

# Minutes

**Subject: March CLG Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 23 March 2023. 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: WGTP Information Centre**

## Attendees

Attendees			
Kim Jordan (KJ)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR) Online	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Douglas Morris (DM)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS) Online	Point Cook	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB) Online	Yarraville	Ashleigh Simpson (AS)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG) Online	West and North Melbourne	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL) Online	Tarneit	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	Transurban (TU)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS) Online	Deer Park	Lachlan Sturt (LS)	TU
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV
Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne	Claude Manno (CM)	Brimbank City Council
		Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council

## Apologies

Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA	Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington
Melanie Ryan (MR)	Transurban (TU)	Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville
Lucy Costin (LC)	TU	Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek
		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

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1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KJ welcomed attendees in person and online and stated apologies for the night. KJ gave an Acknowledgement of Country.</li> <li>▪ KJ advised the group that the member for Spotswood, Glen Best has withdrawn from the Community Liaison Group. Glen has moved interstate for work. KJ thanked him for his efforts during his time with the CLG and wished him well in his future endeavours.</li> <li>▪ KJ informed the group that the next meeting is on 11 May which is 7 weeks from now.</li> </ul>

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**WGTP MTIA update**

- LE advised that a new dedicated left turn lane and left turn traffic signal has now been installed and switched on at the Footscray Road and Dock Link Road intersection, making it safer for all users. Along with the Department of Transport and Planning we will monitor the new arrangement to ensure it is operating effectively.
- LE spoke to an update on grants and partnerships. The West Gate Neighbourhood Fund round two of partnerships is projected to open in May and this will be the final round of partnerships open to the community. The eligibility and requirements are listed on our website. LE welcomed members to inform any groups who may be interested to apply. Round two of the Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund \$2M grants program closed for applications on 20 March with and received an excellent range of applications. These will now progress through the eligibility, review and assessment stages.
- **Q:** (GY) Are we at a point where we can discuss the involvement and participation of local councils moving forward and their participation in the grants and partnerships project? Are the councils being removed from the grants and partnerships process?  
**A:** (LE) We are in the process of changing over the administration of the grants and partnerships program. There has been a couple of grants rounds already and resulting projects well underway. We are working closely with both Maribyrnong City Council and Hobsons Bay Council through this change process. We will provide an update on that at the next meeting.
- DM spoke to outreach events attended by MTIA over the last six weeks. Most notably the Yarraville festival, which was attended by CPBJH, Transurban and MTIA. DM wished to commend Con Frescos and others who were involved in the management of the festival. DM stated that sentiment at the festival towards the project has shifted in the last 12 months, with positive interest in the project progress and a focus on completion. DM advised WGTP will be at the following locations throughout April including at North Melbourne Station, Footscray Market, and the Docklands Community Market. Confirmed information regarding the outreach schedule will be sent to CLG members after this meeting and their attendance is welcomed.

**Construction update**

Tim Spawton provided an Environmental and Sustainability Update.

