

Minutes

Subject: May CLG Joint Meeting

Date: Thursday 19 May 2022. 5:30-7:30pm

Location: WGTP Info Centre

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Anthony Havers (AH)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	WGTP MTIA
Laurie Bell (LB)	Brooklyn Residents Action Group	Bronwyn Neeson (BN)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Rethi Scaife (RS)	Transurban (TU)
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Henry Graves (HG)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Tim Spawton (TS)	CPBJH JV
Peter Gerrand (PG)	North and West Melbourne	Mladen Stojanovic (MS)	CPBJH JV

Attendees			
Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH JV	Lee Szalnowski (LS)	CPBJH JV

Apologies			
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Callum Fogarty (CAF)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit
Greg Cain (GC)	VTA	Fu Ho Chung (FHC)	WGTP MTIA
Liz Evans (LE)	(WGTP MTIA)	Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council
Tallia Gilarry (TG)	City of Melbourne	Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council	Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon
Martin Wurt (MW)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Fadi Quanqar (FQ)	City of Melbourne
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek

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5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA

5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.20pm	4	BREAK	All
6.30pm	5	Member questions	Community members
6.50pm	6	Actions update	All
7.00pm	7	Actions arising and closing	All
7.15pm	8	Thank you and close	Chair

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Agenda item	Item detail
	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, introduced new attendees, and stated apologies for the night. JW introduced Glen Yates from MTAG who will be replacing Martin Wurt as the MTAG representative for CLG meetings. JW mentioned upcoming site visit to Maribyrnong River for CLG members on Monday 23rd May and to meet at the info centre at 4:30pm.
	<p>WGTP MTIA update</p>
	<p>AH provided an update on recent media that the West Gate Tunnel Project has featured in:</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 27th April a channel 9 news story with Minister Jacinta Allan highlighted the commencement of tunnelling and showcasing Vida the second TBM that has started digging the 2.8km citybound tunnel. AH provided credit to the joint venture for conducting site visits, that have been organised for local MPs, stakeholders and members of council which has helped people to reengage with the project.
	<p>BN highlighted WGTP recent community engagement activities:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPBJH JV hosted a fantastic tunnelling open day at the WGTP Info Centre on 9th April. Over 500 community members attended and were engaged with. Community were very interested in cycling and walking paths, tunnelling and the project's completion date. Yarraville festival took place on 27th March and had a great turn out, with high interest at the WGTP mobile info hub. Community were interested in the breadth of the project, as well as

amenity being created their local area. Largely 80% was positive, and 20% of people spoke about disruptions, noise etc. Overall, a positive engagement activity for the project.

BN spoke about recent survey conducted for CLG Members:

- Thanked members for insight, feedback and taking the time to fill out the survey. The feedback will inform a refresh of the CLG meeting format. A joint forum was in the majority favourable and will continue on a 6-weekly basis, face to face at the Information Centre, with an option to dial in.
- The presentations will include more community engagement information alongside and related to the construction updates.
- More information on the Hi Quality soil site and process was asked for and were shown in later slides in the presentation.
- The opportunity to bring a guest was seen as positive and may be adopted for future CLG meetings
- 28 grants have been awarded across Hobsons Bay and City of Maribyrnong from the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, 26 of the 28 grants now have agreements in place and some activities have already taken place, such as the Faamaopopo Mai Expo on 22 April

Construction update

WEST ZONE

LS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone:

Key Community Items

- **Traffic switch** - taking place on West Gate freeway between Grieve Parade and Millers Road pushing all traffic North. Drivers wanting to get off at Millers Road outbound will need to stick to two left lanes, with a decision to be made on the West Gate Bridge. Signage will be in place and comms will go out 10 days prior to the switch, on top of usual advertising and residential letter drops.
- **Traffic switch communications** - a communication plan will be put in place, given the significance of the behavioural change for motorists
- **Paringa Road noise wall design change** - off reservation noise treatment has been discussed with residents who would be affected by the design change.
- **M80** - The M80 city bound ramp and the Geelong Road city bound will be closed Friday the 27th of May, to install barrier rails, subject to weather conditions, delay of 10 minutes is to be expected for motorists.

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Key Progress

- Millers Road noise walls and acrylic panels are continuing to be installed
- Works at Millers Road continues, including rebuilding the strip of the outbound carriageway.
- Bridge strengthening works at Williamstown Road has finished, with nightly disruptions ceasing
- M80 works - outbound installation of storm water drainage has been completed alongside the cemetery, and widening pavement works continue down at Princes Freeway. Inbound drainage of path, and installation of light poles are works that are ongoing.

Upcoming Works

- Hyde Street beam installations set to take place at exit ramps next month.

