

Meeting Minutes

Date: 07 June 2023
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Cheltenham Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 7
Chairs: Louisa McPhee (GHD) & Nick Staikos MP for Bentleigh
Minute Taker: Ryan Parker

Attendees

- Nick Staikos, Member for Bentleigh
- Louisa McPhee, GHD
- Derek Screen, Pennydale Residents Action Group
- Daniel Czech, Community representative
- Julian Birthisel, City of Kingston representative
- Alex Breskin, Kingston Residents Association
- Frank Hellier, Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce
- Rachael Hudson, Bayside City Council representative
- Frankie Carroll, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)
- Brenton Shaughnessy, SRLA
- Alicia Burnett, SRLA
- Jesse Overton-Skinner, SRLA
- Briony Coultman-Snoey, SRLA
- Ryan Parker, SRLA

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<p>Welcome and housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Staikos (NS) opened the meeting. • NS provided an Acknowledgement of Country. • NS acknowledged feedback from previous meetings regarding works notices and early communication with community about upcoming works and traffic impacts; noted work on Public Open Space (POS) offsets and improvements is ongoing. • NS introduced Frankie Carroll (FC), SRLA Chief Executive Officer (CEO). • FC thanked Precinct Reference Group (PRG) members for their ongoing contributions, noting the importance of the forum for the SRL project. • Louisa McPhee (LM) introduced herself and invited introductions from PRG members. • LM noted Engage Victoria will soon be running expressions of interest to fill the community representative vacancy on the PRG. • LM updated that Laing O'Rourke (LOR) has created a PRG mailing list for works notifications to be emailed directly to members. • LM provided an overview of the agenda. • LM confirmed the PRG accepted the previous minutes and noted closed out previous actions. • SRLA provided an update on future precinct planning engagement, noting that planning for this work is ongoing, and the PRG will be updated in due course, and will an important role to play during engagement once it is implemented. <p>Matters arising:</p>	NS/LM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PRG member queried whether a PRG – similar to the SRL East focused PRG group – would be set up by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) for the Highbury and Wickham Road level crossing removals, and whether this could be a joint PRG with SRL East given the proximity of the projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA responded that this would be up to Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) but noted SRLA works closely with LXRP to coordinate projects and noted that feedback. 	
2.	<p>Initial and early works update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA provided an update on initial and early works noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing site investigations Potential site establishment in Sir William Fry Reserve later in 2023 or early 2024. The site will likely be located near the car park immediately north of the service station along Nepean Highway. <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA responded to a question asked ahead of the PRG, noting previous response to the PRG regarding planning for air cover and treatment controls. SRLA has completed extensive testing in the lead up to and following the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process. Based on the recommendations from the Ministers' assessment, and as required by Environmental Protection Requirement (EPR) C7, SRLA is still investigating the use of suitable air cover and treatment controls during the excavation of the station box, to reduce any risks of harm or discomfort from odour generated from excavation. Results from recent site investigation work in Sir William Fry Reserve will inform planning for potential air cover or controls. Further details will be provided to the PRG when they become available in the lead up to the major contract being awarded for construction of the station at Cheltenham in 2026. A PRG member raised the recent tunnel cross passage incident on the West Gate Tunnel Project in Melbourne's west and asked if this would change any of SRLA's plans for building tunnels as part of SRL East. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA confirmed that the project works closely with the West Gate Tunnel Project to exchange lessons learned during construction. Following the conclusion of an investigation into the particular incident raised, SRLA will implement any relevant learnings to planning for SRL East tunnelling and cross passage construction. A PRG member provided positive feedback regarding early works related traffic disruptions during recent works but noted signage advising vehicles to turn left into Karen Street from Nepean Highway (southbound) should be placed earlier along the highway to provide more notice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: SRLA to provide this feedback to LOR. 	SRLA
