

14 April 2023



Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group Meeting (SCLG)

Date	14/04/2023	Time	10 AM
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	1 of 2023
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Colin Atkin (CA)	Community Representative
Joe Carbone (JC)	Community Representative	Judith Voce (JV)	Community Representative
Alexander Law (AL)	Community Representative	Nicholas Moore (NM)	Community Representative
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative	Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative
Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative	Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative
Liz Lambropoulos (LL)	Manningham City Council	Holly Havers (HH)	Spark – Director, Community Engagement
Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP - Communications & Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Dieter Lim (DL)	Spark – Landscape Architectural Lead for Spark Consortium
Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council	Ben Scott (BS)	Spark – Site Manager
Lauren Watson (LW)	Spark - Environment Manager	Tallis Richmond (TR)	NELP - Manager, Government Relations
Chris Logan (CL)	CPB - Stakeholder & Community Engagement Manager	Michael Hobbs (MH)	NELP - Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Communications - South
Natalie Pearson (NP)	NELP - Senior Manager, Community Partnerships	Matthew Hill (MHI)	NELP- Package Delivery Director, Freeways
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council		

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mark Judge (MJ)	Department of Transport	Paul McMorran (PM)	Community Representative
John van Delft (JVD)	Community Representative	Stephen Griffiths (SG)	CPB
Andrew Mangan (AM)	Manningham City Council	Shondelle Mathews (SM)	Spark – Manager, Community Engagement

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
<p>Mike Marasco (MM)</p>	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged apologies • Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted • Actions: S6-2,S6-3,S7-2,S8-2,58-5,S8-6 and S8-8 closed
<p>Tallis Richmond (TR)</p>	<p><u>Provided project overview including benefits, timeline, sport and recreation upgrades and new facilities</u></p> <p>CA: Will motorcycles be able to travel in the new bus lanes? MH: The bus lanes will be sectioned off and are dedicated to buses only. GJ: Could express lanes be consider more efficient vehicles such as EV, motorbikes or cars with four or more passengers? CA: Would like this to be considered - believes it would be a safer option for motorcycles.</p> <p>TR: The overall safety and performance of the freeway will improve once open by reducing the merging and weaving that can cause congestion and unpredictability for vehicles</p> <p>CA: Is there work being done to see if large trucks could use the tunnel rather than Bulleen Road as this would be a benefit for the community particularly at night? TR: North East Links modelling shows that there will be a 75% reduction in trucks on local roads once the tunnel opens. The two categories of trucks that will be unable to use the tunnel as per Fire Rescue Victoria requirements are over a height of 4.9 metres or width of 4 metres. Placarded trucks will also not be allowed.</p> <p>JV: Will there be raised barriers on the Eastern Freeway to direct drivers into particular lanes? TR: Similar to the ones that separate Bell Street traffic from the main carriageway? MHI: Yes JV: Will there be driver education about this? MHI: There will be wayfinders and other relevant signage which will be developed with Vic Roads. NP: There will be an extensive community engagement/education program prior to opening.</p> <p>JV: Where will the traffic lights be at the end of Bulleen Road? TR: North of the tunnel entrance.</p> <p>JC: Will there be any preparation works along the Eastern Freeway that may affect the Koonung Creek Trail such as noise barriers? MHI: The location and replacement of the noise barriers is still underway, the old noise barriers will not be removed until the new ones are in place.</p> <p>TR left the meeting at 10:42am</p>
<p>Holly Havers (HH) Ben Scott (BS) Lauren Watson (LW)</p>	<p><u>Tunnelling Package Update</u></p> <p><u>Presentation covering Introduction to Spark, Action items, Overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities using drone footage, Trinity Lake Update, Community Engagement</u></p> <p><u>Overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities</u></p> <p>GJ: How recently was the drone footage taken? BS: Late March</p> <p>CA: Will Bulleen Road need to be closed when the north and south sites are connected? BS: No, this is tunnelled GJ: Currently the Shared User Path (SUP) on Bulleen Rd is closed, when is this expected to reopen? BS: Planning to open it at the end of May once we have access controls (such as a controller to operate the gate to stop trucks) in place to allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross safely.</p> <p>FF: Will Bulleen Road be the same level as it is now? HH: The level of Bulleen Road at the southern-most section of the NEL Tunnels scope will raise slightly to allow for the ventilation and tunnel portal structures, and the rest of Bulleen Road will stay at its current level.</p> <p>FF: Veneto Club would like more detailed information on long and short term flood modelling. MHI: Spark and the contractor for the Freeway Package will both need to provide flood mitigation measures. The modelling and design was to reflect that the flooding is no worse off due to the establishment of NEL (including during construction). CA: If flood modelling changes does this</p>