**Environmental and Sustainability Update**

- TS informed the group that WGTP achieved a leading rating on the Infrastructure Sustainability Index for the project design from the Sustainability Commission which was the best score nationwide for a project of this size – The rating considers materials, innovations, noise and asset performance.
- TS began with discussing the sustainability criteria that CPBJH need to meet within the project. The design requirement looks at sustainability and materials put into the design, innovation, noise criteria and how the asset will perform.
- The tunnel design is an Australian first in terms of the operation of the tunnels and how they will be utilised.
- CPBJH work with AJJB design consultants who are looking at setup and management of the ventilation structures.
- The tunnels by size are bigger than others around Melbourne; The project will be utilising fans which are lower energy than other tunnels with same air quality that is required, resulting in a power saving of up to 75%.
- The Veloway is an Australian first innovation in terms of design, savings, implementation and materials, this dedicated bike route is also an Australian first.
- TS spoke about how his sustainability team are looking for opportunities to get sustainability into more construction areas. An example of this is solar panels in the East Zone have reduced fuel consumption and costs while removing the noise pollution that would have been caused by generators. Another example is the use of bio diesel for light towers.
- TS informed the group that the CPHJH sustainability team are also looking at waste social procurement requirements. They have engaged the services of a team of people with disabilities that manage the waste process end to end, ultimately creating more jobs and helping with sustainability performance.
- TS discussed the conditions to operate that the joint venture need to meet throughout the project. Coming out of the planning process, the JV have environmental performance requirements (EPRs) (103 of these that get independently reviewed). The IREA audit the CPBJH sustainability team every 3 months against these EPRs. TS moved on to discuss Air Quality Monitoring (AQM) on the project and advised there are two types of AQM on the project, construction (dust form activities) and emissions.
- There are 6 air quality monitoring stations collecting data, and these have been set up at least 12 months before construction to record baseline levels. The air quality monitors are looking at particulates, mainly diesel and vehicle emissions and hydrocarbons.
- The CPBJH sustainability team are reviewing air quality data as construction goes on and how this will correlate with the ventilation structures and future air quality.
- TS explained in terms of finalisation of the structures, EPA has signed off on the design to meet the works approval. The next step is monitoring equipment installation and commission and development of an ongoing monitoring program for Transurban post project completion.
- TS advised the group that all landscape design packages are ready for construction.
- The CPBJH sustainability team is particularly looking at management of delivery of these packages around waterways.
- TS acknowledged the offset tree planting package and the 5:1 promise: delivery of this will be part of the packages in the West zone. It is still in development as there are secondary approvals around planning to perform. There has been significant consultation to find the best areas for replanting with councils and community interest groups.
- **Q:** (GY) Asked why there was a delay in putting up the air quality reports on the Big Build website?  
**A:** TS recognised there had been a delay in reporting and this is catching up, advising that the January 2023 report is now ready to go, and February is going through reviews. The report released is always a month in arrears as there is preparation and review time required across all parties.
- **Q:** GY commented on the six air quality monitors currently in place and says these do not cover the Yarraville and South Kingsville areas. He advised that MTAG will be installing their own monitors to gather their own data around air quality.  
**A:** (TS) Commented that the six locations are set and as they have been collecting data for a number of years.

KJ asked if anyone on Zoom has a question regarding air quality monitoring

(PG) Air quality can't be effectively tested until the tunnels are fully operational.

TS advised that testing won't need live traffic, testing should be able to happen in final stage of commissioning.

**Q:** (GY) Who will cover the cost of retrofitting if required, and how long will it take?

**A:** (TS) Will take 2nd question on notice, once it goes into commissioning that's where CPBJH responsibly ends, will fall on Project Co/Transurban

### **WEST ZONE**

MU provided an update on community engagement across the West zone, including recent notifications that were sent out to residents, and informed the group of door knocks, emails and phone calls made to locals informing them of upcoming works and disruptions. MU discussed recent briefings of businesses and stakeholders in affected works areas, including Hobsons Bay City Council and Spotswood Traders Association.

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

- Mid-February both the M80 and M1 exits were reconfigured on the West Gate Freeway. This is in line with the ultimate configuration. The change was monitored closely with the Department of Transport and a 60km speed reduction was implemented to give drivers time to react to the change.
- The Williamstown Road interchange will be subject to nightly closures for up to 90 nights to progress works on the Hyde Street ramps as well as the connecting the tunnel portal to the Freeway. These works will happen while works at The Avenue and Melbourne Road are underway from Wednesday 15 March 2023 to Monday 7 May 2023.
- CF spoke to the successful completion of the summer works campaign.

### **EAST ZONE**

MU spoke to recent community engagement activities in the East zone, including notifications that have been distributed to residents informing of upcoming works/disruptions. MU advised that multiple businesses in the East have recently met with the project to be briefed on upcoming works, notably Wurundjeri Way closures.

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

- A continuation of works and movement of the launching gantry to the westbound side of Footscray Road. From Thursday 30 March 2023 until late-May the westbound/outbound lanes of Footscray Road will be closed 24 hours, 7 days a week. Vehicles and cyclists will detour via Dynon Road.
- Works are continuing along Maribyrnong Street in Footscray to build new bridges over the Maribyrnong River. There has been a progressive reopening of carpark spaces along Maribyrnong Street and 71 parking spots are now available.
- Wurundjeri Way will undergo several short-term and long-term closures between March to October 2023. These works are to complete several activities which will progress the Wurundjeri Way extension above Dudley Street and Wurundjeri Way.

