

## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: 12 March 2024
Program: Suburban Rail Loop

Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group

Meeting Number: 10

Chairs: Louisa McPhee (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill

Minute Taker: Ryan Parker, SRLA

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Attendees	Apologies		
<ul> <li>Louisa McPhee (LMP), Facilitator, GHD</li> <li>Paul Hamer (PH), MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair)</li> <li>Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group</li> <li>Darren Stock, Vicinity Centres</li> <li>Helen Harris (HH), Box Hill Historical Society</li> <li>Geoff Pound (GP), proxy for Andy McColloch</li> <li>William Ma (WM), Asian Business Association of Whitehorse</li> <li>Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council</li> <li>Michael Kral, Box Hill Institute</li> <li>Niamh Moynihan (NM), Department of Transport and Planning</li> <li>Liz Grabham, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> <li>Nicole Ekert, LOR</li> <li>Andrew Kelly, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)</li> <li>Ryan Parker, SRLA</li> <li>Charles Windeyer, SRLA</li> <li>Simon Wollan, SRLA</li> <li>Tyson Garlick, SRLA</li> <li>Elizabeth Reynolds, SRLA</li> <li>Erin Dale, SRLA</li> <li>Jesse Overton-Skinner, SRLA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group</li> <li>Jane Grover, Box Hill Institute</li> </ul>		

Item	Discussion topic				
1.	<ul> <li>Welcome and housekeeping</li> <li>PH welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.</li> <li>PH welcomed NM from DTP, noting state-wide Plan Victoria engagement is underway and NM would speak to this later in the agenda.</li> <li>PH gave new attendees the opportunity to introduce themselves.</li> <li>LMP closed out minutes from the last meeting.</li> <li>HH noted Heritage Week is September, not December as noted in previous minutes.</li> </ul>	LMP / PH			
2.	Presentations from SRLA, LOR and DTP  Presentations from SRLA, noting:  An overview of recent and upcoming community engagement in Box Hill  Current public open space community consultation live on Engage Victoria, including proposed temporary open space sites on Ellingworth Parade, and adjoining site on Court Street and Watts Street  SRLA public open space consultation being run in parallel with Whitehorse City Council (WCC) community space as the proposal includes a land transaction.	SRLA / LOR / DTP			









- An overview of feedback received on the Draft Precinct Visions, including high numbers of responses and a summary of key themes identified for Box Hill
- ACTION: PRG members to inform SRLA of any key upcoming opportunities for community engagement.
- Works update from LOR, noting:
  - An overview of works completed to date and upcoming works in Box Hill
  - An overview of the temporary bridge on Whitehorse Road, noting the bridge is an at grade bridge at the road level and will allow traffic to continue to flow during construction
  - Ongoing trader support initiatives.
- Presentation from DTP on Plan Victoria noting:
  - A new plan for Victoria is being developed to guide future growth and change
  - An overview of the engagement program with stakeholders and community, noting a pop-up is planned in Box Hill on 5 April 2024
  - Development of a conversation toolkit for community groups to capture feedback
  - Option for community groups to book one-on-one meetings with a DTP planner.
  - ACTION: SRLA to provide PRG members with a link to the Plan Victoria engagement survey.

## Discussion:

- WM thanked SRLA, WCC, businesses and the Government for supporting the Box Hill Lunar New Year Festival. Provided positive feedback about the new location, noting it is better than the previous location, and noted interest from Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) for continued future collaboration with SRLA.
- WM noted impacts to businesses on Market Street and Whitehorse Road due to ongoing works, suggesting DTP provide a rent discount to acquired properties.
  - LOR acknowledged the impact of construction to traders, noting the Market Street crossing.
  - SRLA noted SRLA has a dedicated Business Support team available.
  - ACTION: SRLA to coordinate a face-to-face meeting between ABAW and SRLA Business Support team.
- GP queried how community questions at information sessions are processed.
  - SRLA noted questions from the information session are recorded and the team is currently working through the follow up process.
- CT raised the old Box Hill Brickworks site, suggesting that Brickworks provides an
  opportunity for new, large open space. Requested a private discussion to examine
  why this option is not viable to the project.
  - SRLA noted this concern and suggested submitting feedback via the current public open space consultation.
  - SRLA noted that the Brickworks site is considered a strategic site in the Draft Precinct Vision but is not viable for temporary public open space offset due especially to the project's timeframes.
  - ACTION: SRLA to organise a meeting with CT to discuss the old Box Hill Brickworks site.
- WCC noted positive feedback regarding the community response rates to the Draft Precinct Visions consultation.
- LMP recapped new actions.
  - HH requested Box Hill Institute contact Box Hill Historical Society regarding Heritage Week in September.
    - ACTION: SRLA to provide contact details between Box Hill Institute and Box Hill Historical Society outside the meeting.
  - LMP noted the next meeting will be confirmed shortly, likely in late April or May.
  - LMP noted that Michelle Mayur (Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association representative) stepped down from their role. LMP noted that SRLA are confirming a replacement from the Association.
  - PH thanked attendees and closed the meeting.

LMP / PH









Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner			
ACTIO	ACTIONS						
1.	PRG	PRG members to inform SRLA of any opportunities for community engagement.	Ongoing	PRG			
2.	PRG	SRLA to provide PRG members with a link to the Plan Victoria engagement survey.	Complete	SRLA			
3.	Asian Business Association of Whitehorse	SRLA to coordinate a meeting between William Ma and SRLA Business Support team regarding trader impacts	Complete	SRLA			
4.	Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group	SRLA to organise a meeting with CT to discuss the old Box Hill Brickworks site.	Pending	SRLA			
5.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to provide contact details between Box Hill Institute and Box Hill Historical Society outside the meeting.	Complete	SRLA			