3.	<p>Public Open Space Framework (POSF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA provided an overview of the POSF, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The POSF requirements to offset temporary and permanent loss of open space in Sir William Fry Reserve. The establishment of a Public Open Space Advisory Panel Community engagement is an integral requirement of the POSF. SRLA noted current Clayton Community Space consultation as an example of community engagement relating to POS. A PRG member enquired what POS consultation might include. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA responded it would include engagement with the community about what they value at current location and what they may like to see delivered as part of any new or upgraded public open space. 	SRLA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PRG member queried who the offset POS would be handed over to for management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA replied it depends on the site or sites (not yet confirmed), but these details will be resolved at a later date. SRLA confirmed the project is required to deliver the offset and upgraded public open space – ensuring it is open for public use – ahead of major construction works beginning in Sir William Fry Reserve in 2027. PRG members enquired about potential permanent and interim POS offset locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA noted the Laminex site is not being considered for the POS offset to replace land required for the new SRL station at Cheltenham in Sir William Fry Reserve as Laminex is outside the Kingston LGA (it is within Bayside LGA). This site may be considered in future precinct planning processes. SRLA noted they will work with Kingston City Council to consider all options for POS offset, including Charman Road and Cheltenham Station. A PRG member expressed concern regarding the potential consequence of the POS offset being delivered in the Highett gasworks site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA noted there is no absolute requirement to use the Highett gasworks site, but it is the preferred site as was noted in the Minister's assessment of the SRL East Environment Effects Statement. SRLA will continue to work with Development Victoria and LXRP to ensure the precinct is managed together. A PRG member questioned why locations only within Kingston LGA were being explored to offset the loss of parkland within Sir William Fry Reserve, noting Bayside community members utilise the space. SRLA noted that because the POS was being taken from the Kingston LGA the offset was also required to be within that LGA. 	
4.	<p>Farmers' Market update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA presented an update of the Kingston Farmers' Market relocation, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance provided by SRLA to upgrade the new site at Kingston Heath. SRLA will be in attendance in the first week of August to speak with the community. <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PRG member provided feedback of positive community sentiment regarding the new location at Kingston Heath, noting more parking means more people can attend. 	SRLA
5.	<p>Community engagement update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA provided an update on recent community engagements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Action: PRG members to advise of any prospective events with SRLA where attendance may be relevant. ACTION: SRLA to liaise with Highett Neighbourhood Community House regarding engagement opportunities at a PRG member's suggestion. 	SRLA
6.	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRAG raised concerns regarding noise at the future Heatherton site due to trucks, possibly from other projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA took note of the concern but suggested issues relating to the stabling facility should be in relevant forums. 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACTION: SRLA to follow up with PRAG outside PRG to ensure focus of the Cheltenham PRG remains on Cheltenham issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SRLA noted a large part of the future stabling facility site is currently owned by several privately owned landfill businesses. • A PRG member expressed a positive experience at a tour of the Victorian Tunnelling Centre organised by SRLA, noting the opportunity for infrastructure projects to work with local suppliers, and create local jobs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACTION: SRLA will organise a tour of the Victorian Tunnelling Centre for PRG members who could not make the last tour. 	
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Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
New				
1.	Pennydale Residents Action Group	SRLA to provide feedback to LOR noting signage advising vehicles to turn left into Karen Street from Nepean Highway (southbound) should be placed earlier along the highway to provide more notice.	Complete	SRLA
2.	Community representative	SRLA to contact Highett Neighbourhood Community House regarding community engagement opportunities.	Complete	SRLA
3.	Pennydale Residents Action Group	SRLA to follow up with PRAG outside PRG regarding Heatherton queries to ensure focus of the Cheltenham PRG remains on Cheltenham issues.	Complete	SRLA
4.	N/A	SRLA to organise a tour of the Victorian Tunnelling Centre for PRG members who could not attend the last tour.	Pending	SRLA
Ongoing				
1.	All	PRG members to advise of any prospective events with SRLA where attendance may be relevant.	Ongoing action	PRG members