### **TUNNELS ZONE**

CD provided an update on recent community engagement across the tunnels zone, recent notifications to the community include Tunnel Boring Machine breakthrough at Southern Inbound portal and construction updates regarding the northern portal and surrounds. CD spoke to recent stakeholder and business engagement, including doorknocks to residents near works such as Southern Portal for 24/7 cross passages works, tunnel boring machine breakthrough/ dismantling and road closures.

CD provided an update on the below activities taking place across the tunnels zone:

- Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) Vida has now broken through at the southern inbound portal. Crews have been working hard since mid-February to clear debris from the retrieval pit and dismantle the machine ready for transport from site.
- As part of the TBM retrieval and dismantling process, some larger sections of the TBM will be moved using super load transporters and other oversize over mass vehicles at times.
- Bella is expected to breakthrough late April/early May.

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**BREAK**

LE advised that Jordana Thornton is on maternity leave for 12 months. Ashleigh Simpson has joined as an engagement coordinator and Harley Thomas is backfilling Jordana.

**Member questions**

**Q:** (FS) Can you give us a date on when the shared user path under the freeway from the Federation Trail to the Blue Stone bridge is going to be finalised?

**A:** (CF) The shared user path is being constructed up until Millers Road. Millers Road to blue stone bridge is being worked through for a solution. The Fogarty Avenue through to Williamstown Road section of Federation Trail is open. We are waiting for the final piece of tunnel completion in this area and freeway works to be completed which will likely be at the end of the year. The final piece to be completed will be Millers Road through to Geelong Road.

**Q:** (GY) At the end of Hughes St in Yarraville on the Stoney Creek trail there is a large pump which smells bad. The path was closed off and there have been complaints from users. A 25ml PVC pipe and asphalt has been laid to create a "ramp" over the gutter. Is this the responsibility of WGTP, and if so, how long will that pump be there? If it will be there for an extended period, should there be investment in a proper pathway?

**A:** (CF) This question will be taken on notice. CF stated that the project is hopeful to be demobilised from that area by July, however, will investigate further and advise.

**Q:** (GY) With works at Williamstown Road complete, the orange bollards that were in place have been removed – can they be reinstalled as they helped with traffic control?

(AB) Project needs to install two LHT lanes on Williamstown Road southbound.

**A:** (CF) The ultimate configuration on the inbound ramp is four lanes wide. Construction is coming to an end there and we will have one turning lane, on track for July – September.

**Q:** (AB) Does the traffic island need to be there? It is causing additional traffic problems.

**A:** (CF) It is part of the ultimate design, yes.

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KJ Suggested that a discussion needs to be had around the final outcome and the interim solutions, and what is the project's responsibility and what is the responsibility of VicRoads.

(LE) We have a render of the Williamstown Road interchange which we will circulate to the group once confirmed that it reflects the ultimate configuration. It shows one left hand turn onto the freeway and two right hand turns towards Geelong.

**Q:** (KJ) Signage on the M80 is hard to see because there are so many vehicles on the road, when are the green signs going to change, sometimes VMS are behind safety barriers.

**A:** (CF) The project is trying to put signs wherever we can. The road is a restricted environment and the project always compliant. CF noted that the project will replace overhead signage gantry, starting construction in May- November, and there will be 54 overhead structures. Stickers over some signs to reduce driver confusion until ultimate configuration is in place.

**Q:** (DR) Westbound onramp Millers Road is a 40km zone, the onramp is a 40km zone, merging into 80km zone towards Geelong, drivers must cross over lanes to get to M80 which is a 60km zone, can we make a 60km zone starting from where off ramp is to miller's road to make 60km consistent?

**A:** (CF) Taking this question on notice. 40k/hr is temporary, 80km/hr zone is the ultimate configuration.

**Q:** (KJ) Asked how M80 change has gone in CF's opinion?

**A:** (CF) Speaking generally he acknowledged that like any big change on the roads the first few days will be rough no matter the amount of advertising implemented. After a few days it got a lot better, some driver behaviour is still not ideal however confident it will get better.

