

Minutes

Subject: June CLG Joint Meeting

Date: Thursday 30 June 2022. 5:30-7:30pm

Location: WGTP Info Centre

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Fu Ho Chung (FHC)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	Transurban (TU)
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	James Campbell (JC)	TU
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Peter Gerrand (PG)	West and North Melbourne	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Patrick Rafferty (PR)	CPBJH JV
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council

Attendees			
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Eloise McGurn (EM)	City of Melbourne

Apologies			
Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA	Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH JV	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPBJH JV
Lee Szalnowski (LS)	CPBJH JV	Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW opened the meeting, welcomed attendees in person and online and stated apologies for the night. JW welcomed Eloise McGurn who will be the new representative for City of Melbourne. JW ran through results from recent member survey, noting some changes that will be put in place including meetings back to a face-to-face format with an online presence for those who cannot attend in person; meetings will be every 6 weeks; members will be able to send through questions in advance for project parties to provide an update in presentation; shortening the break to 5 minutes, and printed copies of the presentation will be available. FA enquired about allowing a proxy to attend on behalf of a community member when they are unable to make it along themselves. LE noted that the current member Terms of Reference does not reference proxies, however that document is currently being reviewed in light of the recent member survey and outcomes to amalgamate the two CLG groups to one, updating to a six weekly meeting schedule and allowing 1-2 member guests. It was favourably discussed that a proxy can attend in place of a member from time to time. It was also discussed that guests would attend in an observer capacity with the member who nominated their attendance in advance. LE will discuss the updates to the Terms of Reference with the Chair before sharing with all members.
1	<p>WGTP MTIA update</p> <p>LE provided an update on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund (WGNF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WGNF \$10M grants and partnerships program has so far funded 47 community projects. LE highlighted the positivity in a significant investment being put back into the community. Recent events include very successful GJ Hosken Reserve Community open day and LE commended GM on his leadership and organisation of this day Network West had a recent smoking ceremony that took place on 3 June, YMCA Newport skate park event took place on 4 June. Round 2 for WGNF community grants opening in July. Members will be updated with dates. <p>LE updated members on the \$2M recently funded Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fund acknowledges community concerns around transport and disposal of tunnel soil. Not-for-profit groups can apply for projects that bring benefits to Sunbury and Bulla communities. Applications have opened and close 3pm Monday 8 August 2022. FA enquired if City of Melbourne area will be eligible to apply for WGNF Grant funding. LE confirmed that the upcoming round will cover Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong communities, as per previous rounds, in line with the Environment Performance Requirements for the Project.
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- LE mentioned the WGTP contribution of \$50M, matched by an additional \$50M from the City of Melbourne toward the Transport Amenity Program (TAP). EM to report back on progress of the TAP.

LE spoke about the recent CLG Maribyrnong River site visit and the completion of Footscray Wharf project.

A short video was shown showcasing the completed \$12M Footscray Wharf project. This was co-funded by Maribyrnong City Council and the State Government WGTP MTIA. Upgrades include a 230-metre-long timber boardwalk and wharf, picnic and barbecue areas, a lower landing and floating pontoon and a wider pedestrian promenade. LE highlighted the great final product and encouraged everyone to get down to the river to check it out.

Construction update

WEST ZONE

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

Key Community Items

- Millers Road traffic switch implemented from Thursday 30 June, drivers who wish to exit at Millers Road from the West Gate Freeway outbound need to make an early decision on the West Gate Bridge to be in the left lanes. There are significant permanent signs and electronic signs advising drivers to be in the left-hand lanes for Millers Road starting near Todd Road on the east side of the West Gate Bridge.
- A behaviour change campaign was conducted to inform drivers of this change.
- Also completed were a letter box mailout to 16,000 in the inner west, advertising on billboards, catch-up TV, digital, metro and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse radio, Spotify, and social media.
- Communications now also direct to a dedicated webpage, that includes an educational video.
- Content will also be provided to councils and Department of Transport to share on their online channels.

