

# Minutes

**Subject: CLG September 2021 West meeting**

**Date: 16 September 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Location: Zoom**

<b>Attendees</b>			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Liz Evans (LE)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Taylor Cations (TC)	WGTP MTIA
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Bronwyn Neeson (BN)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Dan Gregor (DG)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Best (GLB)	Spotswood	Zoe Taylor (ZT)	Transurban (TU)
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	TU

## Attendees

Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Sally Pieterse (SP)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank Council		

## Apologies

Steve Wilson	Friends of Stony Creek	Martin Wurt	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)
Sue La Greca (SLG)	LeadWest		

## Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Announcements and news	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.05pm	4	Guest speaker: CPBJH environment manager	CPBJH JV
6.20	5	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA

6.30pm	6	<p>Members and question update</p> <p>We would like members to provide an update as relevant on any or all of the following using the attached works notification as a guide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outside of your involvement with the CLG, did you receive any communication from the project about these works?</li> <li>2. Did you receive any feedback within your community about the way the project communicated the works and/or potential impacts?</li> <li>3. Do you have any suggestions for us to improve how we communicate works of this nature?</li> <li>4. Please review the attached notification that was distributed to the broader area surrounding the works. Is this information easily understood? Is there any further information you may find helpful?</li> </ol>	Community members
6.50pm	7	Actions update	All
7.00pm	8	Actions arising and closing	All

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	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW welcomed all members to the meeting.</li> <li>• JW noted that John Stirk has resigned from CLG and thanked him for his service to the committee.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Announcement and news</b></p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZT advised the group of good construction progress.</li> <li>• ZT noted the recent media coverage regarding the Financial Year 2021 results and that the project parties had entered into a good faith mediation</li> <li>• ZT expressed that Transurban share everyone's disappointment that the project won't be completed by 2022. Transurban is committed to completing the project and keep construction moving. It has provided cashflow support to the builder, and funding preparation of the soil disposal site to help ensure tunnelling can commence as soon as possible.</li> <li>• AH acknowledged recent media around the Victorian Ombudsman's review of the EPA approvals of Environment Management Plans for soil disposal sites.</li> </ul>

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- AH noted recent changes related to covid for the construction industry, mandating all construction workers will need to be vaccinated. To support this MTIA will set up on site vaccinations.

**Construction update**

CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone:

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- Works at Grieve Parade completed on 22 July with new asphalt installed in the centre median between Grieve Parade and Williamstown Road.
- Traffic switches have recently been put in place with vehicles moved over the inbound carriageway from left to right. Motorists have easily adapted to the changes and four lanes are maintained on the West Gate Freeway.
- Fogarty Avenue and The Avenue have had ongoing construction activities, with Newport Rail being widened. New bridge beams have been installed which is part of the reason for The Avenue closures. Hydro demolition works also took place over a two-week period finishing at 11pm each night.
- A new crosshead has been installed on the West Gate Freeway to Princes Freeway ramp. The old bridge was jacked up and the existing foundation removed. Work has been completed with vehicles now driving underneath.
- Detector loops have been installed at Primula Avenue. Traffic on Primula Avenue triggers traffic lights on the Millers Road outbound offramp, which will create a break in traffic for drivers exiting Primula Avenue to exit. This has been implemented in conjunction with Hobsons Bay Council and the Department of Transport, with community consultation incorporated.
- Noise wall progress continues with installation occurring in the evening, approximately 150 concrete panels per week have been installed. It is anticipated noise wall concrete segments will be installed by the end of 2021. SP noted the positive community response to the noise walls, both to the noise protection and aesthetic outcomes.
- The new West Gate Freeway collector distributor will eventually carry traffic requiring to exit onto Williamstown Road, after the tunnel opens. From October 2021, two of its lanes will open to traffic so works can continue on the West Gate Freeway.
- Starting Friday 18 September until 18 October the WGTP's Spring Blitz will take place which will include the following works:
  - Ramp closure: Princes Freeway to Geelong Road
  - Ramp closure: Grieve Parade to WGF citybound
  - No left-hand turn onto Melbourne Road
- SP advised that more than 4,000 works notifications have been distributed to neighbouring properties. Further information on website, email and social media campaigns.
- Ongoing and regular engagement with the local school, hockey and soccer club about upcoming works on Fogarty Avenue.