EAST ZONE

MS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone

Key Community Items

- **Harris Street** - reopened from Cowper Street on 14th April, access to pedestrians from Yarraville Gardens.

Key Progress

- **Maribyrnong River Crossing** - The first two girders have been spliced together and are in place to be lifted. The girders have been delivered on night shifts, due to the extremely large size of the girders, with over 50,000 bolts in each structure.
- **Footscray Road** - The launching gantry is currently on span 17 and averaging a span a week. Dock Link Road was recently closed, as the edge of some concrete segments are over traffic lanes, resulting in some traffic lane closures

Upcoming Works

- **Wurundjeri Way** - Traffic barriers have been put up to allow the build of works on the Northern side adjacent to the railway line. In July, there will be a week of closures Southbound to allow for precast lifting, barriers will be put out from Latrobe Street to Flinders later in the year.
- **Footscray Road** - works will be moving to 24-hour operations in June therefore speed lane restrictions will be in place. There continue to be super structure works and works inside of the box girders. Large amount of night works will take place, with the gantry going directly above Footscray Road. Some Precast crossings have been installed.
- **Maribyrnong River Crossing** – Week of the 23 May, the first girders will begin to be lifted into place.

TUNNELS ZONE

AS provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone, including:

Key Community Items

- **Tunnelling Engagement** – This has included the Open Day and interactive TBM at the info centre and weekly drop-in sessions on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30pm. A broad distribution of notifications was sent out for the start of tunnelling and two-week rolling notifications will continue, to residents in the tunnelling path.
- **Complaints** - None regarding noise and tunnelling operations, however there was one false alarm with a known stakeholder, which was in fact to do with plumbing issues.

Key Progress

- **Inbound tunnel progress of Vida** - Launching on its excavation journey on 25th of April, 300 metres has already been excavated, and the TBM has passed under Whitehall Street and Somerville Road, making good progress.
- **Outbound Tunnel progress of Bella** – 650 metres of tunnel has been excavated, the TBM has passed under Whitehall Somerville industrial precinct, and it is currently under Hyde Street.

TS discussed how the soil is being transported safely, and the management of it.

Soil Testing

- PFAS and contaminated soil were an unknown quantity when the project began, and groundwater contained contaminants also changed the methodology of how to deal with the soil in a safe and effective manner.
- A sample analysis and quality plan with the EPA was developed for the excavated soil. The sampling contractor are in the bins 24 hours a day to send the soil off to a lab for thorough and ongoing testing.
- Soil is sampled and tested at a laboratory, where it then receives a category, with category A being the worst and most levels of contaminants, down to Category D
- Soil testing results goes to a consultancy, who then develops a waste report, and then the report is sent out to the Hi Quality sites. Reports so far has shown highest levels of 0.12 micrograms per litre of PFAS within the soil, which is much lower than the 7 micrograms per litre of dangerous levels. There have been very low levels of PFAS found in the soil so far. The EPA has now also set a lower-level limit.
- PFAS is a manmade element and is useful for its water repellent capacity. It has been commonly used as a surface coating for frying pans, waterproof jackets, firefighting foam. Knowledge of PFAS is growing, as it only really came to the fore over the last few years.

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- There have been some spills from trucks on route to Hi Quality, and strict response measures have been put in place to combat this. A video was shown on the wheel washing process that occurs at the Whitehall Street tunnelling site to clean the trucks of any excess soil before the truck heads up to Hi Quality in Bulla.
- Sometimes washing is done physically with actual people doing the cleaning to ensure all the soil is off the truck. EPA requirements for trucks include a seal on the tailgate, a grain lock, and a tarp across the top of the truck. Spot checks are occurring on every truck that is leaving to ensure these requirements are being met. There is also training in driving behaviour for the truck drivers.

Soil Management

- Specific sites were brought forward by the EPA, with the Hi Quality facility meeting all requirements and being chosen to receive the soil. The TBM will be moving through very different domains of soil, and the soil is changing all the time. There is a 21-day period for lab to initially receive the soil and then determine its category. The category is received when the soil is already at the Hi Quality site. The holding bays at Hi Quality are specifically designed to deal with days of soil, and it sits in bays until the data for the category has been received, and then is sent either into a reuse cell or into a landfill site. The Whitehall Street tunnelling site has been set up to deal with the different types of soil.

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- BREAK

Members and questions update:

- BB asked about the upgrades to Federation Trail and a date for when it will open.
- LS said its still under construction, connections to Millers Road aren't open, will only open when no more construction is needed at all, which is still as much as 1.5 years away.
- BB enquired about the Greening Brooklyn project along and proposed that are part of this it should be considered to put in separate bike and walking paths for community safety, BB further noted that solar lighting should be put in for safety and security for users at all times of day.
- BB noted frustration at the lack of consultation and visibility to the projects plans and that these items were long-term interest points for the Brooklyn community.
- JW stated this should be taken up with Hobsons Bay Council, who is facilitating the Greening Brooklyn Project and is a grant recipient of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, BB can also touch base with BN to provide support to take this forward with IB at the Council.

