

Minutes

Subject: July Community Liaison Group Meeting (Bus & Site Tour)

Date: Friday 26 July 2024 **Time:** 09:00am-1:00pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre/ Bus & Site Tour

Apologies: Fran Araneda, Ilona Elmore, Kevin Redfern, Con Frescos, Steve Wilson, Arthur Bregiannis, Bert Boere, Adam Bright, Adrian Havryluk, Douglas Morris, Shane D'Rozario, Cyrus Alorro, Ebru Saglam

Attendees

Chair	WGTP Major Road Projects Representatives
(KJ) Kim Jordan	(LE) Liz Evans, Deputy Director Engagement
Community Members	(RA) Raaed Abdou, Deputy Director Delivery West Zone
(PG) Peter Gerrand, North and West Melbourne	(CY) Chris Yip, Deputy Director Delivery East Zone
(PT) Pradeep Tiwari, Footscray	(GL) Geoff Liu, Senior Engagement Officer
(FS) Ferdinand Saliba, Deer Park	(JT) Jordana Thornton, Engagement Coordinator
(DR) Dennis Ryan, Altona North	(HT) Harley Thomas, Engagement Coordinator
Council Members	Transurban Representatives
(EM) Eloise McGurn, City of Melbourne	(MR) Melanie Ryan, Surface Manager
(IB) Ian Butterworth, Hobsons Bay City Council	(AV) Amanda Venda, Community & Stakeholder Engagement Lead
(MB) Melissa Best, Maribyrnong City Council	(FA) Felipe Angel, Senior Project Engineer Tunnels
Group/Association Members	Joint Venture Representatives
(GY) Glen Yates, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group	(CG) Christian Green, Stakeholder & Community Engagement Lead – East
(GB) Garry Brennan, Bike Network Victoria	(CF) Charlie Fairbairn, Civil and Surface Works Manager
(GM) Geoff Mitchelmore, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	(MM) Melissa Merrett, Community & Stakeholder Relations Manager

CLG Bus Tour Itinerary & Run Sheet

Time	Itinerary	Key points/items of interest
8:45am	Meet at West Gate Tunnel Project Info Centre	Welcome, introductions and apologies Chair provided acknowledgement of country. Safety briefing
9:00am	Members departed information centre.	
9:10am	Arrived at Hall Street site compound to tour the Hyde Street ramps.	Hyde Street outbound exit ramp, southern inbound tunnel portal.
10:00am	Travelled from Hall Street on to The Avenue. Followed The Avenue and turned left at Wembley Avenue, right at Benbow Street and right onto Williamstown Road. Headed south on Williamstown Road to Blackshaws Road.	Court bowl upgrades, noise walls upgrades, connection of walking & cycling path from Hyde Street to Fogarty Avenue.
10:30am	Travelled down Blackshaws Road and onto Millers Road.	Millers Road interchange and lighting upgrades, southern outbound portal ventilation structure view on the freeway.
10:45am	Onto West Gate Freeway outbound and travelled down West Gate Freeway to Kororoit Creek Road.	View noise walls and newly installed sign and ITS gantries, resurfacing of WGF and Princes Freeway, M80 feature lighting and new WGF lanes including additional outbound lane to Kororoit Creek Road.
11:00am	Turned at Kororoit Creek Road to come inbound on the West Gate Freeway.	Widening of West Gate Freeway & M80 interchange, new signage advising of lane choices to travel express to West Gate Bridge or to exits of the freeway.
11:15am	Exit at Williamstown Road interchange to Footscray Road via Whitehall Street and Moreland Road.	Williamstown Road inbound off ramp configuration, where trucks will move through to connect with new Hyde St ramps, Somerville Road, Whitehall Street and North Yarra Main Sewer works, Harris Street new shared path and crossing to go over Whitehall Street.
11:30am	Took Footscray Road to Docklands	Overhead motorway and cycling veloway, existing surface level shared path, Footscray Road ramp to elevated road, new Appleton Dock Road ramp and connections to Port of Melbourne.
11:45am	Members got off bus at Docklands for break	Footscray Road cable stay bridge, Footscray Road progress, shared path connections, Moonee Ponds Creek bridge widening and new shared path crossing. Horseshoe Bridge to straight alignment.
12:15pm	Boarded the bus and travelled up Dudley Street and to the Dynon Road bridge.	Wurundjeri Way extension and elevated intersection, Dynon Road Bridge, Dynon Road shared path connections including at the City Link ramp and along Moonee Ponds Creek.
12:20pm	Travelled along Dynon Road, to Whitehall Street, and returned to WGTP Info centre.	Alternative shared path route
12:30pm	Arrived back at WGTP Info Centre (End of Tour)	Questions & answer session, finalised meeting. Looked at new drone footage and information on display.