**Guest speaker: CPBJH's environmental manager****4**

- TS introduced himself as the environmental manager across the WGTP, responsible for all environmental, sustainability and planning requirements.
- TS explained the process of tree and ecological assessments that are conducted on the project, and the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs), with the IREA acting as an external auditor.
- TS described that as per the EPRs, an arborist is required to inspect all vegetation and determine their life expectancy, type and size. The arborist will look at all opportunities for the trees to be retained or removed.
- TS noted the detailed seed collection that took place, with over 20,000 seeds collected which have been used for tree planting days, NAIDOC week celebrations, and other community engagement opportunities
- TS highlighted the rigid process involved with removing trees as once an assessment has been conducted the IREA will conduct their own review and assessment.
- TS noted a recent Walk on Country with the Traditional Owners Group, which looked at opportunities to improve the landscaping.

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- TS explained that once the definition of a tree is finalised, CPBJH will be able to commit to the number of trees being planted in each area.
- TS described the air quality monitoring conducted in the area including 12 air monitoring stations and dust mitigation strategies including water carts.
- TS has recently briefed all site engineers on the onsite dust suppression strategies given it has been a very windy start to Spring
- GM questioned when trees will be planted. CF advised CPBJH are in the final stages of procuring a landscape contractor, with planting expected in Quarter 2 of 2022, which will align with the seasonal planting times.
- IB noted further interest in understanding the definition of a tree, the size, scale and age of the trees. SDR offered to discuss further once design package has been finalised.
- SP advised CPBJH will be undertaking a bespoke approach to residents offering tube stock and seedlings etc from next year.

**WGTP MTIA update**

LE provided the following update:

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- Work is progressing and continuing on all Victoria's Big Build projects this Spring.
- The Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) sits within the Major Transport Infrastructure Authority which is overseeing the build on Victoria's Big Build projects, which also includes the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- The Level Crossing Removal Project is eliminating 85 level crossings across metropolitan Melbourne by 2025.
- Ferguson Street in Williamstown is currently under construction. They're working around the clock until Saturday 13 November, to complete works to lower the rail under Ferguson Street and remove the level crossing.

**Members and questions update:**

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- GB questioned the upcoming detour via Blackshaws Road and if current Precinct 15 works had been taken into consideration. LE advised on 18 September via email that there is a short area of parking lane being used by the land developer on Blackshaws Road and therefore would cause no impact to the WGTP detour.
- FS noted he passes on communications to his network and finds the information included in WGTP's and LXRP's to be useful.
- BB expressed that on Millers Road, the community prefers to walk on the shopping centre side of the road and cannot due to the Paringa Road works.
- MDL observed an increase in dust in the Somerville Road area. TS explained that the project will remain vigilant and ensure dust mitigation controls are being met, noting that it is a windy time of year, with the change of seasons.
- DR shared that the Altona North community is being overwhelmed with communications particularly as they handle the covid outbreaks in the area. KR shared similar sentiment with DR and suggested communications be shared to targeted areas as small tailored information.
- KR has received positive feedback from his community regarding the design of the noise walls.
- KR suggested educational resources be provided to schools to help with further engagement.
- GLB confirmed he received regular project information outside of the CLG.
- GLB questioned if noise walls panel statistics and information has been published online. AH advised in the past this has been communicated but not recently due to COVID restrictions limiting the type of information that can be published to being disruptions communications only.
- SS asked if the project will include any art structures and what consultation will occur. AH advised that via the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, Deakin University will complete a number of art pieces.
- GM expressed concern for detours along Blackshaws Road.
- IB was happy with CPBJH's response to hydro demolition community complaints.

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7	<p><b>Actions update</b></p> <p><b>AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.</b></p> <p>SP advised a meeting was held between project parties, HBCC and GM to discuss further. Action to remain open until the design plans are finalised.</p> <p><b>LW8 HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.</b></p> <p>SP suggested that a bespoke package of information be provided for that area instead of a factsheet. IB believed that when the action originated there was information missing; however, with further developments in the area the item can be closed. JW confirmed the action can close on the basis that additional material can be provided that encompasses all the works happening in the area.</p> <p><b>AW15: Part 1) CPBJH to provide mud map detailing Paringa Road and Millers Road intersection design work. Note that the map has been provided to all CLG West members.</b>  <b>Part 2) Action updated to reflect outcome of the six-week Primula Avenue trial.</b></p> <p>JW noted that as mentioned earlier in the presentation, detector loops have been installed at Primula Avenue. JW reminded that the Paringa Road mud map had been issued to members in 2020. The action to close, noting a watching brief on the Paringa Road design.</p> <p><b>Actions arising and closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.</li> </ul>