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	<p>affect our ability to get flood covered with house insurance? MHI: Melbourne Water is the governing body for this. FF: HH Is the final design confirmed? HH: There are still some things to be decided. MM: When can we discuss this? MHI: More information will be available when the south contract is awarded later in the year. RM: Some concerns around climate resilience modelling. MHI: Climate change needs to be considered when modelling done. GJ: Bike paths need to be included in modelling as some of these were not accessible for weeks after the last flooding incident.</p> <p><u>Trinity Lake Update</u></p> <p>NM: Does this serve a flood retention purpose and can it discharge into the Yarra River in it's current state? LW: It is connected to a larger system so it can drain through and discharge though the culverts if required.. NM: When the area flooded last year there was equipment that was submerged, was there a risk of contamination from oils and lubricants etc? LW: There is a Hazchem plan in place and plant and equipment is raised or stored on stilts in these instances. CD: Trinity Lake is connected to the Bolin Bolin water management system and provides water to the Bulleen Park precinct and Carey Grammar, what is the impact to this with the lake in its current state? BS: Its not physically connected as a pumping main, it has bidirectional flow. There is a requirement that the culvert is not to be blocked, once the piling pad is built a V shape swale will be cut to maintain flow .CD: Do you know what is happening downstream? LL: Council will be getting a briefing on these issues. HH: Acknowledged that a formal enquiry had been received by email.</p> <p>11:22am BS and LW left the meeting</p> <p><u>Action Items Update</u></p> <p>RM: Is it possible to get a noise comparison done on the NEL tunnel v's the Mullum Mullum tunnel? JV: Will the noise treatment be better now than in older tunnels is what we need to understand. HH: It will be designed to meet standards. CA: What does 'meet standards mean? Does this mean that if there have been no complaints about the older tunnels and this is better that it 'meets standards'? HH: I can look into if we can get some data from those operators. GJ: In QLD and NSW tunnels of similar lengths have recently opened, will this tunnel improve on those? FF: Veneto Club is in a bit of a valley and outside noise is a concern. Although the two tunnels are independent how will the air be extracted? MM: As there will be a technical presentation at a future meeting lets hold off on this line of questions until that presentation.</p> <p>CD: Can we see what the interior of the vent stacks look like? HH: Yes MH: The design is based on a traditional eel trap which has been around for centuries. NM: Why is filtration not necessary in the vent stack and when may it be required? AL: Should legislation change prior to the vent stacks being operational Spark will be able to fit a filtration system. HH: They have been designed to meet standards and are future proofed.. NM: We are in a valley with some unique atmospheric conditions such as fog lingering and it's a concern for the vent stacks to be emitting into a stagnant atmosphere. Have these variances been considered as part of the EPR's? HH: EPA specifies that these types of structures must account for the environment in which they operate. <i>A presentation on vent stacks may be provided at an upcoming meeting.</i></p> <p>HH: Presentation on Motorway Control Centre will be shown at a later date. It will have a five star rating and an EV parking bay. GJ: Solar generating carpports such as those at Toyota in Altona and Google in Palo Alto are also a great idea as they keep cars cool and generate power. DL: The building will be five star/Greenstar, GJ: Suggest we should be aiming for higher than 5 star? CA: Will there be light spill from the Motorway Control Centre into nearby homes? DL: Greenstar rating means that lighting be angled downwards. LL: The lighting will also need to point away from the river so as not to disturb wildlife.</p> <p>LL: Will both sides of the Koonung Creek Trail be updated? DL: Yes</p> <p>CA: Question regarding community consultation on the construction compound and number of people spoken to during doorknock? HH: A detailed report is produced outlining community engagement approach and general feedback. 'Sorry we missed you' cards are left at unattended houses. MH: Highly impacted residents also receive phone calls. Statistics are kept of how many people are engaged with. HH: Attempts to communicate and seek feedback must be demonstrated. CL: There is also an auditing process and satisfaction surveys that go out to residents. GJ: Questioned the absence of the call centre number on barriers and gates etc.. MH: The number is on corflute signage NMo: We are limited by DoT as to how much information can be put on signage to avoid distracting drivers.</p>

