Meeting minutes

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Date: Wednesday 8 September Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

2022

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Program: Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)

Title: SRL Burwood Precinct Reference Group (PRG)

Security Classification: For Official Use Only (Unclassified)

Attendees

- Dominic Luddy (Facilitation, GHD)
- Sham Sara (Deputy Director, Engagement, SRLA)
- Jesse Overton-Skinner Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)
- Sophie Adams (Engagement Manager Initial and Early Works, SRLA)
- Nicole Ekert (Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, LOR)
- Will Roberts (Deputy Director, SRLA)
- Charles Windeyer (Precinct Director, SRLA)
- Alister Campbell (Senior Manager, SRLA)
- · Liam Morkham (Advisor, SRLA)
- Adam Mellino (Senior Project Manager, SRLA)
- Graham Scott (Community Representative)
- Michelle Mayur (Whitehorse Ratepayers Association)
- Yvonne Yip (Deakin University)
- Leah McGuinness (Whitehorse City Council)
- John Wilson, (Community Representative)
- Mark Coffee, (Melbourne Water)

Apologies:

- Louisa McPhee (Facilitator, GHD)
- Will Fowles (Member for Burwood)
- Brenton Smith (Presbyterian Ladies College)

Key discussion points

Sub-heading	Description	
Welcome and housekeeping	Dominic Luddy (DL) welcomed the group and gave an Acknowledgement of Country and introductions. DL discussed housekeeping and reviewed apologies. Discussed agenda items and previous actions.	
Minister's Assessment	SRLA presented an update on the Minister's Assessment including: high levels facts about submissions and public hearing process. the assessment release timeline Outline of additional measures recommended by the IAC. SRLA provided an outline of IAC report and Minister's Assessment outcomes relating to:	
	 Overarching EPRs and UDAP requirements Burwood Precinct area specific measures. Residential and business support Complaints management system 	







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Residential and Business	SRLA provided an outline of:	
Support	 the Voluntary purchase scheme managing landowner and tenant impacts. Business support 	
	John Wilson (JC) noted concerns of residents that will be acquired about where the process is up to, noted appreciation that SRLA had contacted impacted residents to provide further clarity on acquisition process – emphasised the importance of certainty for residents. JC also noted the potential ongoing uncertainty and implications if there is a change of Government in November	
	 SRLA noted SRLA is apolitical and noted that residents will be kept informed with as much certainty as possible. SRLA added that SRLA remains committed to regular conversations with the local community, and ensuring they have certainty where possible to manage anxieties. SRLA spoke on the next steps for the project approvals including 	
	 Planning scheme amendment Major Transport Projects Facilitation Environment Management Framework Urban Design Strategy Public Open Space Framework 	
Initial Works	SRLA and Laing O'Rourke (LOR) provided an Initial Works (IW) update, including: Site investigations underway at Burwood including: March 2022 – Late May (noted included Night works rescheduled due to weather) Works in early July for the new Burwood Open Space, extending the current Lundgren Chain Reserve Playground. Additional investigations that took place in August. PRG provided feedback on notification and communication to date: PRG members showed appreciation for the level of engagement and minimal disruptions from previous activities.	
Public open space temporary park	 SRLA presented a snapshot of the results of SRLA's Engage Victoria consultation survey. Action: SRLA to provide a summary to the PRG members and a link when published. SRLA thanked the group for their contributions to the workshop process. 	
Other business and next steps	Next meeting expected in December Graham Scott (GS) asked for clarity on who will be responsible for managing the asset of replacement park. • SRLA and Whitehorse City Council noted this is still being discussed, and that both parties are in regular conversation. SRLA clarified location of the temporary park site near Lundgren Chain Reserve with PRG members. Michelle Mayur (MM) asked how much land will be returned after works.	
	 SRLA noted Sinnott Street Reserve would become open space again, but different form from current park. SRLA will present on open space, including naturalisation of Gardiners Creek, in detail to PRG at future meeting. Action: Add naturalisation of Gardiners Creek to future meeting agenda. SRLA acknowledged slide deck font size was needed to be larger and will adjust for future PRG meetings. 	
	Action: SRLA to adjust slide deck at future meetings	

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	Action: Circulate the Minister's Assessment link with PRG members.
	MM asked about Windfall Gains Tax.
	 SRLA clarified that the Windfall Gains Tax was not an SRL specific initiative, statewide change aimed at developers – land over 2 hectares, referred to the SRO website for further information.
	GS noted the PRG would like clarity on the powers SRLA has, and how it intends to use those powers for future planning and zoning.
	 Action: Present to the PRG at future session regarding SRLA precinct planning processes.

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