

Minutes

Subject: CLG November 2021 West meeting

Date: 18 November 2021 Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Zoom

| Attendees | | | |
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| Jim Williamson (JW) | Chair | Liz Evans (LE) | West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA) |
| Ferdinand Saliba (FS) | Deer Park | Alex Woods (AW) | WGTP MTIA |
| Bert Boere (BB) | Brooklyn | Anthony Havers (AH) | WGTP MTIA |
| Dennis Ryan (DR) | Altona North | Bronwyn Neeson (BN) | WGTP MTIA |
| Kevin Redfern (KR) | Seabrook | Shane D'Rozario (SDR) | WGTP MTIA |
| Senthill Sundaram (SS) | Point Cook | Dan Gregor (DG) | WGTP MTIA |
| Geoff Mitchelmore (GM) | Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek | Tatiana Echeverri (TE) | TU |
| Garry Brennan (GB) | Bicycle Network Victoria | Eli Goodhardt (EG) | TU |
| Ian Butterworth (IB) | Hobsons Bay Council | Charlie Fairbairn (CF) | CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV) |
| | | Sally Pieterse (SP) | CPBJH JV |

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| Apologies | | | |
| Glen Best | Spotswood | Marlon De Leon (MDL) | Tarneit |
| Steve Wilson (SW) | Friends of Stony Creek | Sue La Greca (SLG) | LeadWest |
| Marcus Fosterling (MF) | TU | Sharon Buckland | TU |
| Adrian Ashford (AA) | Brimbank Council | Martin Wurt (MW) | Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG) |

Agenda Items

| Time | # | Item detail | Owner |
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| 5.30pm | 1 | Welcome, introductions and apologies | Chair |
| 5.40pm | 2 | Construction update | CPBJH JV |
| 6.10pm | 3 | WGTP MTIA update | WGTP MTIA |
| 6.20pm | 4 | Members and question update | Community members |
| 6.35pm | 5 | Actions update | All |
| 6.45pm | 6 | Actions arising and closing | All |

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| 1 | Welcome, introductions and apologies JW opened the meeting and AW did a roll call. |

Construction update

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

- CF outlined the spring roadworks campaign that wrapped up on 8 November, noting the closures of multiple inbound and outbound ramps. CF said the works went to plan and have effectively reconstructed the three ramps.
- CF explained the October traffic switch at Williamstown Road and the outbound portal which is crucial in widening the West Gate Freeway from 8 to 12 lanes.
- CF noted that the crossheads for the Hyde Street ramps are nearly completed and the beams are expected to be laid down in December. 280 concrete beams are planned to be lifted to form the ramps.
- CF said that works on the shared path between Spotswood Station and Yarraville is progressing well. CF mentioned that landscaping plans are underway in the area.
- CF said that 2600 concrete noise wall panels have been installed, along with 550 tiles of acrylic panels. CF noted that the southern side of the freeway was a major focus and it's expected to be complete by the end of the year.
- CF explained that 30 segments? of the new elevated Footscray Road had now been lifted and set in place.
- SP noted that the WGTP workforce is 100% double vaccinated.
- SP mentioned that the WGTP will have a stall at the Slow Food Melbourne Festival in Spotswood later this month to answer community enquiries and respond to any concerns.
- FS said the signage for the inbound Williamstown Road exit is very small and hazardous if drivers are crossing lanes late. CF explained that a large amount of work is planned in January, which will improve this area.
- JW asked if West Gate Freeway traffic had increased. EG said that traffic volumes are close to what they were pre COVID.

WGTP MTIA update

JS provided an update on the new WGTP website:

- JS explained the 7 MTIA projects have been merged into the one site, to make it easier for people to find information about Big Build.
- JS showed members the easily accessible tabs to find information on any area of the project, including "explore the project", "Footscray Road" and "Hyde Street".
- JS explained that the website contains an interactive map so that users can see how the Project interacts with the local community on a visual level.
- JS encouraged members to share with their networks and provide feedback, to help inform continuous improvement, as the website will continue to evolve.
- DR asked if sound could be used on the website to help explain noise wall effectiveness.

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Members and questions update:

- BB said that the traffic changes on Primula Avenue has helped ease some problems.
- BB explained that he received a letter and report from the Department of Transport (DoT) regarding Millers Road and Williamstown Road Corridor Study. He said that it raised a few new items that members had not seen or been consulted on, including the removal of the median strip which provides parking and left turn access to Paringa Road. LE said she had not seen the letter but will seek information from DoT and come back to all who expressed interest in the meeting.
- DR asked when the two left lanes outbound from Grieve Parade, past the Memorial Park open up. CF said they will be opened early next year after panels are installed under Grieve Parade.
- DR asked if the privacy panels that are clipped on the pedestrian bridge walkways will remain there. CF said they are a temporary solution for a whistling sound in high winds and project teams are currently developing a second skin permanent solution to install on the bridge next year.
- DR asked when the TBMs will start operating. SD said that project parties were hopeful to begin tunnelling early next year.
- KR said people are happy that the Old Geelong Road ramp is now opened. He asked whether messaging could be painted on the lanes which could solve the signage issue.
- KR also commended the noise wall progress and how great they looked.
- SS said he liked the new look WGTP website, in particular the Virtual Tour section. He noted that Point Cook is getting a bit more traffic and said that more signage would be nice.
- GM noted the shared trail near Grieve Parade had slowed by DoT but keen to get GJ Hosken Reserve project completed early next year.
- GB asked if the finishing off the pedestrian bridges has been pushed back due to the noise issues. LE said that naming proceedings will move to next year.
- IB said that he is pleased with the noise wall progress.

Actions update

5 AW13 CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.

- CF said this design package is currently in development, but as soon as its available it will be released.

Actions arising and closing

- New action created AW18: LE to follow up with the Department of Transport relating to BB's letter and discuss it with BB, GM and DR.
- LE said the State is exploring face to face CLG meetings in the near future and will be subject to COVID protocols.
- SP noted that the WGTP Information centre opens to the public on Monday 22 November.
- BN explained that the Joint CLG meeting will be on Thursday 9 December.
- **Meeting closed at 6:46pm**