

Minutes

Subject: May Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Thursday 11 May 2023 **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre

Attendees

Kim Jordan (KJ)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Douglas Morris (DM)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Cyrus Alorro (CA) Online	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Emily Alvis (EA)	WGTP MTIA
Peter Gerrand (PG) Online	West and North Melbourne	Ashleigh Simpson (AS)	WGTP MTIA
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	Transurban (TU)
Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	Lachlan Sturt (LST)	TU
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Mladen Stojanovic (MS)	CPBJH JV
Claude Manno (CM)	Brimbank City Council	Lee Szalnowski (LS)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Elise McGurn (EM) Online	City of Melbourne

Apologies

Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA	Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington
Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA	Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville
Lucy Costin (LC)	TU	Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook		

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Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA updates	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.30pm	4	BREAK	All
6.40pm	5	Member questions	Community members
7.10pm	6	Actions update	All
7.30pm	7	Thank you and close	Chair

Agenda Items

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ KJ welcomed attendees in person and online and stated apologies for the night. KJ gave an Acknowledgement of Country. ▪ KJ advised the group that the next meeting is scheduled for 5 weeks' time on the 15th of June. Meeting invitations for the remaining meetings of 2023 will all be sent out next week.
2	<p>WGTP MTIA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ KJ welcomed Emily Alvis, Deputy Director West Gate Neighbourhood Fund to the meeting. ▪ EA highlighted recent events in the grants and partnerships space, including installation of the Laverton Bowls Club community garden and the Treatment III public art installation. EA also informed the group of a successful public speaking event last Thursday which was held in Altona, and upcoming key projects rolling out include a launch event this coming Sunday for an African arts festival in Footscray and the commencement of a water monitoring program. ▪ EA advised the group that to date, 70 projects have been awarded to community groups and council from the \$10 million West Gate Neighbourhood Fund, allocating approx. \$7.3 million to communities in Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong City Council areas. 19 partnership projects over \$100,000 were announced in March 2021 totalling \$6.49 million. ▪ 28 grants were announced on 2 February 2022 totalling \$486,791. On 24 October 2022, 21 grants were announced at an original \$495,000 total, but two projects were withdrawn, bringing the total to \$315,265. More than 75% of round 1 grants have been delivered, with most of the funding fully expended. There are several round 2 grants that are already delivered, with most others due for completion by the end of 2023. ▪ Partnerships represent higher value and more complex delivery projects, like infrastructure upgrades, creation of green space and extensive community participation programs. Of the partnerships 9 projects were in the priority areas of Yarraville, Spotswood, Altona North, Altona North, and Brooklyn. The final round of partnerships will launch before the end of this financial year. ▪ EA confirmed for the group that as of 31 March 2023, management of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund is back with MTIA. <p>Q: (GY) Is there any update on the distribution of funds for the Spotswood Kingsville RSL? A: EA advised that she met with the RSL recently to discuss the partnership project. The RSL is reviewing their costs and quotes. EA advised that the WGTP MTIA grants team is actively working with them to get more quotes and hopes to see the project successfully delivered.</p> <p>WGTP MTIA Community Outreach Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DM spoke to community outreach efforts around the project area over the past 7 weeks. WGTP MTIA staff attended several community events and held various pop-up information stalls at train stations and markets, including Footscray Market on Wednesday 5 April, North Melbourne Station on 4 and 12 April, and Docklands Community Market on 23 April to share information relating to works on Footscray Road and Wurundjeri Way. ▪ A Tunnelling community day also occurred on the 6th of May which DM advised will be spoken to later by Christian in the JV Tunnels update, however wanted to point out to the group how it was a highly successful day despite the weather challenges.
3	<p>Construction Update</p> <p>WEST ZONE</p> <p>MU provided an update on community engagement across the West zone, including recent notifications that were sent out to residents, and informed the group of recent engagement with residents and businesses in affected works areas. This includes engaging with the Spotswood Traders Association.</p>

