

4 June 2024



Meeting Minutes

Southern Business Liaison Group

Date	4/06/2024	Time	5:30pm - 6:45pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	4 of 2024
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Jasmin Lazzarotti

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Mia McMahon (MMc)	Spark, Manager Community Engagement
Jacqueline Weedon (JW)	NELP, Project Support Officer	Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor
Renato Marnich (RM)	NELP, Trader Engagement Specialist	Jaimie Ledwidge (JLe)	Burke to Tram Alliance, Senior Communication and Community Relations Manager
Nic Morton (NM)	NELP, Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Frank Freschi (FF)	Veneto Club
Andrew McGlade (AM)	NELP, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Paul McMorran (PM)	Bulleen Art & Garden
Jasmin Lazzarotti (JLa)	NELP, Communications and Stakeholder Relations Graduate	Cam Gardenia (CG)	Commercial Property Owner
Tom McCann (TM)	Spark, Manningham site Project Manager	Tim Sligo (TS)	Executive Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art
Christine Gibbins (CG)	Manningham Council	Alison Tobias (AT)	Alot of Good Stuff

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council	Soula Grouios (SG)	Arthurs Fish & Chips Bulleen
Andrea Lomdahl (AL)	Boroondara City Council	Nathan McAvaney (NMc)	Topgear Cycles

Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SB24.4	Provide update on signalling and traffic arrangements for shops located in Templestowe Road area north of Manningham Junction	MMc/IZ	4/06/2024	CLOSED	Provided at meeting 4/6/24
SB24.5	Liaise with businesses near Templestowe Road area north of Manningham Junction to understand their needs stemming from access impacts	RM/MMc/IZ	4/06/2024	CLOSED	Provided at meeting 4/6/2

Key discussion points/decisions

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Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Previous meeting minutes read Outstanding actions to be completed in the presentations 												
Mia McMahon (MMc) Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	<p>Presentation covering Bulleen Traders Update and updates on efficiency of Manningham Road Interchange, including data on reduced travel times.</p> <p>IZ presented traffic data below related to Manningham Road Temporary Diversion. These figures were also calculated before the recent improvements to line marking in the intersection. IZ explains that Spark will continue to approach DTP to find ways to continue to improve intersection.</p> <p>Traffic data</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Before (March 18 to March 22) **</th> <th>Immediately after (April 15 to April 19) **</th> <th>Now (May 27 to 31 to 31) **</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Templestowe Road SB (Thompsons to Manningham Roads)</td> <td>10 mins *</td> <td>9 mins *</td> <td>5 mins *</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridge Street EB (Dora Street and Bulleen Road)</td> <td>6 mins *</td> <td>2 mins *</td> <td>1.30 mins *</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Data collected from Mooven which collates Google Maps data **Refers to average travel times during AM Peak from Monday to Friday (7am to 9pm)</p> <p>FF asks how many serious accidents there have been at the intersection and is curious to know the process of reporting accidents. CG agrees and mentions that there was an accident there recently with four cars involved.</p> <p>Action: IZ to provide information on traffic incidents in the area at next SBLG</p> <p>AT asks if there are red-light cameras on the intersection. IZ confirms there are not currently.</p> <p>AT reiterates that queuing at the intersection is still a problem, usually bad at 6am. Most cars still think the right lane is the only way to turn onto Manningham Road. Hence, it is difficult to access the carpark at A Lot of Good Stuff. Access westbound is available from both straight lanes. AT suggests changing the markings on Templestowe Road to a double arrow to more clearly indicate this to</p>		Before (March 18 to March 22) **	Immediately after (April 15 to April 19) **	Now (May 27 to 31 to 31) **	Templestowe Road SB (Thompsons to Manningham Roads)	10 mins *	9 mins *	5 mins *	Bridge Street EB (Dora Street and Bulleen Road)	6 mins *	2 mins *	1.30 mins *
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	<p>drivers.</p> <p>IZ explains that he has gone to the intersection regularly to take pictures. He acknowledges the queuing but notes that it generally clears with one traffic light. IZ will visit early morning to take footage and requests AT make a note if there's particular dates when this occurs.</p> <p>Action: Spark and NEL to provide update on any additional Bridge and Templestowe Road intersection changes</p>
	<p>AT raises the issue of the damaged drain cover on Templestowe Road that has been unresolved for some time and is concerned about the movement of cars swerving around it.</p> <p>IZ confirms Spark has taken pictures of the drain cover and have been in contact with DTP on numerous occasions to get this fixed.</p> <p>Action: Spark to contact DTP about fixing drain cover on Templestowe Road</p>
Tom McCann (TM)	<p>Construction Update on works happening in the area and 6-month timeline.</p> <p>As per presentation</p>
Mia McMahon (MMc)	<p>Presentation on upcoming community events</p> <p>TS and CG mention that the Heide market doesn't run in Winter. Spark to update presentation.</p>
Jaimie Ledwidge (JLe)	<p>Presentation on Eastern Freeway current and upcoming construction activity.</p> <p>Update on progress of Bulleen Road Diversion.</p>
Andrew McGlade (AM)	<p>MM asks if construction is occurring only 5 days a week.</p> <p>JLe confirms it is.</p> <p>TS asks who is advising on the artwork.</p> <p>JLe clarifies that artwork will feature project specific images including renders.</p> <p>FF raises concern that navigating Bulleen Road when travelling southbound towards the Eastern Freeway is difficult and confusing for drivers. Says that the most critical sign is covered by most of the freeway traffic and the abbreviations make it hard to understand. FF requests another larger sign that says Bulleen Road and North Balwyn in full. FF requests the sign is not a VMS and has no abbreviations on it to provide clear direction for drivers when approaching the new intersection.</p> <p>FF and CG raise that there was a lane closure at night on Thompsons Road when the Bulleen Road diversion was first implemented, but they could not see any works occurring at that time. Despite the VMS, cars were backed up and it clogged up the traffic.</p> <p>JLe explains how, when the Bulleen Road diversion was first implemented, the team did find queuing in the left lane because drivers did not realise they could also turn from the other lane. Since then, people have changed their behaviour and realised both lanes are functional for turning.</p> <p>FF requested reporting on number of accidents at Bulleen Road diverted intersection and expresses concern that there were two accidents last weekend.</p> <p>Action: BTA to provide information on number of accidents at Bulleen Road diverted intersection.</p>
Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation on NELP Trader Engagement</p> <p>Action: RM to discuss with Christine on how to get the factsheet onto the Manningham newsletter</p>

