

Minutes

Subject: February CLG Meeting

Date: Thursday 9 February 2023. 5:30-7:30pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre

Attendees

Attendees			
Kim Jordan (KJ)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Douglas Morris (DM)	WGTP MTIA
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Melanie Ryan (MR)	Transurban (TU)
Peter Gerrand (PG) (online)	West and North Melbourne	Lachlan Sturt (LS)	TU
Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek	Lucy Costin (LC) (online)	TU
Marlon De Leon (MDL) (online)	Tarneit	James Campbell (JC)	TU
Senthill Sundaram (SS) (online)	Point Cook	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	TU

Attendees			
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Lee Szalnowski (LS)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Claude Manno (CM)	Brimbank City Council	Mladen Stojanovic (MS)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV
Fran Araneda (FA) (online)	Kensington	Eloise McGurn (EM) (online)	City of Melbourne

Apologies			
Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA	Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North
Glen Best (GB)	Spotswood	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council
Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne		

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	4	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.20pm	6	BREAK	All
6.30pm	7	Member questions	Community members
6.50pm	8	Actions update	All

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LE opened the meeting by introducing KJ to the group as the new Independent Chair taking over from Jim Williamson. LE mentioned a huge thank you to Jim Williamson for all his efforts as Chair for the past 6 and a half years and wished him all the best for next endeavours. KJ welcomed attendees in person and online and stated apologies for the night. KJ gave an Acknowledgement of Country. KJ introduced herself to the group, mentioning her extensive background in the aviation industry, major infrastructure projects and community engagement.
2	<p>WGTP MTIA update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDR spoke to the incredibly sad news of the passing of cyclist Angus Collins, who was hit by a vehicle at the intersection of Footscray Road and Dock Link Road. The status of the incident is currently under investigation by Victoria Police, Department of Transport, and all project parties. CPBJH has placed traffic controllers at the site, along with additional signage as an immediate measure. SDR expressed sincere condolences to Angus' family and connections. LE spoke to The West Gate Neighbourhood Fund \$10M grants program which has processed half of the allocated projects through to completion. Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund round two of the \$2M grants program opened for applications on 1 February and will close 3pm, 15 March. DM spoke to recent outreach activities in 2023, including Yarraville Village Farmers Market, Docklands Community Market and Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival. Information was provided at each of these events outlining the current works happening as part of the project and were great opportunities to engage with the community about the future benefits. DM also mentioned upcoming engagement planned for 2023 and will send details through to members encouraging them to come along. <p>Construction update</p> <p>WEST ZONE</p> <p>LS provided an update on recent community engagement across the West zone:</p> <p>Community engagement update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent notification included the summer roadworks at Williamstown Road, West Gate Freeway and Hyde Street construction which was distributed to approximately 31,000 properties on 16 December 2022. A DL reminder for verge works in Altona North issued week commencing 30 January. The project engaged and offered additional communications support with impacted businesses adjacent to Williamstown Road / Simcock Avenue including Toll, Visy, Spotswood Hotel, Scienceworks and SleepBus. The project also engaged with Grazeland (Spotswood) & Antipasti Deli Café (Yarraville), including purchase of vouchers. <p>3 LS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone:</p> <p>Key progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Roadworks commenced 11 January 2023 – continuous 24/7 West Gate Freeway outbound lane closure as well as Williamstown Road outbound entry ramp closure for up to a 6-week period, for pavement reconstruction works, significant drainage works, traffic island construction works, ITS infrastructure works, bus bay works, and completion works. Upcoming traffic switch on the M80 commencing Monday 13 February. Lanes will be switched at the Geelong and Ballarat exits so crews can access new worksites. Drivers heading towards Ballarat should be in the two right lanes, and those travelling Geelong-bound should be in the two left lanes. This decision will need to be made at the West Gate Bridge. This configuration will be the ultimate final set up of the project. Hyde Street entry and exit ramp bridge works are ongoing; concrete deck pours, asphalt placement, bridge barrier installation and steel railing works to continue throughout 2023. At Millers Road, the east and west footpaths were opened prior to Christmas. However, issues with unidentified services prevented the new fascia panels being installed which will require a 4-week closure for each footpath. One footpath will remain open at all times. The Millers Road interchange will also require road resurfacing which will be completed over 10 to 12 night shifts in April.

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- Federation trail has had most of the concrete path completed between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue, however there are still important works left to be completed such as barriers to be installed, landscaping to be completed, railing and other pieces of infrastructure to be installed prior to reopening. Project parties are working towards an earlier than end of 2023 opening date for the section of the trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.