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	<p>NM: During the consultation for the Bulleen Construction Compound Plan (being an approved Plan endorsed by the Minister), specifically stated that Bulleen Templestowe Junior Football Club was consulted. (Refer Page 18 of the CCP) This stated consultation regarding the CCP did not occur. The first time that I or BTJFC became aware of the CCP was when I stumbled across it whilst trawling the project webpage.</p> <p>HH: As the landowner Manningham Council were also consulted on this, anyone with any concerns or feedback is welcome to contact us.</p> <p>12pm: LL left the meeting</p>
Dieter Lim (DL)	<p><u>UDLP Update</u></p> <p><u>Presentation on UDLP process, Community feedback, Key changes, Next steps and Where to find more information</u></p> <p>CA: Where are the visitors to the Cultural Centre going to park?_DL: Access will be provided_and this also depends on future use of the ‘Future Employment Precinct’. State Government will work with Manningham Council on this._RM: Has thought been given to connecting the old drive in site to the Heidelberg Trail?_DL: Advocacy is still being undertaken, we have only worked on the clearly defined boundary. Manningham and Banyule City Councils would have to work together on this.</p> <p>CA: Manningham Rd between Heide and the Childcare Centre is becoming more dangerous and there are concerns there may be an incident. HH will speak to CA after the meeting AL: VicRoads may need to put temporary traffic control measures in place – NELP may need to take this to DoT.</p> <p>OS: Will the only change for North Balwyn residents going to Bulleen Park and Ride be there is a separate bridge? DL: Yes, there will be a shared use path bridge for walkers and cyclists across the Eastern Freeway. GJ: On road bike lane should be separated from cars and buses. DL: There will a significant reduction in traffic once the tunnel opens. OS: Is there any scope for another north-south connection at any point near Bulleen Park and Ride.? MHI: With the new connection you should be able to more easily walk and cycle across the freeway and along Thompsons Road to the new Park and Ride.</p> <p>CD: The EES traffic report states that traffic on Bulleen Rd will increase, has this changed? DL: I will need to review the traffic report.</p> <p>OS: Is there scope for a new bridge connection for pedestrians across the Freeway? DL: Estelle St Bridge. OS: Nothing possible between Estelle St and Bulleen rd? DL: There are no plans for a new north-south bridge other than the SUP already mentioned.</p>
Chris Logan (CL)	<p><u>Bulleen Park and Ride works update</u></p> <p>FF: Will buses run from BPR to the City only? MH: There will be three routes that will be using BPR, it would be best to check the PTV website to confirm which ones. GJ: Will the bike parking be a parketeer? MH: Yes GJ: Are people able to sign up to use this? MH: Information is now live on the PTV and NELP channels CD will also investigate if council can promote.MH: There will be postcards advertising the opening distributed to a large area in the coming days CL: A community open day celebration for BPR is currently being planned, OS: When will the off road bus stop close? MH: This will operate as normal until works begin on the interchange.</p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p><u>Other business</u></p> <p>Item Six: South Package update presentation deferred to next meeting</p> <p>Item Seven: Community Fund update presentation deferred to next meeting</p> <p>MM: Mentioned that CA enquired regarding traffic management processes and authorisation.</p> <p>MM: Advised that HH and CL would discuss with CA after the meeting.</p>

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	Next meeting Friday 2 June 10am Thanked SCLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 12:32pm.

