

Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 November 2025
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 17
Chairs: Emily Box (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill
Minute Taker: Beth Tedstone

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Box, Facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) Paul Hamer, MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair) Andy McCulloch, Community representative David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group (CROWAG) James Roper, Vicinity Centres Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association (WRARA) Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society Beth Tedstone, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) Bec McHutchison, SRLA Simon Wallan, SRLA Sarah Jepsen- Meek, SRLA Briony Coulter-Snoey, SRLA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Quilligan, Box Hill Institute Richard Shi, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health Toby Hicks, Epworth Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group (WATAG) Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW)

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Box (EB) welcomed attendees, provided an Acknowledgement of Country and went through previous actions and minutes. 	EB/PH
2.	Presentation from SRLA and Terra Verde <p>SRLA providing a Project update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRLA advised that Place Alliance was recently announced as the preferred bidder for the Stations Alliance North contract, which includes Box Hill Station. SRLA provided an update on major work packages and upcoming procurement milestones. <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KE requested further follow-up on maps provided as part of actions from the last meeting. <p>SRLA providing an engagement update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on upcoming engagement in the community. Buzzing Burbs program explained, a sustainability initiative. Box Hill amenity update. <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KE queried whether SRLA will coordinate with key stakeholders such as Vicinity Centres from a works impact and interface perspective. SRLA confirmed that stakeholder coordination will be undertaken to minimise impacts. David Morrison (DM) enquired whether the proposed Buzzing Burbs structure would be effective in attracting pollinators and if SRLA is collaborating with The 	All

University of Melbourne. SRLA noted it will be a temporary structure with involvement from community members. SRLA's Land, Planning, Environment and Sustainability (LPES) team has been engaging with researchers on matters relating to pollinator planting.

- KE queried whether one shop front could be used as a community noticeboard. SRLA noted there are existing notice boards in place, and SRLA is working closely with Council.
- HH raised that the Railway Hotel building is deteriorating and asked whether SRLA can do anything to improve its condition. HH suggested improving the Railway Hotel by displaying *old Tate's Department Store* advertisements in the windows. SRLA confirmed it is working closely with the Box Hill Historical Society and considering all ideas they have shared.
- DM questioned whether active transport links are included in the design. SRLA confirmed that Whitehorse Road alignment works need to be completed first before active transport links can be added.
- KE queried whether SRL would provide the community with advance notice before works recommence in Box Hill. SRLA confirmed it will distribute a works notice prior to recommencement of works.

Terra Verde provided an engagement update:

- SRLA provided an overview of the Tunnels North scope of work.

Matters arising:

- DM queried what precautions Terra Verde is taking to prevent soil from tunnelling from entering Gardiners Creek in Burwood. Terra Verde confirmed that soil from tunnelling will be transported to an acoustic shed via an enclosed conveyor system for temporary housing before being trucked to an appropriate facility. An environmental team will be on site to manage any potential impacts.
- DM queried how sediment will be managed, particularly during poor weather. Terra Verde confirmed that monitoring is in place and that it will collaborate with environmental agencies to ensure compliance and minimise impacts.
- HH asked whether trucks would be covered when leaving the site. Terra Verde confirmed that all trucks are covered before departing site.
- KE queried whether there will be any development, such as green space above the station. SRLA confirmed there will be open space, public realm areas, and station facilities. SRLA added that, where possible, over station development is being prioritised.

Structure planning update by SRLA, noting:

- SRLA provided an update on structure planning, noting an Independent Advisory Committee was appointed by the Minister for Planning on 1 June 2025.
- SRLA advised of the next steps of the structure planning process.

Matters arising:

- DM asked whether the connection between the SRL station and the Metro station was raised in submissions. SRLA clarified that this matter is outside the scope of structure planning and is addressed in the Environmental Effects Statement. SRLA reiterated that an underground connection is complex. Provisions for a future underground connection have been included in the design; however, constructing that connection is not within the current SRL scope of works.
- KE asked about submissions relating to Box Hill Brickworks. SRLA acknowledged that multiple submissions were received, reflecting diverse views. The Independent Committee will now weigh up these views before making its recommendation to the Minister.
- Andy McCulloch (AM) asked about the timeline for the Committee to make a recommendation. SRLA confirmed that a recommendation is expected in early 2026.
- DM asked whether the Minister is required to accept the recommendations. SRLA noted that the Minister takes recommendations seriously but cannot speak on behalf of the Minister.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AM asked about the Box Hill Brickworks master plan schedule being changed during the hearings. SRLA responded the amendments provided clarification rather than a fundamental change. SRLA confirmed the schedule is not final and noted Whitehorse City Council took its opportunity to suggest multiple drafting changes to the schedule. The Advisory Committee will consider all hearing submissions in its final report.	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Paul Hamer closed the meeting.	PH

ACTIONS				
Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
1	Kevin Earl	SRLA to clarify changes to the Box Hill Structure Plan and its map	Pending	SRLA