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3	<p>LS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West Zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There has been a lot of transformation around Williamstown Road, the major undertaking of last beams being laid over Williamstown Road northbound has been completed. ▪ Civil works occurring on the Williamstown Road inbound on ramp and works are ongoing to complete the south side of the ramp. There is a run of barriers to be installed along the retaining wall. Barriers will also be installed on the northern side of the ramp. There are two more spans to be completed for Bridge 31 south of the West Gate Freeway. ▪ The Avenue slip lane onto Melbourne Road was reopened on 2 May. The island was reconfigured, pavement reconstructed, and drainage works completed. As of tonight, the lighting will be switched on to light up the pathway. ▪ A pedestrian crossing has been installed on Fogarty Avenue at the end of the pedestrian bridge ramp. Six pairs of speed cushions have also been installed along Fogarty Avenue and the Avenue. All temporary concrete barriers are to be removed next week. ▪ New bridge cladding for Muir Street Pedestrian Bridge completed. West Gate Freeway outbound (new bridge south of the WGF) over The Avenue - overnight closures for noise wall installation completed. ▪ Asphaltting works have completed on Millers Rd intersection under West Gate Freeway, with most line marking done, and the extra southbound lane opened on 20 April. Landscaping and planting are ongoing. The last pre-cast panels have recently been installed, and remaining gaps in the noise walls will be completed in the coming months. ▪ Installation of the final beams span on the Hyde Street exit ramp. All bridge deck pouring was planned to be completed early May; the last deck will be poured this Friday night. Bridge barrier and steel railing installation is ongoing and has progressed well. ▪ Intersection Upgrade works along Hyde Street and Douglas Parade are ongoing and will move into the second stage next week. ▪ Federation Trail resurfacing works are planned to be undertaken later in 2023. The Greening Brooklyn project will go ahead first and the rebuilding and resurfacing of the three kilometres of the trail will commence after this. <p>EAST ZONE</p> <p>MU spoke to recent community engagement activities in the East zone, noting that a ramp up of activity in the area translates to an increase in engagement. MU advised of notifications that have been distributed to residents informing them of upcoming works/disruptions. The project recently met with BINGO industries on Dynon Road who have good mechanisms in place to protect cyclists in the area and educate their drivers to be aware of cyclists.</p> <p>MS provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MS advised that on the 23rd of May the final connections for the Maribyrnong River Bridges will be completed. The infills will take some time as teams need to drop in the segments, jack up, adjust, and install thousands of bolts. To complete this work, Maribyrnong River will be closed for approximately one month from 22 May. ▪ The launching gantry switched to the Westbound carriageway, and the 1000th segment was installed for the elevated road at Footscray Road. The Footscray Road shared user path reopened at 9pm on Wednesday 10th May, 24 hours ahead of schedule. ▪ Footscray Road citybound will be closed from late May until June as the launching gantry switches over to the East side. Traffic, including pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted to the centre passageway of Footscray Road to enable construction of another bridge. ▪ There will be piling works along Footscray Road from the 23rd of May. ▪ There will be a citybound closure campaign to finish off the switch, with all works aimed to be completed by 15 June with the full opening of Footscray Road timed to coincide with the Dynon Road closure. ▪ Dynon Road will be closed from 15 June to 31 August and significant planning is underway. ▪ Concrete decks on the Wurundjeri Way extension have been finished. The Dudley Street/Wurundjeri Way campaign will allow for the structure to be built above. CPBJH is currently working with WGTP MTIA regarding timing of this campaign which is currently proposed for October.

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3	<p>TUNNELS ZONE</p> <p>CD provided an update on recent community engagement across the tunnels zone, the most exciting notification to the community was of the final Tunnel Boring Machine breakthrough which occurred on 3 May.</p> <p>CD spoke to recent stakeholder and business engagement, including briefings of Hobsons Bay City Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Better West Spotswood community group, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG) and Save Willy Road on the breakthrough, demobilisation, and completion of tunnelling. Multiple businesses were also engaged to discuss upcoming works and disruptions.</p> <p>A Community Day was held on Saturday 6 May at the Info Centre to celebrate tunnelling milestones. A range of local suppliers were showcased at the event, including food trucks, musicians, face painters and more. Food and family friendly activities free for the community to enjoy were much appreciated by 273 attendees.</p> <p>CD provided an update on the below activities taking place across the tunnels zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bella has excavated 700,000 cubic meters of rock and soil and installed 15,340 concrete segments, tunnelling a total of 4.0 kilometres in 15 months. ▪ Bella broke through on 3 May at the Southern Portal Outbound and around 400 people including representatives of the Community Liaison Group were able to attend the breakthrough event which was coordinated with WGTP MTIA and Transurban. ▪ The package of works involved in the demobilisation will differ to TBM2 Vida, as the cutterhead cannot be reused so will be encapsulated in concrete and buried on site. The TBM gantries will be dismantled over three months, removed and transported off site. ▪ The most recent breakthrough video of Bella was shown to the group. ▪ TBM Vida's demobilisation is on track. We have dismantled and transported approximately 80% of the TBM components including the first super load (Erector) which was transported back to the tunnelling hub on Whitehall Road. The second super load (Main drive) was transported back to the tunnelling hub on 2 May. Works done in the portal include excavation of one cross passage and construction of the base slab in the cut and cover section. <p>KJ called for any questions or comments from the group.</p> <p>Q: (GM) Can we get an update on the graffiti that is appearing project-wide? A: (LS) When we have access on the freeway at night, crews clean the graffiti. As seen on Millers Road recently, as we clean it goes up again and the graffiti issue is an ongoing battle.</p> <p>Q: (GY) The large piece of graffiti near Williamstown Road has been there since before our last CLG meeting and remains there although it is accessible to clean. The community is asking for a Service Level Agreement. Can we get an understanding of the plan to address the issue of project graffiti at the next CLG meeting? A: (AHV) This was raised at the last CLG meeting, and it is unfortunate that graffiti it is still present across the project area. Council is concerned that graffiti removal is not being kept up with, example the bridge pillars in Harris Street. A: (LS) The issue of graffiti on the project has been difficult to manage. CPBJH taking on as follow up action.</p> <p>Q: (GM) The shared trail section under Grieve Parade bridge has been isolated for 18 months, why can't the community access this yet? Is it possible to take some community members for a site visit? A: (LS) We can look at the possibility of a site visit. The Greening Brooklyn project will go ahead first in this area and the rebuilding of three kilometres of Federation trail will commence after this. Once this happens, we are looking at using that path as a diversion. (GM) It is currently too dangerous for riders to be using Blackshaws Road as a diversion route. (SDR) That is a reason why resurfacing has not gone ahead yet, we are working on a safe diversion for cyclists.</p> <p>Q: (IB) Can you go into the program of works relating to gantries going in over the freeway? A: (LS) The gantry program spans between now and next year - gantries will sit across the ramps/carriageway, 23 full span gantries, some up to 83 m in length. Road signs will be installed on gantries where they are relevant, but signs will be covered if they are not applicable prior to ultimate configuration being implemented. The aim for now is to get sign gantry in and the brackets in. Regarding the West Gate</p>