Key Progress

- Ongoing works near Fogarty Avenue include electrical freeway cabling and sensors, fire hydrant crossings, drainage, shared user path construction, noise wall removal, kerbing, and re-surfacing of the road.
- At Hyde Street, further coloured acrylic sections have been installed on noise walls and beam installations that span along the entry and exit ramps are halfway completed.
- Approximately 3000 of the 3300 concrete sections of noise wall have now been installed with 50% completed of all acrylic panels have now been installed. Approximately 75% of the acrylic panels are expected to be installed by the end of July 2022.

Upcoming Works

- An M80 traffic switch is planned for July. To be implemented as follows. 1. Princes Freeway inbound to West Gate Freeway being switched onto the Princes Freeway inbound exit ramp to Geelong Road and a new inbound ramp. 2. The M80 Ring Road inbound entry ramp to the West Gate Freeway switched to a new inbound ramp. These two switches are to allow space for new works to occur.
- Upcoming works are scheduled for late June to October at the intersection at Simcock Ave with Hyde St. These works will require some closures and shuttle flow. Notifications and on road signage will be in place.
- The next closure on Fogarty Avenue is scheduled from Monday 4 July to Saturday 23 July 2022, between The Avenue underpass and the Footscray Hockey Club.
- There is also a planned Fogarty Avenue closure between Wembley Avenue and The Footscray Hockey Club from mid to late August.

EAST ZONE

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

Key Community Items

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- At Maribyrnong River the first support beam was lifted by the massive 1,600-tonne capacity crawler crane located on western edge of the river.
- Four girders have now been lifted into place for the new ramp bridge from MacKenzie Road to the tunnel. Girders are huge - over 60m in length and weigh up to 180 tonnes.
- There are partial river closures during beam lifts continuing through to mid-July. Ongoing engagement with river users and the Harbour Master, with the latest notification being delivered on 30 May.

Key Progress

- Above Footscray Road, 700 metres of spans in place for westbound elevated roadway.
- The launching gantry will change direction in mid-July and head back east along Footscray Road to build the inbound carriageway.

Upcoming Works

- At Wurundjeri Way there will be southbound lane closures in July for the installation of precast columns which will support the new bridges over Dudley Street. During the last week of July, up to five consecutive nights of southbound lane closures will be required on Wurundjeri Way.

TUNNELS ZONE

CD & JC provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone, including:

Key Community Items

- Notifications were sent out to residential properties on Stephen Street, Campbell Street, Norfolk Street and Hall Street Yarraville to advise them that TBM 1 (Bella) was approaching.
- 15 enquiries have come through the call centre over the last month regarding tunnelling and only one was a noise complaint. CPBJH are working closely with the residents and doing regular check ins.
- 7 News did an exclusive story on Monday June 27 to showcase how the first kilometre of Bella's tunnel is progressing. The story profiles three female members of CPB John Holland's tunnelling team.
- CPBJH produced a soil and haulage Q&A and video with their Environment, Planning and Sustainability Manager in cooperation with High Quality to inform the public about complex soil management procedures and haulage transport.
- CD introduced a backyard planting program for residents that border with the project to have an opportunity to access native tube stock varieties. For some more impacted residents, the team will be in touch to offer local nursery vouchers. More information and dates will be advised to the community and members.

Key Progress

- Bella, the TBM boring the 4km outbound tunnel, has now bored 1065m and installed 444 rings as of Thursday 30 June. Bella is at a depth of 27 metres below the ground surface.
- Vida, the TBM boring the 2.8km inbound tunnel, has bored 660m and installed 275 rings as of Thursday 30 June. Vida is at a depth of 24 metres below the ground surface.

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- BREAK

Members and questions update:

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- FA requested if there was an update on the design change for the horseshoe bend area and bridge.
- SDR advised it was still under review and hopeful to have an answer soon.
- FA asked if there was any further discussion around the total number of trees to be removed and replaced.
- SDR stated they are still looking at the revised plans across the project to determine exact numbers to avoid planting trees that may need to be removed again.
- PG enquired what dates will the Wurundjeri Way Extension commence
- MU said the final week in July. A notification will be generated 2 weeks prior.
- PG asked if the West and North Melbourne residents near the new outlets from the WGTP be eligible to apply for backyard planting program.

