

Minutes

Subject: June Community Liaison Group Bus & Site Tour

Date: Friday 13 June 2025 **Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm

Location: WGTP Information Centre

Apologies: Dennis Ryan, Con Frescos, Fran Araneda, Adam Bright, Arthur Bregiannis, Senthill Sundaram, Ilona Elmore, Melissa Merrett, Mario Urban, Ash Tomas, Mel Ryan, Max Burney

Chair: (KJ) Kim Jordan

Attendees:

Community Members	Council Members
(BB) Bert Boere, Brooklyn	(EM) Eloise McGurn, City of Melbourne
(KR) Kevin Redfern, Seabrook	(MB) Melissa Best, Maribyrnong City Council
(FS) Ferdinand Saliba, Deer Park	(IB) Ian Butterworth, Hobsons Bay City Council
Group/Association Members	(NH) Neil Hutchinson, City of Melbourne
(GB) Garry Brennan, Bike Network	Transurban Representatives
(GY) Glen Yates, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group	(CM) Chris McKenna, Project Manager
(SW) Steve Wilson, Friends of Stony Creek	Joint Venture Representatives
(GM) Geoff Mitchelmore, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	(NW) Nathan Whittle, Project Manager - West Zone
Department of Transport	(MDM) Micah Di Muzio, Senior Stakeholder and Community Relations Advisor
(PS) Peter Short, Executive Director, WGTP & NELP	Major Road Project Victoria, Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority Representatives
(FS) Farah Safa, Manager, Project Coordination	(SDR) Shane D'Rozario, Chief Operating Officer
	(DM) Douglas Morris, Manager Community Relations
	(LE) Liz Evans, Deputy Director Engagement
	(MOS) Michael O'Sullivan, Director Delivery
	(JT) Jordana Thornton, Engagement Coordinator

Introduction

- KJ provided an Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed attendees in person, and mentioned apologies for the day.
- KJ provided a brief overview of the day and introduced new guests to the group.
- LE notified members this would be her last CLG meeting as she takes on a new role with North East Link.

Itinerary

Time	Activity	Location / route	Key points
9.00am – 9.30am	Members arrive at Information Centre	WGTP Information Centre (2 Somerville Road, Yarraville)	09:30am sharp departure
9.30am-10.15am	Wurundjeri Way extension site tour	Drive from WGTP Information Centre (2 Somerville Road Yarraville) to Wurundjeri Way extension.	Members were taken for a walk and drive over the new Wurundjeri Way extension showing the new city bypass route.
10:15am-10.30am	East zone bus tour	Travel from Wurundjeri Way to Flower Market site on Footscray Road.	Members were provided a brief update on the importance of the Flower Market site with it being the key hub to transport material to site such as the veloway segments.
10:45am-11:15am	West zone off-site visit	Travel from Flower Market to Donald McLean Reserve via Whitehall Street, Hyde Street and Hudsons Road.	Members were taken past the Northern Portal and Harris Street work zones as well as the new Hyde Street ramps. Members were also provided an update on the investment made at Donald McLean Reserve alongside Hobsons Bay Council to upgrade the facilities and amenities. Members were also informed about the importance of the EES process with noise walls delivered at Donald McLean to improve amenity.
11.15am-12:00pm	West zone bus tour	Enter the West Gate Freeway outbound from Melbourne Road. Travel along the freeway to Grieve Parade with the bus to exit and re-enter the Freeway citybound to head back to the Information Centre.	Members were driven along the West Gate Freeway and given an explainer of how the lane configurations will work once the Project is complete. Members were able to visualise how the tunnels will integrate into the Freeway network and how current congestion will be alleviated upon opening.
12.00pm	Debrief	N/A	Members took the opportunity to use the new driving simulator at the Information Centre.

Construction update

East Zone – Chris McKenna

- Wurundjeri Way is at practical completion.
- New walking and cycling path connections including the bridge over Moonee Ponds Creek and the iconic green cable stay bridge are now open.
- Works are nearing completion along Footscray Road and on the elevated structure.
- The new walking and cycling path connection over Dynon Road is also nearing completion with an opening date for the path being worked through.

Tunnels – Chris McKenna

- Works are progressing around the northern portal site on the wetlands area.
- The construction of the structure for the Freeway Control Centre is complete.
- The final works along Harris Street will be completed in the coming months.

West Zone – Nathan Whittle

- A major asphalting program has been undertaken along the West Gate Freeway across the start of this year.
- Works to tie in the southern inbound and outbound portals will continue over the coming months.
- The architectural cladding of the ventilation structure at the southern outbound portal will also be finished up in the coming months.

Member questions

- (GY) What are the various height restrictions and weight limits on trucks across the project?
- (DM) **Height restrictions:**
 - 5.9m clearance along over-height route.
 - 4.6m height restriction for the tunnel. Note, CityLink tunnel clearance is 4.65m.
 - 6.1m height clearance under veloway and new West Gate Tunnel elevated motorway above Footscray Road.
 - 5.4m bridges that are standard VicRoads clearance.

Mass limits

- We've strengthened the existing bridges/ramps along the WGF to provide for 75% of SM1600 design standard, which covers vehicles carrying up to 120 tonnes.
- All new structures as part of WGTP have been designed for full SM1600 standard, which covers vehicles carrying up to 160 tonnes - including the tunnels, viaducts and Wurundjeri Way extension.
- The tunnels and new bridges are being built to cater for the largest of trucks. For day-to-day operation, some of the larger trucks (e.g. super loads) may require permits before travel, just as they do across other parts of the road network. The vast majority will be able to travel without permits. Transurban is currently assessing the operation requirements for the West Gate Tunnel and connecting ramps and bridges in consultation with industry.

Meeting close (12:30)

- (KJ) Closed the meeting and thanked members.
- Confirmed the next meeting will be taking place Thursday 24 July 2025.