding truck activity around construction sites near Kingsville. However not to a level that is causing concern. EF noted that some of those calls/requests are related to Western Roads upgrades and not the WGT. • GM asked where the earth and rock removed from the project will be going, noting that dust issues from a local landfill site will be reduced from being filled. JaS noted this is still being worked through. CF noted that the local owner of the quarry has long term plans and therefore that particular site is not being investigated any further by the project team. • GM noted frustration with the loss of existing trees along the West zone and raised concerns regarding the tree planting offset plan. Stating that trees removed from local areas should be replaced within the vicinity of local areas and not planted elsewhere. • JaS advised that as an outcome from the landscaping workshop for the West CLG was to provide them a priority list for offset planting to provide feedback into. • GM questioned the definition of what constitutes a tree and a shrub. • GM suggested an audit of greenery within Yarraville, Brooklyn and Altona • JW requested an action to be created, of what constitutes a tree/shrub (AW8), where it has been removed and the location of replanting (AW9). • JS noted that the location of tree replanting is to be provided in the landscaping plots to be provided as part of the communication kit.
5	<p>Special Guest: Ian Butterworth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB provided an overview of significant developments happening within Hobsons Bay City Council – particularly around Precinct 15 and a number of local reserves that will benefit from the Open Space Enhancement package funding that the WGTP has contributed \$5M toward.
6	<p>Tea Break at 6.25pm</p>
7	<p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CF provided an update on construction activities in the West zone including the progress of Williamstown Road interchange, Muir Street bridge, Millers Road, Paringa Road, West Gate Freeway, Kororoit Creek bridge and the M80 interchange.
8	<p>Questions from CLG members on construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB asked if there was any feedback from the community because of construction. EF advised the community has been tolerant and have been understanding.
9	<p>West Gate Tunnel Authority update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LE thanked members for participation in recent site visits to the Northern Portal • LE advised of EOI process for CLG member recruitment is now closed and the selection process is now underway. • LE advised that the second IREA audit report is now online. • GM asked if there was any update regarding the Community Involvement and Participation Plan (CIPP). LE advised there are no further updates at this stage but the group will be advised as soon as there is information available. .
10	<p>Actions arising and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW thanked everyone for their attendance.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Open Actions – West CLG meeting

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Update	Status
AW1	Provide Wyndham City Council with location project boundary on Federation Trail.	CPBJH	November	Closed	Closed
AW8	Project Co to provide the definition of what constitutes a tree and a shrub.	TU	June		Open
AW9	Project Co to provide a summary of tree/shrub removal – including area of removal and area of replanting	TU	June		Open

Open Actions – Joint meetings

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Update	Status
AJ1	Provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings.	TU	December	As part of the communications kit, landscape plots are being prepared for information sessions starting in July and these will be provided to members.	Open
AJ2	Provide further information on the truck haulage routes and locations for disposal of spoil	TU	December	As noted in EES, truck haulage road for tunnel spoil will be via Whitehall Street, Moreland Street and Footscray Road. Other spoil is to be transported along haul routes agreed by VicRoads	Closed
AJ7	Project to co-ordinate specific workshops with North and West members	WGTA	February	Joint & North/West workshops conducted.	Closed

Open Actions – West Landscape workshop (5th June 2019)

