

# Minutes

**Subject:** September Community Liaison Group Meeting

**Date:** Thursday 5 September 2024 **Time:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Location:** WGTP Information Centre

**Apologies:** Liz Evans, Harley Thomas, Peter Gerrand, Adam Bright, Ilona Elmore, Henry Graves, Pradeep Tiwari, Senthil Sundaram, Marlon De Leon, Adrian Ashford, Steve Wilson

**Chair:** Kim Jordan

## Attendees

Community Members	WGTP Major Road Projects representatives
(AB) Arthur Bregiannis, Yarraville	(SDR) Shane D'Rozario, Operations Director, Major Road Projects Victoria, Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority (MRPV VIDA)
(BB) Bert Boere, Brooklyn	(ES) Ebru Saglam, Deputy Director Technical, MRPV VIDA
(CFR) Con Frescos, Yarraville	(KP) Kim Payne, Director Communications, MRPV VIDA
(DR) Dennis Ryan, Altona North	(DM) Douglas Morris, Manager Community Relations, MRPV VIDA
(FS) Ferdinand Saliba, Deer Park	(JT) Jordana Thornton, Engagement Coordinator, MRPV VIDA
(FA) Fran Araneda, Kensington	(RS) Rania Souied, Graduate Communications & Engagement, MRPV VIDA
(KR) Kevin Redfern, Seabrook	<b>Transurban Representatives</b>
<b>Council Members</b>	(MR) Melanie Ryan, Senior Manager – Strategic Communications and Engagement, Transurban
(MB) Melissa Best, Maribyrnong City Council	(AT) Ashleigh Tomas, Communications and Engagement Manager, Transurban
(IB) Ian Butterworth, Hobsons Bay City Council	<b>Joint Venture Representatives</b>
(NH) Neil Hutchinson, City of Melbourne	(MM) Melissa Merrett, Communications and Marketing Manager
(EM) Eloise McGurn, City of Melbourne	(MU) Mario Urban, Senior Communications, Community & Stakeholder Relations Manager, CPBJH JV
<b>Group/Association Members</b>	(MS) Mladen Stojanovic, Structures Manager, CPBJH JV
(GB) Garry Brennan, Bike Network	
(GY) Glen Yates, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)	
(GM) Geoff Mitchelmore, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	

## Agenda Items

Time	#	Item detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair (Kim Jordan)
5.35 pm	2	WGTP MRPV update	WGTP MRPV (Douglas Morris)
5.50 pm	3	Tunnels Update	CPBJH (Melissa Merrett)
6.05 pm	4	West Update	CPBJH (Melissa Merrett & Mladen Stojanovic)
6.20 pm	5	East Update	CPBJH (Mario Urban & Mladen Stojanovic)
6.35 pm	6	BREAK	All
6.45 pm	7	Actions update	All
7.00 pm	8	Member questions	CLG members
7.30 pm	9	Thank you and close	Chair (Kim Jordan)

### Introduction

- KJ provided an Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed attendees in person and online, and mentioned apologies for the night.
- KJ Introduced Ashleigh Tomas, Communications & Engagement Manager for Delivery, Transurban.
- KJ stated this will be the last meeting using Zoom with Microsoft Teams to be used moving forward.

### Questions received, and follow-ups from previous meeting

- **Pedestrian bridge naming:** KJ noted an update was given in an email to members, with the names being announced.
- **Landscaping at Stony Creek reserve:** KJ noted Steve Wilson (Friends of Stony Creek representative) attended a meeting with project parties and Maribyrnong City Council.
- **Paringa Road:** SDR advised project parties are reviewing this intersection and others across the project to identify potential improvements which could be implemented.
- **Comment:** (GM) The footpath on Millers Road near Ultra Tune is right on the edge of the road and there is no protection for pedestrians. There needs to be barriers or fencing put in place.
- **Response:** (SDR) Happy to pass this information on and seek further advice.
- **Update on reopening of shared use paths:** SDR, noted there is a commitment from the top of all three organisations to resolve this issue as soon as possible. He advised CPBJH & Transurban have provided the state with a draft agreement clarifying responsibilities for access, maintenance and liability. When the agreement has been finalised and approved there will be a firm date on when the paths will open.

### WGTP MRPV update – Douglas Morris

#### CLG bus and site tour

- (DM) Thanked the members for attending the recent bus and site tour in July.

