

**Date:** Thursday 9 September 2021    **Time:** 9:30am-10:30am  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)  
**Title:** SRL Box Hill Precinct Reference Group  
**Security Classification:** For Official Use Only (Unclassified)

### Attendees

- The Hon. Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Transport Infrastructure and Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop
- Paul Hamer, Member for Box Hill
- Louisa McPhee, GHD
- Frankie Carroll, CEO, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)
- James Tonkin, Executive General Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement, SRLA
- SRLA Strategic Communications and Engagement staff
- Andrew Kelly, Senior Project Manager, SRLA
- Charles Windeyer, Precinct Director, SRLA
- Jack Vaughan, Ministerial Advisor
- Andy McCulloch, Community Representative
- Andria Carniato, Vicinity Centres Representative
- Natalie Kayll, Centre Manager, Vicinity Centres Representative
- Peter Funder, Vicinity Centres Representative
- David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group
- Laura Macpherson, Box Hill Institute
- Leah McGuinness, Project Manager, Whitehorse City Council
- Michelle Mayur, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Chris Trueman, Community Representative
- Naomi Webster, Paul Hamer's office

### Key discussion points

Sub-heading	Description
Project overview	<p>Paul Hamer (PH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Minister Jacinta Allan (JA).</p> <p>JA provided a project overview, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRL journey and timeline so far</li> <li>• SRL Business and Investment Case key findings</li> <li>• Population growth by 2056</li> <li>• Already significant demand for orbital travel</li> <li>• Suburban Rail Loop network map</li> <li>• SRL will deliver productivity, connectivity, and liveability outcomes</li> <li>• Delivering on Plan Melbourne</li> <li>• Creating a city of centres</li> <li>• Transport and connectivity benefits for Cheltenham to Melbourne Airport</li> <li>• Travel time savings</li> <li>• Jobs for Victorians</li> <li>• Regional benefits</li> <li>• SRL East from Cheltenham to Box Hill</li> </ul>

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Introductions	PH thanks the Minister and passed to Frankie Carroll (FC) for an introduction. Louisa McPhee (LM) then led introductions for the Box Hill Precinct Group members.
SRL Box Hill Station	<p>SRLA presented the high-level overview of Box Hill Station, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Box Hill Station location, layout, including levels, entrances, and position within the community.</li> <li>proposed precinct amenity such as green space, bicycle &amp; pedestrian paths, and increased accessibility.</li> </ul> <p>SRLA presented the increased productivity of the Box Hill area due to SRL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accommodating growth and jobs anticipated in Box Hill</li> <li>Reduction of crowding on current transport</li> <li>Increased walking commuters</li> <li>Reduction in road traffic</li> <li>Increase in anchor businesses and amenities</li> </ul> <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Morrison (DM) asked how the interchange would be included for the Metro Station in Box Hill.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA response: the SRL station location was chosen based off it's proximity to the Metro Station, and also there are some limitations due to required upgrades at the Metro Station but future proofing connections</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chris Trueman (CT) emphasised the importance of an underground interchange from the Metro train to the SRL station.</li> <li>Peter Funder (PF) asked if the scope of the project will include Bus interchanges.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA response: all modes of transport will be looked at and how buses interchange now and how they can more efficiently connect with the new SRL station in the future is being considered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
PRG expectations and terms of reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Louisa McPhee (LM) discussed PRG role.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide local input and feedback during the planning, development, and delivery of SRL East.</li> </ul> </li> <li>LM reviewed the terms of reference for PRG.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Environment Effects Statement	<p>SRLA provided an Environment Effects Statement (EES) overview, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the EES process</li> <li>Public exhibition late 2021</li> <li>Independent inquiry hearings early 2022</li> <li>Final assessment mid 2022</li> <li>Accompanied by Draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA)</li> <li>SRL East planning assessment and approvals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Management Framework</li> <li>Urban Design Strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>EES technical investigations</li> </ul>
Engagement update	<p>SRLA provided an engagement overview, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timeline of engagement to date since May 2019</li> <li>Engage Victoria engagement from 2 June 2020 to 15 February 2021</li> <li>Box Hill what we've heard so far (2 June 2020 – 15 February 2021)</li> <li>How we are using stakeholder and community feedback</li> <li>Community engagement lookahead</li> </ul>
Initial Works update	<p>SRLA provided an Initial Works update, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial Works description</li> <li>Initial Works purpose</li> <li>Initial Works community consultation</li> </ul>
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DM asked about compulsory acquisition of homes and businesses for the SRL project.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: that any residents and businesses who SRL believes may be affected by compulsory acquisition to give as much notice as possible. SRL is conscious that it is a long and difficult process and SRL is committed to making the process as smooth and clear as possible. The formal process will not commence until the project receives planning approval.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION: SRL to bring further information regarding compulsory acquisition to the PRG group after planning approvals.</b></li> <li>• Andy McCulloch asked if there is any commitment by SRL to update the existing Metro Station interchange.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: that the conversation is ongoing and work is being done to clarify the interchange.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CT asked what consultation will be done ahead of construction impacts like road closures.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: SRL is conscious of this issue and project staff have been working with Council regularly to address minimisations and mitigations of access issues during construction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CT asked what the construction staging area will look like and where it will be located.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: that Early Works will address the staging issue and construction lay down with input from Council.</li> <li>○ that construction impacts will be addressed in the EES.</li> <li>○ that PRG will be informed of construction impacts and mitigations in the future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peter Funder (PF) asked when SRL can provide more detail on the scope of public domain works.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: this will be discussed in future with PRG and the project team is conscious of the Centre Group's current plans that will be integrated into SRLs planning.</li> <li>○ there will be a separate process for Precinct planning not included in the EES and consultation will begin in 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CT asked what email and other opportunities are there for PRG members to provide input to SRG team members into the planning process between PRG meetings.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SRLA response: there will be circulated terms of reference, confidentiality deeds and an information pack for what's coming next and how PRG can participate in giving feedback.</li> <li>○ the first PRG meeting has been more of a presentation from SRL to the group; future meetings will be more interactive.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LM thanked the group and presenters.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>ACTION: Terms of Reference and a Confidentially Deed will be sent to PRG members to be completed alongside an information pack.</b></li> <li>○ Meetings will be held quarterly; the next meeting will be confirmed as soon as possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LM thanked the PRG members directly and closed the meeting.</li> </ul>

## Actions – new

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1.	SRL to bring further information regarding compulsory acquisition to the PRG group after planning approvals.	SRL	2022	Open	

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2.	Terms of Reference and a Confidentially Deed will be sent to PRG members to be completed alongside an information pack.	SRL	ASAP after introductory meeting	Complete	
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