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LW1	CPBJH JV to review removal of trees around Kororoit Creek required for shared use path (SUP) construction between Geelong Road and Grieve Parade	CPBJH	<p>CPBJH JV provided this commitment during a site-walk with the Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, Project Co and Melbourne Water, during which it was advised to the stakeholder that the VicRoads standard requires 1m on either side of an SUP to be cleared of obstructions, including trees. This standard applies to the construction of the SUP between Geelong Road and Grieve Parade.</p> <p>As advised to the stakeholder, CPBJH JV will review which trees are required to be removed once the design progresses and will update the stakeholder directly.</p>	Closed
LW2	Transurban (TU) to follow up with CPBJH JV to confirm Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) local road tree offset planting.	TU	<p>Local offset planting is being considered across the Project corridor, including with Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) and possible locations were identified during the recent landscape workshop. CPBJH JV are finalising internal documentation to formalise advice provided by HBCC concerning requirement for local road offset tree planting. This will feed into the ongoing development of landscaping around local roads within proximity to the project boundary.</p> <p>Matter will continue to be managed between the HBCC and the CPBJH JV.</p>	Closed
LW3	CPBJH JV to advise Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek about consultation with Indigenous representatives regarding the Indigenous garden north of the freeway at Kororoit Creek (near the blue stone bridge).	CPBJH	<p>CPBJH JV advised at CLG West landscape workshop that a number of indigenous groups have been consulted about this garden and they will continue to engage with them on other aspects of the project, particularly around the waterways.</p> <p>Awaiting update from CPBJH JV.</p>	Open
LW4	CPBJH JV to review opportunity for any additional safety treatments at the cycling path intersection along Kororoit Creek – just before the blue stone bridge	CPBJH		Open
LW5	CPBJH JV to review any opportunity to connect the current maintenance track at the edge of Kororoit Creek (below the location of the turnaround bay) with the new SUP	CPBJH		Open
LW6	Transurban to advise if surveillance cameras on West Gate Freeway would capture the Kororoit Creek path on either side of the bridge	TU	<p>Project Co., as part of the Traffic Management and Control Systems requirements, will be installing a closed circuit television system that consists of cameras located to provide continuous overlapping visuals of traffic lanes, entry, exit and connecting ramps and emergency stopping lanes and bays within the project area.</p> <p>There will be cameras installed in the vicinity of Kororoit Creek bridge however, Project Co. do not</p>	Closed

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			<p>expect that these cameras will be able to see any sections of the Kororoit Creek shared use path.</p> <p>These cameras will be in operation at the completion of the West Gate Tunnel Project.</p>	
LW7	Opportunity to have CLG members input into a priority list for landscaping offsets with HBCC	CPBJH	<p>CPBJH JV continue to look for areas for offset planting outside the project boundary, and will continue to work with councils and other land owners to explore viability of these opportunities.</p> <p>When appropriate, the West CLG members will be asked to provide feedback into a priority list for locations associated with offset planting that are not within the project boundary.</p> <p>Please note that the next update will be provided when available.</p>	Open
LW8	HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping	CPBJH		Open
LW9	West CLG members be given an opportunity to review a draft version of a West zone factsheet	WGTP		Open

Open Actions – Joint Landscape workshop (18th of February 2019)

#	Action	Owner	Status	Status
LJ1	Provide general overview of CLG workshop at CLG joint-meeting on February 21 and proposed communications approach going forward	TU	Closed	Closed
LJ2	Seek input from CLG members on activities for proposed community communications campaign (eg briefings to relevant committee meetings)	TU	<p>Open invitation with CLG for CPBJH JV to assist in provide briefing to community groups. WGTA members to contact WGTA to express interest in receiving a briefing.</p> <p>Furthermore, indicative materials were available at the North CLG and the contents of the kits were discussed, with members given the opportunity for feedback.</p>	Closed
LJ3	Prepare a visual image of what the new Whitehall Street retarding basin, shared use path bridge and Transurban operations centre design will look like	TU	Included in rendered images being developed as part of the communications plan, and will be shared with CLG members early July (TBC).	Open