#### Grants & Partnerships

- (DM) Provided an update on the most recent round of West Gate Neighbourhood Fund grants with 95 applications received worth \$1.7 million.
- Successful applicants will be notified soon with projects to be delivered in the next 12 months
- A large number of existing projects have also recently been delivered by community organisations in the inner west including the Altona miniature railway upgrade and Footscray Hockey Club scoreboard.

#### Outreach

- (DM) Provided a brief update on upcoming outreach activities taking place in regional cities over the next 3 weeks. WGTP will be in Ballarat on 5 & 6 September, Bendigo on 12 & 13 September and Geelong on 19 & 20 September.
- DM noted WGTP will attend the Melbourne Royal Show, Ride 2 Work day, Royal Geelong Show and Queensberry Cup in West Melbourne.
- **Q:** (CFR) What is the project planning to do to reconnect with regional elderly residents?
- **A:** (KP) The project has a big piece of work to do with reconnecting with regional Victorian residents. Part of this reconnection piece is educating them on the new assets and ensure they are confident on how to use them so they can experience the benefits.

### Construction Update

#### Tunnel zone – Melissa Merrett

- The team has been working with businesses on Lyons Street following truncation works. 'Business open' signage has been printed and installed, mitigated dust impacts and contacted Google Maps for customers using GPS to reach these businesses.
- The project has worked with Kindred Studios to help mitigate current disruptions by including a temporary loading zone and communications prepared to assist with events attendance.
- Pop up events were held at Yarraville Gardens to engage with residents about the new walking and cycling path over Whitehall Street and answer community questions.
- Ongoing tailored business engagement and support during Harris Street, Northern Portal and Youell Street court bowl works.
- **Harris Street:** the walking and cycling bridge over Whitehall Street is rescheduled to be lifted in place for 14 September.
- **Southern Outbound Portal:** ventilation structure is taking shape with the timber nets planned to be installed in October with the inbound portal net structure to go up first and the outbound to follow.
- **Northern Portal:** the tunnel installation is progressing well, the road deck has been laid, now lighting and safety systems are being installed. Approximately 700,000 metres of cabling is to be installed. The timber net structure and diagrid cladding will start early next year.
- **Cross passages:** the last of the 21 cross passages will be finished this month. (September).

#### Tunnel questions

- **Q:** (GY) Have Apple maps also been updated for these road changes to businesses?
- **A:** (MM) The project will follow this up with Apple.
- **Q:** (GY) What is the height of the bridge over Whitehall Street?
- **A:** (TU) Height is 6.1m as per the design drawings.
- **Q:** (CFR) What is the emergency process in place for the tunnels?
- **A:** (MM) Information on this was shared with members in May 2024 meeting. State to resend onto Con.

#### West zone – Melissa Merrett & Mladen Stojanovic

- (MM) Business and residential engagement has taken place near Boundary Road regarding upcoming M80 ramp closures and traffic impacts. There has also been engagement with Williamstown Road businesses for the upcoming Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp works.
- **M80:** (MS) As of 9pm Friday 6 September the ramps from the M80 Ring Road to the West Gate Freeway will be closed until 5am Monday 23 September. The project will be carrying out surfacing and construction activities along with commissioning ITS systems and doing inspections for handover. Business driveway access will be maintained for businesses operating on Boundary Road.
- **Williamstown Road:** Williamstown Road inbound exit ramp will be closed from 1 October through to 17 November to construct a new walking and cycling path which will connect the Fogarty Avenue walking and cycling path to the new path along the Hyde Street inbound exit ramp.
- **Hyde Street:** landscaping works taking place at the Hyde Street ramps.

#### West zone questions

- **Q:** (GY) Has VTA been engaged regarding the upcoming Williamstown Road ramp closure?

- **A:** (MM) Yes.
- **Q:** (CFR) has noticed the gate at the Hyde Street exit ramp has been open and is worried about someone driving up the ramp.
- **A:** (MS) Will follow up with the team to ensure it is kept closed.

### **East zone – Mario Urban, Mladen Stojanovic**

- (MU) Business and residential engagement has taken place around Footscray Road and Wurundjeri Way for upcoming closures and works. Bicycle information pop ups at Waterfront way and Harbour Esplanade have taken place for the Footscray Road walking and cycling path closure for the installation of the veloway.
- **Maribyrnong River:** (MS) – Precast parapets have been installed for the bridges, cladding works ongoing with steel sub framing to be completed when weather appropriate.
- **Wurundjeri Way:** Upcoming campaign on 15 & 16 September to complete a final wearing course of asphalt on the newly completed lane on Flinders Street northbound onto Wurundjeri Way.
- **Veloway:** Construction milestone reached with over 50 percent installed. An upcoming eastbound closure of Footscray Road is needed to continue these works as well as laying final asphalt on the eastbound lanes.

