

Meeting Minutes

Date: 15 August 2025
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 16
Chairs: Emily Box (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill
Minute Taker: Tyson Garlick

Attendees		Apologies
- Emily Box, Facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) - Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair) - Andy McCulloch, Community representative - Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group (WATAG) - David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group (CROWAG) - Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society - James Roper, Vicinity Centres - Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association (WRARA) - Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council (WCC) - Paula Lawrence, Laing O'Rourke (LOR) - Tyson Garlick, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) - Clint Quealy, SRLA - Hamish Beere, SRLA - Bec McHutchison, SRLA - Briony Coultman-Snoey, SRLA		- Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) - Peter Quilligan, Box Hill Institute - Richard Shi, Asian Business - Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health - Toby Hicks, Epworth
Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping Emily Box (EB) welcomed attendees, provided an Acknowledgement of Country and went through previous actions and minutes.	EB
2.	Presentation from SRLA and LOR Structure planning update by SRLA, noting: - SRLA provided a high-level update on structure planning, noting that an Independent Advisory Committee was appointed by the Minister for Planning on 1 June 2025 - SRLA outlined the feedback received and key themes - SRLA advised on the next steps in the structure planning process. Matters arising: - Kevin Earl (KE) noted that there were some recent edits to the Structure Plan for Box Hill within the hospital precinct. SRLA took this on notice, advising that some minor alterations were made to the Structure Plan's map. ACTION: SRLA to clarify changes to the Box Hill Structure Plan and its map with KE. Presentation by SRLA providing an engagement update: - SRLA gave an update on upcoming engagement in the community.	All

- SRLA presented on the engagement to expand the construction area in Box Hill.
 - SRLA noted a consultation summary report will be published online once a decision was made.

Matters arising:

- **ACTION:** SRLA to follow up with Box Hill Historical Society about Whitehorse Heritage Week.
- KE asked how the consultation on expanding the construction area was promoted. SRLA advised it was promoted through targeted channels.
- David Morrison (DM) queried the future use for the property. SRLA advised it was acquired for construction efficiencies.

Works update from LOR and SRLA, noting:

- LOR gave an overview of works completed and upcoming in Box Hill.

Stations update by SRLA, noting:

- SRLA gave an overview of the proposed stages of station construction, noting it is conceptual and subject to change.

Matters arising:

- Kevin Earl (KE) enquired how deep the piles would be. SRLA advised that this depends on ground conditions, but at the deepest point the station is approximately 26 metres below existing ground level.
- David Morrison (DM) queried where the spoil would be taken. SRLA advised that is yet to be determined and will depend on the appointed contractor.
- DM queried one of the diagrams. SRLA explained that provisions exist to connect the SRL East station to the existing MTM station at Box Hill. However, this connection is not included in the Stations Alliance North scope and would require further consultation with stakeholders.
- KE asked whether pedestrian access along Whitehorse Road would be maintained. SRLA confirmed it would be, noting that any temporary closures would be communicated in advance, with detour routes provided.
- KE also asked whether Station Alliance North works would involve loading on Station Street. SRLA advised that loading on the Station Street roadway is unlikely.
- Whitehorse City Council (WCC) asked when Station Alliance North works would begin. SRLA responded that timing is subject to contractor appointment, and further details will be shared once confirmed.
- KE sought clarification on whether the project must deliver additional public open space and enhancements to Box Hill Gardens before main works commence. SRLA confirmed that offset open space and enhancements must be provided prior to the occupation of Box Hill Gardens, but that main works construction can proceed earlier than this. CT asked whether SRLA plans to use the former Box Hill Brickworks site as public open space. SRLA advised that this is not being considered as part of the Stations Alliance North scope.

3.	• Paul Hamer MP closed the meeting.	PH
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Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
1.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to follow up with Box Hill Historical Society about Whitehorse heritage week.	Complete	SRLA
2.	Kevin Earl	SRLA to clarify changes to the Box Hill Structure Plan and its map with KE	Complete	SRLA