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3	<p>Freeway traffic switch, the space that has been created is to allow crawler cranes to go in and assemble the gantry segments. This will eventually involve a freeway closure and approvals are currently being worked through.</p> <p>(LST) Tolling infrastructure may be installed, but it will not be activated and Transurban is working on a communications strategy to prevent confusion for the public. At this time, it is unclear as to when the infrastructure will go up.</p> <p>(SDR) There is still a lot to work through before the physical tolling infrastructure is installed.</p> <p>Q: (PG) Is there an update on the redesign of Horseshoe Bridge (Bridge 75)?</p> <p>A: (SDR) There has been no significant update, the discussion is ongoing with the project parties. From the WGTP MTIA point of view there is nothing getting in the way of the change progressing, the next step becomes a contractual matter for State Govt/Transurban/CPBJH to iron out. WGTP MTIA supports the change, however, in the absence of resolving contractual matters, cannot provide a formal approval at this stage.</p> <p>Q: (BB) Can the pedestrian crossing west side of Millers Road at the Paringa Road slip lane be reviewed from a safety perspective?</p> <p>A: CPBJH to follow up. A road safety audit has been completed at the intersection.</p>
4	BREAK
5	<p>KJ thanked Emily Alvis for attending to discuss the grants and partnerships program.</p> <p>Member Questions</p> <p>Q: (GB) Is the schedule still on track for the next Footscray Road switchover?</p> <p>A: (MS) The Footscray Road shared user path that had been detoured along Dynon Road reopened last night ahead of time. The traffic switch for 27th/28th of May is on schedule.</p> <p>Q: (FS) Federation Trail junction with Kororoit Creek trail – is there a date indication for opening? There is lots of keen interest in that connection, the only other connection is over Rosala Avenue.</p> <p>A: (LS) Targeted opening is Q4 this year, realistically in December. There is piling works and retaining works ongoing and then path resurfacing and landscaping to be completed and finally ITS, cabinets and railing to be installed.</p> <p>Q: (DR) The recently opened left lane travelling south on Millers Road under the West Gate Freeway gives drivers 100m before it becomes a forced left hand turning lane, and drivers are cutting across to get into other lanes. Can this be changed to continue as a third lane?</p> <p>A: (LS) This section is in its ultimate configuration. It's unlikely there can be any change made to the current lane configuration.</p> <p>(SDR) Signage in this area can be looked at with the Department of Transport.</p> <p>Q: (KR) Signage remains an issue on the West Gate Freeway on approach to the M80/M1 interchange. Can we please install signage stating M1: 2 left lanes, M80: 2 right lanes? Improving signage may help with the bottlenecks and cutting across lanes.</p> <p>A: (LS) In terms of VMS positioning, there are space constraints on the freeway with emergency lanes etc. limiting where we can put them.</p> <p>Q: (KR) Can we receive a briefing on the ultimate configuration past Grieve Parade inbound and outbound and Kororoit Creek Road?</p> <p>A: Project parties to provide update at next CLG meeting.</p> <p>Q: (GY) Highlighting a resident complaint near Officeworks in Yarraville where there is no right turn out of Thomas Street on to Williamstown Road. The EES recommended a right-hand turn, however it was reversed. Can this be looked at again?</p> <p>A: (SDR) Fixing the intersection is outside of direct project control, however WGTP MITA is happy to raise the issue with the Department of Transport and Planning.</p> <p>Q: (GY) A boom gate that requires an access pass has been installed in Maribyrnong Street. Is this part of the WGTP car park occupation and as such will it be removed when the car park is handed back, or is it a</p>