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- DR touched on the traffic issues, and that the streets are not equipped to handle the amount of through traffic in the Altona area, but overall people are happy with the progress of the WGTP.
- LS stated that the west works, and the tunnel zone are very integrated, and that tunnelling works need to be finished before the freeway can get finished, and that tunnelling is running 24/7.
- KR spoke about the pedestrian path at Millers Road, asking for night lights to be turned on as lighting is insufficient and dangerous at night.
- LS confirmed this would be done.
- BB asked about Millers Road works and why the walking access is not open on the west side.
- LS said the new works for this will start between June and September 2022.
- GB said there was no lighting between Dock Link Road and Dynon Road, port lighting is off and ramp lighting is off? To be followed up by the JV.
- GY asked if there will be vehicle identification by the JV for vehicles coming from the Whitehall Street tunnelling site, so community members are able to identify trucks from the project? How are we going to be monitoring soil trucks moving forward? AS said there will be a utilisation of

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geo-fencing and GPS alarms if trucks are off route, giving them the ability to take immediate action on drivers, a second contractor will be incorporated into the same GPS scheme.

- JW asked what are the volume of truck movements per day?
- AS answered trucks are running every 5 minutes, GY said they had approx. 430 truck movements at max each day.
- PG asked for an update on design changes for the horseshoe bend area and bridge.
- SDR stated this is still in discussion amongst parties.
- PG asked if there is now a figure for the number of trees to be removed and replaced in the City of Melbourne.
- SDR stated this is still being finalised. TS noted that the definition of a tree for defining replacement ratios has now been agreed and that numbers across the Project are hoping to be resolved in a few months' time
- PG asked about the feasibility of placing the same acrylic noise wall panels that the Project is using on the Wurundjeri Way extension?
- SDR stated that the State Government team, WGTP MTIA, has looked into the design of the barriers and are confident that the future installation of such panels is not precluded.
- CFR asked about when the TBM tracker was coming online.
- AH stated it is a few weeks away from being on the Big Build website, members will be advised when its live.
- CFR enquired if any works will be taking place on Fogarty Avenue on Sunday 25th June, given he is aware of a large number of community events taking place in the area that day
- LS stated a shuttle flow is currently in place there and may still be in place by then. MU will follow up with CFR on this.
- CFR asked about progressing the grant for the Yarraville Glory Soccer Club.
- AH stated there was a meeting with council and the soccer club to enable this and look at some short-term improvements that can be made, whilst the Council works on a broader masterplan. AH reiterated funding is coming from WGTP to the Club, as a grant from the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund
- LB suggested that the pedestrian set of lights at Federation Trail, Millers Road, should be synchronised with traffic lights.
- LS noted final signal programs are not in place yet, will take the comment onboard.
- GB asked if the Williamstown Road night closures are done.
- LS replied that there are no more closures in place
- AB asked why Williamstown Road outbound exit ramp was recently closed.
- LS stated it is due to beam lifts happening between midnight to 4AM.
- MU suggested members request to be signed up to the weekly traffic emails that are sent out, so they are across all closures that are coming up.

Actions update**AW13 - CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.**

Update 24/03: GM who proposed this action was not present at the meeting, however was contacted on the 23 May and has advised that this item can now be closed due to satisfactory action being taken.

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Action to remain open. TS and SDR spoke to this acknowledging further work was being undertaken and updates would continue to be provided as and when information becomes available.

Points followed up from last meeting:

- A. Faded lines on West Gate Freeway outbound towards Grieve Parade – LS stated that those faded lines would be fixed as part of the upcoming traffic switch
- B. Paringa Rd engagement – see earlier update
- C. Uneven road surface on Footscray Road near Shepherds bridge – MS stated someone was sent out to test this and stated if drivers are doing speed limit then it is ok
- D. When will works commence along Federation Trail to Grieve Parade – Covered by LS in construction update
- E. Pump Track design – MU spoke with CFR offline, and this is resolved.

Open Action items:

AW10 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.

Points for follow up:**7**

- A. Greening Brooklyn project path and lighting safety items – IB (Hobsons Bay Council to follow up with BB
- B. Night lights to be turned on at underpass at Millers Road – LS (CPBJH JV) to action
- C. No lighting between Dock Link Road and Dynon road – CPBJH JV to follow up
- D. Follow up on signing up all members to the weekly traffic emails – WGTP MTIA

Meeting closed at 7:37pm
