

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 December 2023
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 9
Chairs: Louisa McPhee (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP
Minute Taker: Tyson Garlick

Attendees		Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisa McPhee (LMP), Facilitator, GHD Paul Hamer (PH), MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair) Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council Michelle Mayur, Whitehorse Ratepayers Association Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society Jane Grover, Box Hill Institute Sam Matthews, Box Hill Institute Andrew McCulloch, Community Representative Bruce Leslie, Eastern Health Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group Darren Stock, Vicinity Centres David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group Andrew Kelly, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Erin Dale, SRLA Lissa van Camp, SRLA Jesse Overton-Skinner, SRLA Tyson Garlick, SRLA Rebecca McHutchison, SRLA Vineeta Maruti, SRLA Charles Windeyer, SRLA Elise Gidley, SRLA (AJM) Emma Tranchina, SRLA (AJM) Liz Grabham, Laing O'Rourke 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse William Ma, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health
Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louisa McPhee (LMP) opened the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMP gave an Acknowledgment of Country. Louisa McPhee (LMP) welcomed everyone to the 9th Box Hill Precinct Reference Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMP provided an overview of the agenda for today's meeting. LMP noted no outstanding actions. 	LMP

2. **Presentations from SRLA and Laing O'Rourke (LOR)**

Presentation by LOR on initial and early works, giving an overview of current and upcoming works in the Box Hill area, highlighting the recently relocated 109 tram terminus and upcoming bridgeworks on Whitehorse Road in 2024.

ACTION: SRLA to give a further update about the bridge works at the next Precinct Reference Group.

LOR presented recent trader support activities, outlining the suite of support initiatives SRLA is providing businesses affected by SRL East works.

SRLA gave a precinct update:

- SRLA noted Precinct Structure Planning is progressing through the phased approach, with community and stakeholder engagement important at each phase to help produce structure plans that reflect the needs of the community.
- SRLA provided an overview of the SRL Precincts Discussion Paper engagement, including key feedback themes.
- SRLA provided an overview of the Box Hill Draft Precinct Vision, released on 3 December 2023.
- SRLA noted the preliminary ideas outlined in the draft vision provide more detail on areas that planning controls may help realise the precinct vision.
- SRLA reiterated key precinct structure planning dates.
- AJM representatives facilitated a hybrid workshop on the Box Hill Draft Precinct Vision, seeking initial feedback from participants on the identified opportunity areas and preliminary ideas for Box Hill.
- AJM noted links to workshop materials and the Draft Precinct Visions would be re-circulated to encourage additional feedback from the group.

Matters arising:

- David Morrison (DM) commented that at this stage SRLA's precinct structure planning does not appear to consider social infrastructure such as education and recreation, particularly provision of schools. SRLA responded noting that precinct structure planning work is in the initial stages, noting SRLA is working across Government and with others on this matter. Paul Hamer (PH) noted local schools has been raised with the Minister for Education.
- Andrew McCulloch (AMC) raised that Council has an existing structure plan and queried whether SRLA's structure plan will supersede Council's document. SRLA noted the new precinct structure plan would come into effect in 2026, advised that Councils remain the planning and responsible authorities despite SRLA also now being a planning authority.
- Chris Trueman (CT) noted that opportunity area number 6 in the Draft Precinct Visions does not consider Brickworks as a potential public open space area. LMP noted the workshop and engagement will draw out matters such as these, noting we are in the initial stages work through the high-level vision.
- Jane Grover (JG) commended SRLA for their great engagement, noted that Box Hill Institute would like to see more walking paths around the area and noted parking and congestion issues.
- Helen Harris (HH) noted that 2024 Heritage Week will run from 15 December to 22 December and will be performing arts themed. HH invited SRLA to participate in the event again, noting this year's successful involvement.

ACTION: SRLA to liaise with Box Hill Historical Society regarding potential involvement in 2024 Heritage Week.

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AJM/ LOR

- PH clarified the ways the public can get involved with the current precinct structure planning engagement, noting engagement will run until February 2024.

ACTION: SRLA to re-share associated links on Draft Precinct Visions engagement.

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
Actions				
1.	PRG members	SRLA to give a further update about the Whitehorse Road bridge works at the next Precinct Reference Group meeting.	Complete	SRLA
2.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to consider potential involvement in 2024 Heritage Week.	Pending	SRLA
3.	PRG members	SRLA to re-share associated links on Draft Precinct Visions engagement.	Complete	SRLA