Construction Update

West Zone – Charlie Fairbairn

- **Hyde Street** – Ongoing works at Hyde Street include continued civil works & finishing works, landscaping works at Hyde Street ramps.
- **West Gate Freeway** – Current works include continued noise wall, street lighting installation, freeway Information Technology System (ITS) works. Freeway gantry systems and structure commissioning, signage, completions. Freeway and tunnel entrance building works. Open Grade Asphalt (OGA) campaign projected to commence October 2024 which will see the final layer of asphalt laid between Millers Road and the West Gate Bridge.
- **Williamstown Road** – Works are progressing on completions and tunnel portal works at Williamstown Road. Complete noise wall and street lighting installation at Williamstown Road intersection are ongoing. Hyde Street walking and cycling path preparation works are taking place. The walking and cycling path over the Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp installation and completions works are projected for September 2024. The project is preparing engagement and communications materials to support this extended closure.
- **Millers Road** – Upcoming works planned towards the end of the year include finishing works and resurfacing works on the Millers Road inbound entry ramp and the Federation Trail walking and cycling path resurfacing works (between Millers and Little Boundary Road).
- **Southern outbound tunnel entrance** - In late September the timber net structure assembly and installation will commence, with a key focus on engaging with residents in the area at this time to discuss the permanent change in visual amenity.

East Zone – Christian Green & Charlie Fairbairn

- **Veloway** – Approximately 35 segments have been installed with 160 remaining. Other works include lighting, cameras, non-slip bridge deck, First Nations artwork, and ongoing works at several other paths that need to be in place. This includes the bridge connections to Shepherds Bridge and Footscray Road.
- **Moonee Ponds Creek Trail (MPC)** was recently reopened. The closure enabled ITS works, utility and tie in connection works with the surrounding West Gate Tunnel project works.
- **Dynon Road** - Upcoming works include barrier railing, parapet installation works and graffiti removal. This will require approx. three shifts of overnight closures on Dynon Road between Dryburgh Street and the Citylink inbound exit ramp to enable the works.
- **Dudley Street/Wurundjeri Way** - Current works include lighting installation (under structure); ITS traffic signal installation, ground level on Wurundjeri Way between Dudley and Bourke Streets. Upcoming works planned for final asphaltting and finishing works along Wurundjeri Way to Flinders Street.

Tunnel zone – Melissa Merrett & Felipe Angel

- **Tunnels** – Recent works in the tunnels include laying of the concrete road deck and installing the electrical and safety systems. Tunnels fit out including installation of electrical and safety systems progresses and is at 21% complete and 35% of all concrete road barriers are cast.
- **Lyons Street truncation** - The project recently completed a new connection from Lyons Street into the private 107-109 Whitehall Street business precinct which will provide alternative access for the businesses while works go ahead at Youell Street.
- **Harris Street walking and cycling path** - Current works include Hyde Street dedicated bicycle lanes, pavement and kerbing upgrades, Harris Street walking and cycling path and the installation of a new bridge over Whitehall Street to connect the path to the eastern side of Whitehall Street and towards the Maribyrnong River path.

Actions update.

Action ALL3: CPBJH / TU to follow up on earliest reopening of Federation Trail between Millers Road and Fogarty Avenue.

- Action to remain open.

Action ALL4: CPBJH/TU to follow up on opening the Kororoit Creek shared path as soon as possible.

- Action to remain open.

Member questions and comments

Comments

- (MB) Noted there was a lot of graffiti on the Dynon Road bridge.

Questions

- **Q:** Why do some of the gantries on the WGF look different to others?

A: (CF) Some gantries have Variable Message Signs require larger solid structures. These signs inform motorist about road safety matters, incl hazards and speed limits etc. Five have been constructed around this area of the project.

- **Q:** (KJ) What is being done about lighting on Footscray Road?

A: (CF) City Power is looking to commission the lighting that has been installed, but not yet switched on. In the meantime there will be temporary lighting set up around bridge over Moonee Ponds Creek and cable stay shared path over Footscray Road.

- **Q:** (IB) Hobsons Bay City Council have received complaints around Millers Road interchange about lighting, is there an update on this?

A: The Project is working with power authorities to get installed lighting switched on as soon as possible.

- **Q:** (GM) Is there going to be any further protection for pedestrians at the Paringa Road crossing, as the concrete island does not seem to be big enough?

A: Project co advised the crossing has been built to the final design. WGTP MRPV will look into this.

Meeting closed: At 1pm. The next CLG meeting will be held on Thursday 5 September 2024.