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	<p>third party? A: CPBJH to follow up.</p> <p>Q: (GY) Can the Williamstown Road diagram discussed at our previous meeting be distributed to the group? A: (DM) We are following up if what we have in fact reflects the ultimate configuration, once we do, we will distribute this to members.</p> <p>(GY) The Mclvor Reserve master plan outlines undergrounding the powerlines where the new shared path has been installed.</p> <p>(GY) The MTAG briefing made no mention of Bella being buried. It was understood that she would be pulled apart in a different way to Vida but no there was no suggestion of burial. It might be worth revisiting communications with key stakeholders as they will be interested in this.</p> <p>Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG) Questions</p> <p>(GY) The monitor being installed in Yarraville by MTAG that was mentioned at the March meeting and referred to by AB tonight will be live from next week. We expect to see PM1.0 and lower. This monitor will run until 2026 to gather baseline data and the live data will be accessible by the public.</p> <p>There are six WGTP/EPA monitors located around the project (installed by WGTP). Station 1 is at the base of Yarraville Gardens and is right next to where the Northern Portal is being constructed. There is no station installed next to the construction site of the Southern Portal. The closest is Station 4, which is in Brooklyn on Millers Rd.</p> <p>Station 4 in Brooklyn is measuring PM10, PM2.5, NO, NO2, NOX, CO2, and VOC's. Station 1 in Yarraville is only measuring PM10 and PM2.5.</p> <p>Q: Why is Station 1 only monitoring PM10 and PM2.5? The Wind Rose data is also nearly 2 years old, can or will this be updated? A: CPBJH to follow up. SDR advised we would like to check if this is WGTP related or EPA responsibility.</p> <p>Q: (AB) Can an update be provided at the next meeting around traffic modelling for Williamstown Road? A: DM to follow up. SDR outlined the ultimate Williamstown inbound on ramp configuration will have 4 lanes, into a ramp meter, and then traffic will merge into 3 lanes. All new ramps will get ramp meters.</p> <p>Q: (BB) Is there something being done about the flooding drain at the Douglas Parade traffic lights? A: (LS) The JV are currently working on the drainage at this location. SDR clarified that the flooding on road southbound after rain is a Department of Transport and Planning issue.</p> <p>Q: (IB) Regarding the Williamstown Road interchange area and The Avenue left turn slip lane - can this be reconsidered in the ultimate layout? A: LS to follow up.</p> <p>(EM) City of Melbourne is preparing for construction and traffic changes along Footscray and Dynon Roads, particularly shared user path impacts. City of Melbourne has not received any complaints from the public regarding recent shared path detour routes.</p>
6	<p>Actions Update</p> <p>AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed. Action to remain open.</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.</p>

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	<p>Informal actions:</p> <p>CPBJH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPBJH to provide clarity around the plan for graffiti removal around the project area. b. CPBJH to investigate the possibility of a community visit to completed shared trail section under Grieve Parade bridge. c. CPBJH to review pedestrian light set up at Millers Road. d. CPBJH to investigate permanency of boom gate at Maribyrnong Street parking. e. CPBJH to answer MTAG questions on Air Quality Monitoring stations and Wind Rose data. f. CPBJH/TU/MTIA to explore with DTP additional signage on Millers Road under the West Gate Freeway. g. CPBJH to review Williamstown Road and The Avenue interchange. <p>MTIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MTIA to share ultimate configuration for Williamstown Road interchange (including render) and provide update on future Williamstown Road traffic projections. b. MTIA to share final layout plans for various interchanges along the West Gate Freeway including Grieve Parade and Kororoit Creek Road. c. MTIA to raise right hand turn ban from Thomas Street on to Williamstown Road that is causing traffic issues with Department of Transport and Planning.
7	<p>Meeting closed at 7:35pm</p> <p>KJ closed the meeting by thanking members in person and online. KJ confirmed the next meeting is in five weeks' time on 15 June 2023.</p>