

Minutes

Subject: September CLG Meeting

Date: Thursday 29 September 2022. 5:30-7:15pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre

Attendees

Attendees			
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Peter Lellyett (PL)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Best (GBS)	Spotswood	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA/Chair
Senthill Sundaram (SS) (online)	Point Cook	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Geoff Liu (GL)	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB) (online)	Yarraville	Wambui Migwe (WM)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG)	West and North Melbourne	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	Transurban (TU)
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Beth Beaven (BB) (online)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Lee Szalowski (LS)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)

Attendees			
Fran Araneda (FA) (online)	Kensington	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB) (online)	Hobsons Bay Council	Dean Anderson (DA)	CPBJH JV
Eloise McGurn (EM) (online)	City of Melbourne	Mladen Stojanovic (MST)	CPBJH JV

Apologies			
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair
Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	WGTP MTIA	Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne
Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA	Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	TU
Lachlan Sturt (LS)	TU	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit
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>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LE opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and stated apologies for the night LE noted that the Chair, Jim Williamson, was away for two weeks and that she would be chairing the September meeting in his absence.
	<p>WGTP MTIA update</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PL provided snapshot on construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noting progress in the reinstatement of court bowls, installation of noise walls is well advanced, drainage and in-ground works are mostly done, preparation for the two Southern Portals where the ventilation structures will be built are progressing and Millers Road noise mitigation works have now commenced. Tunnels zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) have bored just under 50% of their respective tunnels Construction of the road deck has started. Drainage pipes and the mechanical and electrical fittings are being installed. East zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the Maribyrnong bridges is progressing according to plan. The entry ramp bridge is well advanced and construction of the exit ramp bridge is expected to begin in the coming days. The launching gantry that is building the elevated roadway over Footscray Bridge has now built 40 spans. The complex construction of connections to Citylink, Wurundjeri Way and Dynon road is going well and the structures above ground are starting to take shape. AH provided an update on West Gate Tunnel Project grants programs AH and noted that the Department of Transport (DoT) has started a three-year heavy vehicle monitoring trial where special traffic cameras will be applied to capture heavy vehicle road usage and compliance data. The data collected will be used to ensure that DoT have a good enforceable system in place and inform the roll out of similar cameras on other sites in the inner west. The first camera will be operational this month, on the corner of Somerville Road and Williamstown Road, Yarraville. GY confirmed that the camera is up and running as covered in a 7 News segment earlier in the week The cameras can count containers and read number plates which will make it easy to categorise and report on different heavy vehicle types. Victorian Transport Association and DoT will have access to the data. This will be an educational drive for the next three years, and once the legislation has been updated the enforcement part of the program will commence.

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- LE gave an update on recent community engagement activities by the WGTP MTIA team over the last month including outreach events Belmont Market in Geelong and Cherry Lake Market in Altona North.

Construction update**WEST ZONE**

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

Community Engagement Update

- Recent Notifications about Millers Road Spring campaign
- Residents in Paringa Road, Primula Avenue, Fogarty Avenue have been engaged via letterbox drops, door knocks, phone and email about ongoing works.
- Thank you, vouchers were sent to Fogarty Avenue residents.

Key Progress

- Most of the construction works near Fogarty Avenue have been completed, including new pavement and installation of the noise walls. Works are continuing along The Avenue, protective barriers, drainage, and footpath construction, with a shuttle flow arrangement in place until 9 November.
- Millers Road Spring Campaign – Phase one is completed and the inbound onramp is open. Phase 2 is now in progress – inbound offramp and outbound offramp are closed, expected to reopen on 22 October. Works include noise wall installation and western abutment under the bridge and footpath construction.
- LE thanked CLG members that came along for the site visit on Millers Road on 12 September.
- IB thanked the State team for organising the visit and the JV for showing them the works. He noted the good progress on new shared paths under the Freeway which will connect to the 16 shops/Paringa Road. He noted that Council is looking at options to improve safety at the pedestrian crossing at Primula Ave.
- Hyde Street ramps – one of two piers remains to be built on the offramp bridge. All beams have been installed on the onramp bridge and now in the process of building the connection to Simcock Avenue. Beams for the pedestrian bridges are being installed.
- On Fogarty Avenue, remaining works include replacement of the perforated cladding on the pedestrian bridge, hydrant work and bridge beams to be placed at the end of Fogarty Ave.
- GY thanked the team for adding hazard strips. He asked why the bus shelter on Millers Road is facing the traffic and not the retaining wall. An action will be taken to follow up.
- GY also asked whether the guard rails near the bus shelter were strong enough to withstand impact. LS noted a road safety audit has been undertaken and the railing is appropriate, however he will look into this further and provide an update.
- GB asked when the Federation Trail section between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue would be open and asked the project to consider an earlier opening as the Blackshaws Road detour is dangerous for cyclists. LS advised likelihood of end 2023. FS did not agree that was an acceptable timeline and has asked can it be brought forward. An action taken to follow up this further.

