

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 September 2023
Program: Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)
Title: Monash Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 8
Chair: Noel Jones
Minute Taker: Samantha Deasy, SRLA

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Jones, GHD Michael Benson (MB), Monash University Lowan Sist, Monash Student Association Matthew Veale, Monash Council Colin Macrae, CSIRO Caroline Melzer, Electorate Officer for The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh Clint Quealy, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Molly Campbell, SRLA Paul Hunter, SRLA Terresa Parish, SRLA Lissa van Camp, SRLA Heather Campbell, SRLA Jenna Brady, Laing O'Rourke (LOR) Nicole Ekert, LOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nandini Sengupta, Notting Hill Neighbourhood House The Hon. Steve Dimopoulos MP for Oakleigh Louisa McPhee, GHD Andrew Abbott, CSIRO Nick Davis, CSIRO

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NJ welcomed everyone to the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country Attendees introduced NJ provided an overview of the agenda NJ noted actions from the last meeting 	NJ
2.	<p>SRLA provided an update on recent key procurement milestones and Structure Planning:</p> <p>SRL East tunnelling procurement milestone</p> <p>The announcement of a preferred bidder, a consortium known as Suburban Connect, for the first package of tunneling works, from Cheltenham to Glen Waverley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The preferred bidder for the first tunnelling contract was announced this week - marking an important milestone for the first main works package for SRL East. A 16-kilometre section of twin tunnels between Cheltenham and Glen Waverley will be constructed by Suburban Connect, a consortium of global leaders in tunnelling including CPB Contractors, Ghella and Acciona Construction all with extensive experience in Victoria and Australia. Contract to be formally awarded late this year with a second contract awarded next year for the tunnelling section between Glen Waverley and Box Hill. Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM) will be launched in 2026. Next steps – negotiation phase, contract award, the two unsuccessful bidders from first package will bid on Glen Waverley to Box Hill tunnel package. Second phase is not as complicated due to land conditions. 	SRLA

- Laing O'Rourke (LOR) is continuing to prepare groundwork for Main Works, including building tunnel access shafts.

Structure Planning Update

- SRLA approach: it's important that the community is involved and central to the planning process. Structure planning is a high-level process about land use over time. It's a plan on a page that tells you what is envisaged for the future. This is a routine process to prepare structure plans for future visions.
- Precinct Discussion Paper, released last week, outlines what we've heard so far and about how to take the process forward.
- SRLA is now moving into a more formal process to create a long-term vision for each of the six precincts. We invite as much feedback as possible through Engage Victoria.
- This will lead to six precinct vision documents. These will be more detailed and denote substantive precinct changes and how they will develop over time.
- Melbourne will be a city of nine million by 2050 – we need to plan for this growth now so there are greater housing options in the middle suburbs.
- Precinct visions will be released by end of the year and will guide how these areas will be developed into the future. This will be another opportunity for community engagement.
- Draft structure plans and draft planning amendments will be released late 2024,
- Structure plans can take 7 – 10 years. Structure plans will be exhibited in 2025.
- Planning Scheme Amendments (PSAs) will be prepared and referred to an independent advisory committee, with public exhibition of the plans in 2025.
- Aiming for early 2026 to have final structure plans finalised and adopted, with approval and gazettal of Planning Scheme Amendments (PSAs).
- SRLA is already engaging online through Engage Victoria to provide feedback per precinct, have had over 65 surveys this week.
- SRLA will set up community panels in addition to PRGs.
- Panels are dedicated to precinct planning and aspirations for the future of those precincts.
- Panels will run until the public exhibition. SRLA has asked for EOIs for membership, nominations are open for the next two weeks.
- SRLA noted opportunity to do a Listening Post pop up at MU or CSIRO to capture more feedback
- SRLA noted the infrastructure elements considered in consultation with CSIRO and MU in the EES process and significant controls are in place to manage those effects.
- These impacts are considered in our GBNV and airborne model. The controls we have are world standard.
- Targeted social advertising campaign
- SRLA noted ongoing discussions with CSIRO and MU regarding impact assessment on GBNV and EMI.
- CSIRO noted it liked the pop-up idea at CSIRO and at MU.
- SRLA noted already in conversations with Nick Davis from CSIRO on engagement plans.
- **Action – SRLA to include Colin Macrae (CM) into current CSIRO discussion on pop ups.**

Initial and Early Works Update

Laing O'Rourke presented an update including:

Site investigations and utility works

- Soil testing in preparation for substation construction in 2024
- Optus will be decommissioning redundant telecommunications cables overnight in September along Howleys Road and Normanby Road. Optus will send their own notifications.

Power relocation works

- Power relocation works planned for mid-July 2023 have been postponed

3.

LOR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community was informed of the change to works through updated materials letter box dropped to the distribution zone. <p>Site compound construction and demolition 20-24 Howleys Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOR establishing the site at the location of the SRL East station at Monash. <p>Construction and traffic impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day time lane closures on Howleys Road Temporary footpath closures outside 20-24 Howleys Road, with minor pedestrian detours in place Some car parking places on Howleys Road may need to close temporarily Increased noise, dust and vibration dust from demolition works <p>Communications and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doorknock directly impacted businesses along Howleys Road Letter box drop copies of works notifications and project materials Targeted outreach and emails to key stakeholders and impacted businesses SMS alerts communicating construction impacts and traffic changes Direct engagement with Monash University, CSIRO, Woolworths, and Monash City Council. Action: LOR to share with group the SMS traffic disruptions notification process. MU asked about deferment of electrical infrastructure works and the timings for this, LOR will share when available. 	
4.	<p>Upcoming events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA having a suite of events to promote the precinct discussion paper and to have informal discussions with people to hear ideas and raise awareness about the opportunity to get involved. Clayton and Monash combined Listening Post at Clayton Hall 4 – 7pm Tuesday 3 October Suggestion for one near Hong Kong Supermarket in Clayton from out Clayton PRG, and open to more suggestions for locations. SRLA asked for any suggestions to be sent to Molly Campbell and Heather Campbell. <p>Action: Provide feedback to Molly via PRG inbox about listening post opportunities particularly to MU students and staff.</p> <p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates for next PRG not yet confirmed but will be at the end of 2023. Meeting closed at 11.41am 	All

Actions Tracker

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
Actions				
1.	SRLA	SRLA to send precinct planning collateral to Caroline Melzer.	Complete	SRLA
2.	SRLA	LOR to share with group the SMS traffic disruptions notification process	Complete	SRLA
3.	ALL	Provide feedback to SRLA via PRG inbox about listening post opportunities particularly to MU students and staff.	Complete	ALL
4.	SRLA	SRLA to include Colin Macrae (CM) into current CSIRO discussions on pop ups	Complete	SRLA