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LJ4	Include more realistic images of urban designs and landscaping as part of community engagement/inform campaign	TU	Rendered images are in development as part of the communications plan, and will be shared with CLG members early July (TBC)	Open
LJ5	Explore safety considerations as part of cycling and shared use path infrastructure, including detail such as pedestrian and cyclist counts, expected cyclist speeds (especially at intersections of the veloway and shared use path) and any potential additional measures required	TU	<p>The West Gate Tunnel project is committed to delivering cycling and pedestrian infrastructure which achieves the highest possible level of safety for all users. The Project achieves this by requiring all designs to go through a comprehensive and robust design process prior to commencement of construction</p> <p>The Project must demonstrate that the design process has been completed to achieve certification, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs must be accordance with applicable design standards • The design standards determine required path widths, vertical and horizontal gradients, sight distances, design speeds, required clearance zones from obstructions, signage and line marking requirements, and more • Where these standards set varying levels to achieve compliance, the project is required to meet the desirable, or highest standard – not the base level or minimum • Completion of independent Road Safety Audits after each stage of detailed design, preopening, and immediately following the opening of the works • Complete a Safety In Design workshop to identify potential risks associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the veloway/SUP. Mitigation measures are identified and implemented • Reviewed by key stakeholders, including local councils, VicRoads and Bicycle Network. Comments provided by these stakeholders need to be addressed by the CPBJH JV • Reviewed by the WGTP project parties • Reviewed and certified as being compliant by the Independent Reviewer and Environmental Auditor (IREA). <p>Through the above processes and protocols, the West Gate Tunnel Project is confident that all safety concerns are considered and addressed, and that the final outcomes will be of the highest possible standard.</p>	Open
LJ6	Identify areas where lighting will and will not be installed at open spaces, if not, why this is not part of the design (specifically, under the elevated structures above the pump-tracks)	TU	<p>There is no requirement for the contractor to install lighting for the new open spaces. In relation to the open space under the elevated structures above the pump-tracks, these were designed to be separated, allowing natural light through and to create an attractive, well-lit under road space.</p> <p>The design of the open spaces incorporates Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, in line with the Safer Design Guidelines 2005. The principles of natural surveillance, natural access control, and through definition of space and ownership have been promoted through the design.</p> <p>During the planning phase for the West Gate Tunnel, as well as through the design phase, owners were consulted, and their interests and concerns factored in</p>	Open

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			(where possible) to the designs. In regards to lighting open spaces, consideration of costs, maintenance, security, biodiversity and resourcing requirements, which the returned facility owners might not want to accept, would need to be considered.	
LJ7	Consideration of lighting the Moonee Ponds Creek open space area, and installation of drinking taps and amenities block	TU	Project Co and CPBJH JV gave consideration to the installation of lighting, drinking taps and amenities block in the Moonee Ponds Creek area in response to comments received from stakeholders, and determined that due to the lack of existing infrastructure, cost implications, and ongoing maintenance implications to the future owner, these assets were not to be pursued.	Open
LJ8	Explore all options to remove or realign the proposed truck turning bay on the Kororoit Creek Trail and respond to CLG and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	TU	CPBJH JV have achieved a reduction in the size of the truck turning bay, and are continuing to explore viability and implications of an alignment change.	Open
LJ9	Provision to join the new and existing concrete paths under Grieve Parade	TU	In principle agreement reached between project parties and Council. Now progressing through design process.	Open
LJ10	Look into location of Stony Creek crossing to improve passive surveillance	TU	Advice received is this maybe achieved through civil/structural design change, although further consultation with the Friends of Stony Creek indicate its location is suitable.	Open
LJ11	Explore opportunities to plant more trees on the port side of Maribyrnong River adjacent to MacKenzie Road	TU	The Port of Melbourne (PoM) is the Returned Facility Owner of MacKenzie Road and has dictated a low maintenance outcome, which does not support the planting of trees. Additionally, there are physical constraints; due to the minimal available remaining space along the embankment, the existing underground sewer and relocated PoM underground utility assets, there is not enough space to plant additional trees, even if PoM expressed an interest in this.	Closed
LJ12	Explore opportunity for a gentler curve for the shared use path at corner of Hyde/Harris Streets	TU	A gentler curve was achieved through the design change in accommodating Maribyrnong City Council's future plans for the area.	Closed
LJ13	Ensure safe and convenient access to all landscaped and open space areas for maintenance activities where access is currently constrained eg Stony Creek area north of the West Gate Bridge	TU	This is being addressed specifically with Hobsons Bay City Council which made the request. No further updates required.	Closed
LJ14	Explore offset planting opportunities outside the project area along the project corridor	TU	Project Co and CPBJH JV are and will continue to explore opportunities and the planting and maintenance approval/agreements.	Closed

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LJ15	Look into what detail regarding existing and future vegetation can be provided in future landscaping designs	TU	There is possible scope to include some before and after imagery in the communication materials for landscaping and this is being explored through the Community Campaign development.	Open