(SDR) We observed a lot of poor compliance for up to a week and monitored closely with the Department of Transport, which is why the 60 km/hr zone was implemented to give drivers the time to react to the change. If someone makes a poor judgment it will be at a reduced speed.

**Q:** (KJ) Are drivers who are affected by this traffic switch being notified? How?

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	<p><b>A:</b> (LE) There is a quarterly newsletter which provides broad updates across the project, it goes to approx. 67k homes, people also can sign up to weekly traffic updates if they use the M80/affected roads frequently.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (NH) What is the noise monitoring program in place for the Wurundjeri Way works and who does that responsibility sit with?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (TS) Construction noise is monitored separately and differently to traffic noise. CPBJH in conjunction with consultants will do the work required once noise walls are constructed.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (IB) What is the status of the Rosala overpass and verge works completion?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (CF) Both well underway and complete in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (GY) MTAG is not receiving the super load schedule sent via email. Why?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (CD) Will speak to traffic team to get reinstated. (LE) Will follow up, however super load information is available on the website a month in advance.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (GY) Katie Hall in Parliament spoke about Moore St trucks and put Mellissa Horne on notice for an answer. Vehicles using Moore St are coming through on a classification technicality - What is the answer from MTIA's perspective?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (LE) MTIA is informed by the builder, and all loads have approval and permits. These trucks have always been running and we understand the visual of a super load triggers a public response. When we originally briefed MTAG it was about over size over mass vehicles. Classification hasn't really changed the number of loads moving through. MTIA'S perspective now is to get it done and finished and minimise trucks and meet milestones. (GY) Minister Horne is aware of the classification issue, still A-Doubles travelling down Moore Street at a length of 30 - 36 m, when in 2015 previous commitments from former Roads Minister Luke Donellan outlined that no trucks longer than 30 metres will travel along Moore Street. Jacinta Allen is yet to respond.</p> <p>KJ asked if there are any further questions from the group.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (AB) Will Footscray Road citybound open soon?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (CF) Yes, next week.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> (AHV) Members of the public have noticed an increase in graffiti on and around project sites, how is this being dealt with? Is there a time requirement in place to remove graffiti?</p> <p><b>A:</b> (CF) All concrete on site is sprayed with an anti-graffiti paint which makes it easy to remove. There is a program in place with a systematic approach to clean affected areas where there is safe access to do so.</p> <p>(KJ) At a previous meeting, the group discussed holding a separate session regarding environmental issues. Do members feel that a separate session would be best, or would they prefer an extended agenda at a future meeting e.g., 5-8pm to cover these topics? Send through thoughts to CLG inbox.</p> <p>(LE) On behalf of Steve Wilson, LE offered for MTIA to coordinate a site visit for members to see Stoney Creek Reserve. LE also suggested Maribyrnong River bridges visit as it has been 12 months since the last one.</p> <p>(DM) Project parties are planning Footscray Road site visit if members are interested in attending.</p>

### Actions update

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

Action to remain open. Landscape design packages are progressing with tree planting sketches sent to Hobsons Bay City Council for comment around the changes to Kororoit Creek and Macarthur Road. Landscape designers will then update the packages in response to comments received.

Action to remain open pending offset planting package being finalised.

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

Action to remain open.

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Horseshoe Bridge (Bridge 75) Update

SDR advised the group that WGTP MTIA is supportive of the change in design to a straight bridge, however, to formalize this, arrangements regarding ongoing maintenance need to be agreed.

Updates will be provided once this issue is resolved.

**Informal follow ups for next meeting:**

- a. MTIA to provide update on transition of grants process from councils to State.
- b. CPBJH to follow up responsibility of cost of retrofitting.
- c. CPBJH to follow up pump issue in Hughes St Yarraville and provide update.
- d. CPBJH to follow up why MTAG is not receiving super load schedule email.

**7****Meeting closed at 7:50pm**

KJ closed the meeting by thanking members in person and online. KJ confirmed the next meeting is in seven weeks' time on 11 May 2023.