EAST ZONE

MU provided an update on recent community engagement across the East zone:

Community engagement update

- Recent notifications distributed include the Footscray Road summer road works, outlining east and westbound closures commencing 11 January 2023 and ongoing until mid-2023. This was distributed on 19 December 2022.
- The project emailed stakeholders on 10 January to advise of the upcoming, long-term closure of the northbound lanes of Pearl River Road, at Footscray Road for crane set-up and bridge works. The long-term northbound closure will be in place from 11 January to 30 June 2023.
- Business engagement included various meetings in the Footscray Road and Wurundjeri Way precincts to better understand potential impacts for approved and planned works including Marvel Stadium, AFL, Melb Water, Docklands Chamber of Commerce, District Docklands, Costco, O'Brien's Arena. There were various ports and freight meetings held in early January regarding the impending eastbound closure of Footscray Road and access, incl. Port of Melbourne, VTA & Vic Transport Alliance.
- Key learning for future notifications is to identify if shared user paths will remain open rather than assume that people will know that they are open.

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

Key progress

- Footscray Road commenced major closures on eastbound carriage way on 11 January to lift concrete segments over traffic lanes. Works are progressing as planned and the expected change over to the westbound carriageway closure is on track for early April.
- The works at Dynon Road late 2022 were successful, rebuilding, strengthening, and widening the bridge. Hydro demolition works at night resulted in noise complaints and some relocation and respite was offered to adjacent residents. Further works are expected in late June at Dynon Road which will also affect V-Line trains.
- Lifting of the girders for bridges across the Maribyrnong River continues. Girder installation for the Mackenzie Road Entry ramp is complete. Lifting continues for the Mackenzie Road Exit Ramp. The first girders have been installed for the main C2 carriageway that crosses over the Maribyrnong River.
- At the Wurundjeri Way Extension short term closures are being planned to lift 300 tonne concrete girders over Dudley Street.

TUNNELS ZONE

CD provided an update on recent community engagement across the tunnels zone:

Community engagement update

- Recent notifications include the upcoming Vida tunnel boring machine breakthrough and dismantling notification.
- Stakeholder engagement has included doorknocks with sixty residents in the vicinity of the Southern Portal for 24/7 cross passages works and doorknocks with residents in close vicinity preparation for TBM (Tunnel Boring Machine) breakthrough and dismantling. There have also been temporary vibration and noise monitors installed.
- Engagement has occurred with businesses along Youell Street regarding local parking impacts.

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

Key progress

- Bella, the TBM boring the 4km outbound tunnel, has bored 2884 metres and installed 1199 rings as of 30 January. Bella is now boring under the West Gate Freeway.
- Vida, the TBM boring the 2.8km inbound tunnel, has bored 2222 metres and installed 922 rings as of 30 January. Vida is approaching Williamstown Road and then breaking through.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 11 months of boring, TBM 2 (Vida) is expected to breakthrough at the southern inbound portal week commencing 13 February. Once through, the TBM will continue to move into the retrieval pit, where it will be dismantled and trucked to our storage facilities. There will be a media event to mark this major milestone.

4 BREAK

Member questions

Q: FS reiterated previous mention of the importance of reopening the link on Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue as soon as possible, noting also that Blackshaws Road is not a safe alternative.

A: LS agreed and said there is a huge focus from all project parties to prioritise works on that section of path and reopen sooner than the end of 2023.

Q: KR commented on the long traffic queuing and congestion on Williamstown Road southbound and asked can something be done to address this.

A: LS said there may be some considerations made and will follow up with their traffic team.

Q: KR asked about the signage for the traffic switch at the West Gate Freeway / Western Ring Road as it is important to avoid driver confusion.

A: LS confirmed there will be VMS and static signage in place, and painted road markings to assist drivers and give advance notice.

Q: CFR asked if traffic management plans get reviewed during AM and PM traffic periods, and if traffic or incidents caused will alter the plan.

A: LS confirmed that all traffic management plans are prepared and reviewed thoroughly.

Q: CFR commented on surplus road material and construction rubbish at Fogarty Avenue soccer club car park that the Club would like to be removed.

A: LS said he will follow up.

Q: CFR enquired if there will be a live broadcast of the tunnel breakthrough?

A: CD advised there will not be a live broadcast as is this not allowed on construction sites however there will be a media event to mark the milestone.

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Q: SW requested timeline for when construction materials around Stony Creek Reserve on the southern side next to the railway line will be removed and identified that he would like to visit the site to see how works are tracking.

A: LS stated that construction materials are for the new path being built in that location. Works will require co-ordination with Metro Trains and are estimated to be finished towards the end of the year. LS also stated that he would be happy to facilitate a site visit for SW.