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EAST ZONE

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

- Footscray Road – first batch of portals was installed in September. The second batch of portals is due to arrive in Melbourne on 10 October. Installation is scheduled over a campaign in November. Road and walking and cycling path closures and detours will be in place. Road and shared path closures and detours will be in place and the planned closures will not overlap the Dynon Road rail occupation. A timelapse video of the launching gantry was shown.
- A crane has been set up on Maribyrnong St to support construction of the offramp bridge which will start in October.
- There will be intermittent full closures of Maribyrnong River between October and early next year as bridge girders are lifted over the river.
- Two key rail occupations are required to build the Dynon Road bridge. The first one is being planned to start on 26 November until the end of the year. The second one being planned for mid next year which will run for 8 weeks. There will also be a shared path diversion during these road and rail occupations.
- Wurundjeri Way – plank installation, including drainage and pavement works is ongoing.

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- Major works are planned for January/February 2023 to install the bridge substructure and to re-construct the Wurundjeri Way/ Dudley Street intersection. This will require extended closures.
- PG asked if Dudley Street would close. MST noted some beam installations at that location will require some closures at times due to safety reasons but this wasn't scheduled until late 2023.
- PG asked if the Footscray Road service road can be used as a detour route during the Portal installation. MS advised this wouldn't be possible and the service road ends at the portals site and the crane is required to set up on it.

TUNNELS ZONE

CD provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone

- The Backyard Planting Program is now completed. There was a well-attended event held on 17 September to give out the rest of the trees to community.
- Bella has bored over 1850 metres of tunnel and is in the vicinity of Westgate Golfclub / West Gate Fwy and running according to schedule. Vida has bored over 1145 metres of tunnel, currently passed Newcastle Street and running according to schedule.
- HiQuality update – There are 59 holding bays for WGTP soil. Soil is tested for PFAS once received at the Hi-Quality site and all material received to date is well within the acceptable limits.
- DA gave an update on the design and installation of the 30m high tower crane on the West Gate Freeway and explained how a jump form system works. Construction timeline for the concrete section of the ventilation structure will continue to mid 2023 and the façade of the structure will be constructed through to 2024.
- GY asked if filters would be fitted to the ventilation system later to which DA advised that the ventilation structure accommodates for modifications in the internal space if required.
- FS asked if there is a noise analysis done wind passing through the massive Eel net design at the tunnel exit points to which DA advised that a scale model of the ventilation structure will be tested for that reason at Monash University.

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Member questions

- EM noted that City of Melbourne will work with the State and JV through the WTMP approvals, community engagement to support Wurundjeri Way disruptions.
- LE further noted that there was a lot of ongoing reviews and collaboration between Council and project parties before works commence.
- IB noted that the community is appreciative of the ongoing work on the reinstatements of court bowls adjacent to the West Gate Freeway.
- GB asked about closure of Moonee Ponds Creek trail between Dynon Road and Footscray Road to which MSI advised late this year.
- FS reported that he brought members of the local Bicycle user groups to the info centre and they were very impressed to see the scale and progress of the project.
- PG asked for an update of the tree numbers and planting program along Moonee Ponds Creek. MS responded that the tree planting package would be finalised by Christmas.
- BB noted the impact of Millers Road campaign on traffic rat running through other local roads in the area and backlog of traffic on Grieve Parade and reported incidences of unsafe driver behaviour.
- LS noted there may be transitional issues on the early days of the closures but that it has now settled.
- GM thanked the project for organising the Millers Road site visit.
- FA asked for an update on Bridge 75 to which PL advised there are some shared path issues being sorted that the proposal to straighten out horseshoe bend was very close to being finalised. An update will be provided at the October meeting.
- SS asked about having traffic information on Google Maps and AH advised that the Major Transport Infrastructure Authority is working directly with Google to get information from all the Victorian Big Build projects on Google maps.

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- LE suggested that WGTP MTIA will provide update on the work with Google in the next CLG meeting
- GY commented that he was aware of some Oversize Overmass (OSOM) deliveries of concrete West Gate Tunnel projects occurring during school curfew times.
- PL noted that WGTP MTIA will check the Council advice to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator on whether the applicant is aware of school curfew periods through the permits.

Actions update**AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.**

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ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.

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ALL2 - Under the tree planting program proposed for both project plantings and offset plantings, what is the maintenance period for these plantings? If dead/damaged/stunted trees are to be replaced during the maintenance period, will the maintenance period be extended to ensure they survive? An answer was provided to members via email on 20/9. Action to be closed off.

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New action- ALL3 – TU/JV to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.

New action: ALL4 – TU/JV advise why the new bus shelter on the Millers Road city bound entry ramp is facing the ramp traffic instead of the retaining wall.

Informal follow ups for next meeting:

- WGTP MTIA to check the Council advice to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator on whether the applicant is aware of school curfew periods through the permits.
- WGTP MTIA to provide update on work with google maps in October CLG meeting
- WGTP MTIA to advise on update for bridge 75
- TU/JV to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.
- TU/JV advise why the new bus shelter on the Millers Road city bound entry ramp is facing the ramp traffic instead of the retaining wall.

Open Action items:

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

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ALL3 – TU/JV to follow up an earlier than end 2023 re-opening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.

ALL4 – TU/JV advise why the new bus shelter on the Millers Road city bound entry ramp is facing the ramp traffic instead of the retaining wall.

Meeting closed at 7:15pm