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- MU said yes. They will be sending further information through soon.
- MTAG submitted some questions ahead of the CLG meeting that WGTP MTIA will follow up with MTAG separately to discuss.
- GY asked when the TBM live tracker will be up on the WGTP website.
- TE said expecting it to go live within the next week or two.
- KR stated the video clip explaining soil haulage was very informative and asked where will it be available for others to see.
- CD said it will be sent out directly to the community dialogue group in Sunbury and will be shown at the WGTP info centre at Yarraville and sent to project stakeholders and sponsors. It will also be available to view on social media and the website.
- GM asked what are the current levels of contaminants being found in the soil?
- CD said they are continuously testing the soil and remain in low levels.
- LE mentioned link that was provided in May meeting for members to access and check levels on EPA website. (Note that there is a link direct from the West Gate Tunnel Project website).
- DR asked when the pedestrian access will be opened at Paringa and Millers Roads.
- GM asked when will the pedestrian access under Millers Road on the West side will be open and why there has been such a delay in opening this section.
- MU advised that community consultations has started with property owners and discussions about next steps underway with project parties.
- BB raised concern about clean up around the Paringa Rd area – follow up item
- New action created for small group to meet about pedestrian access and safety – see below.
- SS asked if there is a timeline of upcoming works and changes expected to happen in the next few months. He also asked whether the road changes are captured by Google Maps. MU agreed to research and provide an update to members.
- MU advised CPBJH prepare quarterly community updates, and a three month lookahead to assist in advising of upcoming works.
- GB was positive about recent lighting improvements that assist cyclists in the Footscray Road/Dock Link Road area.
- GY enquired if there was a change to the soil cartage contractor, as MTAG had understood EPH were the contractor however the video has another truck and they have seen other branded trucks leaving the tunnel site. He noted other works in Footscray and potential confusion the contract for spoil trucks? He asked if the WGTP trucks could be branded, as there are other works using trucks in the Footscray area.
- GY also raised concern with the sequencing of traffic lights at Moreland Street / Footscray Road that causes a backlog of traffic, which will only increase when up 400 trucks a day are leaving the WGT site.
- JW noted for this to be followed up by next meeting.
- AB commented on localised traffic congestion is more noticeable on mid-weekdays.
- CF thanked CPBJH for the works done on levelling out the Yarraville Glory Soccer Club car park before their event last weekend.
- IB stated that at last Tuesdays Hobsons Bay council meeting they will be advocating for additional funding through the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund to support those affected by the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- FS noted some traffic congestion coming off the West Gate Bridge toward Geelong and commented that improved lighting/signage may help.
- AH asked for further information about the design of the northern portal ventilation structure and timing of completion.
- JW noted for this to be followed up at next meeting.

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LE noted that the scope of the Greening Brooklyn grant, awarded to Hobsons Bay Council and comprising planting and trainee program, is being discussed between WGTP MTIA and Hobsons Bay Council. • GM and BB noted their interest in ongoing consultation on this project through HBCC. <p>Actions update</p> <p>AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed. Action to remain open. SDR spoke to this acknowledging further work was being undertaken and updates would continue to be provided as and when information becomes available.</p> <p>New action: ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road. To be clarified through discussion with concerned local members prior to next CLG meeting – WGTP MTIA to initiate.</p>
7	<p>Open Action items:</p> <p>AW10 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.</p> <p>ALL1 - Short- and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.</p> <p>Points for follow up:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EM to report back on progress of the TAP. Clean up area near Paringa Road. – BB to be followed up by CPBJH WGTP road changes are captured by Google Maps – SS to be followed up by MU Update on the contract for spoil trucks for truck identification. – GY to be followed up by CPBJH Signage and lighting coming off WGB going onto the M80 interchange – FS. To be followed up by CPBJH Northern portal structure design and what is the timing of it. AH – to be followed up by CPBJH Further details to be provided on backyard planting initiative to member, including eligibility criteria
	<p>Meeting closed at 7:30pm</p>