Q: CFR asked if the project does audits around the construction sites to ensure clean-up of materials has been cleared?

A: LS confirmed that yes, they do complete drive throughs of areas and monitor. A big clean-up was completed at the end of 2022.

Q: FA requested an update on Horseshoe Bridge (Veloway over Footscray Road).

A: SDR confirmed they are still working through maintenance issues and this topic is still on the agenda on leadership meetings. The time period was discussed at the last meeting in December and will be spoken about at the next meeting in two weeks' time.

Q: AB raised traffic on Williamstown Road, especially in peak hours travelling from the north to access the freeway inbound on ramp which has been reduced to one lane. It is causing a lot of backed up traffic with drivers becoming frustrated, trying to push in and blocking the through traffic as well. Requested if the on ramp can go back to two lanes as it previously was to hold a bit more traffic.

A: LS stated reason for only one lane on the inbound onramp is due to continued structural works on the Hyde Street off ramp, there isn't enough space for these works to occur and have an additional lane safely go through. Expects it should be completed by the end of February. LS will check whether the second lane will then be reinstated.

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	<p>Q: GB asked if the Shepherds Bridge closure will affect the shared user path at any stage as its not noted in the notification.</p> <p>A: MS advised there will be short term closures for when the crane crosses over this area.</p>
	<p>Member Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GY provided positive feedback on the online M80 traffic switch campaign, noting it was very clear and easy for viewers to understand. He commented that the Williamstown Road/Summer Works information was quite text heavy and received a lot of public comments. • PG noted that he was satisfied with the response to his questions sent in about Wurundjeri Way Extension update and what measures are being taken in the construction of the tunnel to install toxic particulate matter (TPM) filters and detectors. The Chair asked if WGTP MTIA could share the responses with all members. • PG wished to note on behalf of himself and members, the appreciation for the work and dedication of Jim Williamson as long-term Chair and wished him all the best. This was acknowledged by the entire group with a round of applause. • BB stated traffic flow at Paringa Road is much better now that access has been reinstated at Millers Road. • GM thanked project members for organising a recent site visit around Kororoit Creek. • AHV stated they are still awaiting on an environmental and landscaping update. DM advised this is being scheduled for late March and likely to be a separate meeting outside of the regular CLG. • IB advised Hobsons Bay Council has received complaints about traffic at Williamtown Road in Spotswood and have passed these onto project parties for response. • CFR made mention of the upcoming Yarraville Festival and thanked Transurban for sponsoring this event. • GY wished to raise MTAG's major concerns regarding a breach of agreed project truck volumes/movements on Moore Street, that were previously agreed to use CityLink in a meeting held in November 2020, which included MTAG and CPBJH. GY noted that he has requested a meeting with key stakeholders including Council, local MP and Minister, WGTP MTIA and the road regulator (NVHR). GY will discuss this further outside of the meeting. • SS thanked the WGTP team for their attendance and hosting of an information stall at the Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival last Saturday 4 February.
	<p>Other Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KJ requested future maps in presentations should show some road and bridge names to aid in recognising locations of project activities. • KJ noted many members are aware of acronyms, but that presenters might remember to explain them. • KJ suggested that a presentation on how traffic changes during construction are predicted and the process for preparing and subsequently reviewing, Worksite Traffic Management Plans (WTMP) be a topic at a future CLG meeting.
	<p>Actions update</p>
	<p>ALL5 - CPBJH JV to follow up on whether new black fence at Beevers Street/Millers Road is permanent. LE confirmed that the fence installed by the project builder is permanent and therefore this action is to be closed off. IB agreed that discussion on future land use outside of this area may be taken up by Hobsons Bay Council and Dept of Transport and Planning.</p>
6	<p>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.</p>
	<p>ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road. Information provided to members in presentation. Action to be closed off.</p>
	<p>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. As noted earlier in the meeting the project parties are working toward a solution.</p>

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Informal follow ups for next meeting:

- a. CPBJH to follow up with traffic team on traffic light sequencing around Williamstown Road inbound left turn lane to assist in current and future congestion planning.
- b. CPBJH to follow up on rubbish clean up around Fogarty Avenue Soccer Club car park.
- c. Trucks using Moore Street will be discussed further between MTAG and the Project.
- d. CPBJH to follow up with SW about an agreed site visit to Stony Creek Reserve to see progress of works in the area.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

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The Chair closed the meeting by thanking members in person and online. Dates were shared with members on upcoming CLG meetings for 2023 and suggested if there are any issues or concerns to please advise WGTP MTIA. Calendar invites will be sent out shortly. The Chair confirmed the next meeting is in six weeks' time on 23 March 2023.