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	<p>MM is looking to clarify whether the DJSIR Digital Jobs Program is for existing employees in businesses, or new employees that businesses can take on.</p> <p>RM specifies that this is a program with many levels and the section in the presentation solely focusses on the facet of the program that is available for businesses to take on mid-career Victorians.</p> <p>MM wants to know how other businesses will find out about the DJSIR Digital Jobs Program.</p> <p>RM says we can incorporate the program into NEL's conversations with traders on business support as one of the options for business support available.</p> <p>FF and TS state that the purpose of the program is unclear and express desire for more specific information about this program and who it is for.</p> <p>Action: RM to update group on how to apply for the DJSIR Digital Jobs Program, as well as clear details on the pathway for mid-career Victorians that may find the program suitable.</p>

Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>CG passes on feedback from Arthur from Arthurs Fish and Chips about queuing of cars in the area a few weeks ago which disrupted their customer base. NM and IZ explain that this was scheduled DTP maintenance works on the Bulleen Bridge, occurring between May 16 and May 20, which involved lane closures and disruptions to the wider network.</p> <p>CG also raises Arthur's concerns around the safety of the trader carpark and that access is difficult to enter and exit these spots due to the interface with Bulleen Road.</p> <p>FF reiterates these concerns and asks whether the lanes at this section of Bulleen Road can be reconfigured to allow more room for the carpark.</p> <p>MMc explains that the current configuration has been in place since before the project started and adjustments are not within the project scope. Spark will look into possible actions to address concerns.</p> <p>Action: Spark and NEL to look into potential changes to carparking outside Bulleen Road traders.</p> <p>Next Meeting Tuesday 30 July 2024 Thanked SBLG members and presenters Closed the meeting at 6:45pm</p>
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Actions – New

No.	Action	Owner	Status	Update
SB25.1	Spark to provide information on traffic incidents in the Manningham area at the next BLG meeting	IZ	Next BLG	OPEN
SB25.2	Spark and NEL to update group on any additional Bridge and Templestowe Road intersection changes	IZ	Next BLG	OPEN
SB25.3	Spark to contact DTP about fixing drain cover on Templestowe Road	IZ	Next BLG	OPEN

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SB25.4	BTA to provide information on number of accidents at Bulleen Road diverted intersection	JLe	Next BLG	OPEN
SB25.5	Spark and NEL to look into potential changes to carparking outside Bulleen Road traders.	IZ, NM	Next BLG	OPEN
SB25.6	RM to discuss with Christine on how to get the factsheet onto the Manningham newsletter	RM	Next BLG	OPEN
SB25.7	RM to update group on how to apply for the DJSIR Digital Jobs Program, as well as clear details on the pathway for mid-career Victorians that may find the program suitable.	RM	Next BLG	OPEN

Additional information

None