### **East zone questions**

- **Q:** (MB) Confirming there will be no Maribyrnong River closures during the Spring Carnival?
- **A:** (MU) No there won't be.
- **Q:** (GY) On the veloway, what safety measures will be put in place to avoid debris from elevated road travelling below.
- **A:** (MS) There will be a stainless-steel mesh fencing in place along the top of the veloway to keep cyclists safe from debris.

### **Break (6:30PM)**

### **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.
- (NH) Requested to formalise a previous informal action from the last meeting requesting a timeline for the opening of the new shared path bridge over the railway crossing at Dynon Road.

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

- Action to remain open.
- (GM) Reiterated that Kororoit Creek shared user path isn't officially open, however people are using it anyway as the project are not closing it off. Would this be a safety issue if someone falls and injures themselves?
- (SDR) Signs and fencing is in place indicating the path is closed.

### **Graffiti update:**

#### **July 2024**

- Graffiti removed from CPBJH JV caravan at M80.
- Antisemitic graffiti removed at Millers Road on the walking and cycling path under the bridge.
- Offensive graffiti removed from West Gate Freeway inbound express lane barriers.

#### **August 2024**

- Graffiti removal Kororoit Creek under West Gate Freeway.
- Graffiti removal Millers Road outbound exit ramp.

### **Member questions and comments**

### Comments

- (GM) Stated the project has done a great job in removing graffiti along the project.
- (GM) There needs to be more signage to indicate Kororoit Creek walking & cycling path is closed.
- (GY) Thanked the project for the bus and site tour conducted in July visiting the Hyde Street ramps.
- (MB) New truck data information such as truck counts would be useful as things have changed since the last time this data was collected.
- (GM) Very pleased that the offset tree planting at Federation Trail and Kororoit Creek is underway.
- (FS) Requested Federation trail to be connected to bluestone bridge as soon as possible.
- (BB) Requested a pedestrian island to be put in place between the Paringa Road and Millers Road outbound on ramp.
- (IB) The undergrounding of powerlines through South Kingsville will be discussed at the upcoming HBCC Council meeting on 10 September with Council.
- (DR) On the east end of the project near Dynon Road and Footscray Road there is so much work that has been completed, and this will have such a positive impact on community once all opened.

### Questions

- **Q:** (AB) Requested a finish date of the project.
- **A:** (DM) End of 2025.
- **Q:** (GY) MTAG have witnessed a number of truck movements breaking curfew on Somerville Road. Can CPBJH please send out the inner west truck curfew guide in the next toolbox comms?
- **A:** (MM) Confirmed CPBJH has sent out this communication and will send out again.
- **Q:** (GY) MTAG would like to know if CPBJH vehicles have telematics onboard and if they can be geofenced?
- **A:** (MM) This question is to be taken on notice and followed up.
- **Q:** (GY) Requested a map layout of where the toll points lay along the project and indicative pricing?
- **A:** (MR) Responded saying toll prices are on Transurban's website at [transurban.com/west-gate-tunnel-tolls](https://transurban.com/west-gate-tunnel-tolls) and they can provide information regarding tolling at one of the upcoming meetings.
- **Q:** (GY) How is the number of 9,000 trucks being removed from local street being quantified? Will there be updated baseline data available? Will the project set up traffic counters on key routes to count trucks pre and post tunnel opening?
- **A:** (MR) This question is to be taken on notice and be followed up by the project parties in consultation with the Department of Transport and Planning.
- **Q:** (AB) Will there be any adjustment to tolls to encourage trucks to use it?
- **A:** (MR) Transurban can speak to tolls and project opening arrangements at a 2025 CLG meeting.
- **Q:** (DR) Noted a safety hazard when drivers come off the M80 onto the West Gate Freeway where the ramp splits with cars making last minute lane changes.
- **A:** (MM) This is the section that is being upgraded during upcoming works.
- **Q:** (FA) Has there been an outcome on finalisation of horseshoe bridge?
- **A:** (SDR) Confirmed the straight alignment has been approved.
- **Q:** (FA) Is there an estimated timeline on the plantings around Moonee Ponds Creek?
- **A:** (SDR) Question will be taken on notice and followed up.

### Meeting close (7:20PM)

- (KJ) Closed the meeting by thanking members in person and online.
- Confirmed the next meeting will be taking place on Thursday 17 October 2024.