Actions raised

No.	Date raised	Action/Issue	Owner	Status	Date closed
S8-1	8 November 2021	JV asks about ball net fencing at Freeway Golf Course (FGC) and that NELP should be responsible for funding this on top of existing works at the site	SM	OPEN – CD Boroondara CC and NELP are currently in discussions and will update the group of the outcome	
S6-2	26 August 2022	More information requested on how tunnel walls will be treated to minimize noise levels, how wind will be managed and the use of extraction fans.	HH	CLOSED Further information not available until UDLP released 14.04.23 HH provided during Spark presentation	14.04.23
S6-3	26 August 2022	More information requested on how the height of the ventilation stack affects greenhouse emissions.	SM	CLOSED Further information not available until UDLP released 14.04.23 Information provided during Spark presentation	14.04.23
S7-2	7 October 2022	Trinity Lake	SM	CLOSED Information to be presented to Trinity next year, will be presented to SCLG after Trinity presentation. 14.04.23 Information provided during Spark presentation	14.04.23
S8 -2	9 December	Group would like to be advised whether Spark design includes EV charging at Motorway Control Centre	SB	CLOSED Group to be kept advised if EV capability will be available	14.04.23

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S8 - 4	9 December	NELP to advise FF and JV of post-construction land handover process and details of site clean-fill certification.	SM	CLOSED SM to arrange a time to update JV and FF	14.04.23
S8 - 5	9 December	JV & GJ asked if the Motorway Control Centre will be built from composite timber with insulation sandwiched between	SB	CLOSED JR/SB/SM to advise once detailed design available 14.04.23 Information provided during Spark presentation	14.04.23
S8 - 6	9 December	What works are included in the recreation of Wetlands in Banyule and Koonung Creeks?	SB	CLOSED JR/SB/SM to advise when details become available 14.04.23 Information provided during Spark presentation	14.04.23
S8-8	9 December	Can NELP consider providing a financial consideration to sporting clubs affected by the works to date to help compensate for the loss of income they would normally receive from members as part of their social activities each week.	NP	CLOSED NP to investigate and advise JV of outcome 14.04.23 NP advised affected groups can apply for a North East Community Fund Grant when round two opens	14.04.23
S1-2	14 April	RM would like to know impacts of tunnel noise to nearby communities	HH	OPEN Is it possible to compare expected noise to Mullum Mullum tunnel?	

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S1-5	14 April	Can there be 'transit lanes' for dedicated groups such as EV, motorcycles etc	MHI	OPEN MHI to investigate and advise	
S1-7	14 April	Will there be radars on the pedestrian lights to ensure people have crossed safely before the lights change?	MHI	OPEN MHI to investigate and advise	
S1-8	14 April	Could an app be developed to guide drivers through as in car GPS is not always up to date?	NELP	OPEN NELP to be discussed as design and construction progresses	
S1-12	14 April	DL to check traffic report and confirm if a traffic increase is expected on Bulleen Rd	DL	OPEN DL to advise	

Short Term Actions

No	Owner	Topic	Update
1.1	JW	Copy of link to EPRs to be sent to new members	Sent with Minutes
1.2	TR	What is the percentage of oversized or placarded trucks that will be unable to use the tunnel	Update to be provided at next meeting

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date raised	Topic	Owner	Status
Q2	9 December	Presentation on introducing EV charging at BPR	MH	
Q4	14 April	Technical presentation on vent stacks including filtration and how it can be fitted if required	HH	
Q4	14 April	Presentation on Motorway Control Centre	HH	
Q4	14 April	MHI to present further details and references for flood modelling once Freeways contract awarded	MHI	