

Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 August 2025
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Clayton Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 16
Chair: Noel Jones (GHD)
Minute Taker: Shashika Pathiranage (SRLA)

| Attendees | | Apologies |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Jones, GHD (Chair) Frank Golotta, Clayton Traders Association (CTA) Matthew Veale, Monash City Council (MCC) John Saunders, Clayton RSL David Donnelly, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Shashika Pathiranage, SRLA Nushara Mezzatesta, Suburban Connect (SC) Taylah Prochilo, SC Shane Butler, Monash Health | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryan Parker, SRLA Christian Dolezal, SC Alex Francis, CTA Lachlan Wolff, MCC Richard Chau, Clayton Traders Association CTA The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh Matthew Mahon, Monash Health |
| Item | Discussion topic | Who |
| 1. | Welcome and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Jones (NJ) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 11:01am with an Acknowledgement of Country. NJ provided an overview of the agenda. NJ recapped previous actions, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suburban Connect (SC) to confirm number of staff who will work in the site office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC noted across Clayton Main box site and Clayton Rd office next to Clayton Hall – expecting up to 250 staff across both sites at peak including office and construction site workers. Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) noted there will be an increased number on the future station package. SC to confirm depth of holes for underpinning work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC noted the barrettes are at a depth of approximately 29 meters, similar to the depths of the diaphragm walls. SC to confirm dates for Haughton Road closures for line marking and hoarding installation on the shared use path. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NJ confirming this action had been closed prior to the commencement of this PRG. | NJ |
| 2. | Presentations from SRLA and SC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA extended invite to PRG members to a station walk at Metro Tunnels Anzac Station on 4 September 2025, requesting RSVP interest by 19 August 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: SRLA to send out email detailing information about station tour opportunity. Suburban Connect (SC) referred to the slides to provide an update on current and upcoming SC works in Clayton, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diaphragm wall construction, hoarding installation, underpinning works under the existing rail line. Upcoming traffic changes were noted including changed traffic conditions on Madeleine Road and Clayton Road where traffic movement will be maintained at all times. | SC |

- Upcoming rail occupation was detailed, where buses will replace train services on the Cranbourne/Pakenham Lines from 29 August to 6 September 2025.
- SRLA provided engagement update including engagement and advertising activities underway to communicate the rail occupation disruptions to train services.
- SC provided update on recent community event on Saturday 9 August held in Clayton to celebrate the new open spaces. With approximately 250 community attendees, the event featured face painting, children's entertainment, treats from local traders and SRLA and Monash City Council information stalls.
- SC provided an overview of upcoming trader engagement opportunities for the remainder of 2025.
- SRLA referred to the slides to provide a summary of the feedback obtained during the structure planning exhibition period through 61 submissions for the Clayton precinct. SRLA noted the Minister for Planning has set up an independent advisory committee which will determine the scope and process of public hearings in late 2025. The committee will provide advice to the Minister for Planning, ahead of gazettal of structure plans expected in 2026.

Discussion:

- Frank Golotta (FG) queried the activity on the section of Carinish Rd between Clayton Rd and Madeleine Rd.
 - SC noted these works are for the gate installation which had been delayed recently due to weather conditions, this works is expected to be completed in the next week.
- FG queried when the underpinning works are expected to be completed.
 - SC noted the underpinning scope will be completed by the end of the rail occupation, which will end on 6 September 2025.
 - FG queried the duration of the occupation, which SC explained is for one week commencing 29 August and concluding 6 September 2025.
- SRLA queried on whether Monash Health construction has commenced.
 - Shane Butler (SB) confirmed works at the medical centre have started and main works are expected to take place early mid 2026 for the tower expansion build. These works are dependent on contracts being finalised.
 - SRLA noted the value of maintaining communication between these works and SRL East works, noting there is ongoing communication with a Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) representative.
- FG queried parking solutions for project workers after having noticed increased construction worker vehicles along Haughton Rd.
 - SRLA noted parking solutions is an ongoing discussion to find alternative options for staff and crews to park aiming to minimise impacts to local communities and commuter parking. SRLA noted that there are ongoing efforts to encourage workers to use public transport and issuing reminders to staff.
 - SRLA noted there is discussion with Monash City Council to address this item.
 - Monash City Council (MCC) acknowledging the ongoing discussions to address this item.
 - FG queried whether the option for parking solutions further up Haughton Rd are being considered.
 - SRLA noting there are complexities surrounding the identification of alternative parking solutions for project personnel, but all options are being explored as part of the ongoing discussions to address parking impacts in the area.
 - **Action: SRLA to provide update on parking solutions at next PRG meeting.**
- SB noted commitment to keep SRLA, and team updated on Monash Health works, acknowledging similar parking demand and discussions as a result of the Monash Health construction works.

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| . | Questions and actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NJ noted the next PRG meeting is expected to be held on 21 November. NJ thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 11:44am. | All |
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| Item | Stakeholder | Details | Status / due | Owner |
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| New Actions | | | | |
| 1. | PRG | SRLA to send out email detailing information about station tour opportunity. | Closed | SRLA |
| 2. | PRG | SRLA to provide update on parking solutions at next PRG meeting | Open | SRLA |