

17 November 2023



Meeting Minutes

Southern Community Liaison Group

Date	17/11/2023	Time	10:00am - 12:00pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	6 of 2023
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council
Joe Carbone (JC)	Community Representative	Jaimie Ledwidge (JL)	Laing O'Rourke
Judith Voce (JV)	Community Representative	Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative
Paul McMorran (PM)	Community Representative	Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council	Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative
Mia McMahon (MMc)	Spark, Manager Community Engagement	John van Delft (JvD)	Community Representative
Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP, Senior Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor, Manningham
Tom McCann (TM)	Spark, Project Manager	Connor Curtin (CC)	Manningham City Council
Michael Hobbs (MH)	NELP, Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Communications - South	Elizabeth Patena (EP)	NELP, Senior Advisor Stakeholder Relations and Communications
Matthew Hill (MHi)	NELP, Package Director		

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Nicholas Moore (NM)	Community Representative	Alexander Law (AL)	Community Representative
Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative		

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted Actions: Nil
Mia McMahon (MMc) Tom McCann (TM)	<p>Presentation covering overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities using drone footage, 8 week works lookahead, Bulleen Road diversion, 2023 wrap up and 2024 lookahead</p> <p>FF: The intersection outside of the Veneto Club is a major intersection, is this going to have lights? TMc: No, the road design has passed a risk assessment prior to construction. Once construction is complete a VicRoads accredited auditor will visit and determine if the road is able to open.</p> <p><i>Update: Audit was complete and road is open on 4/12/23. Discussions ongoing with Veneto Club to look at safe vehicle movements in and out of the club.</i></p> <p>JV: Is Bulleen Road a state or council owned road? CC: It's a state road JV: Can the road safety auditor look at whether lights are required? TMc: They are only auditing against the design which has already been risk assessed. If the road is deemed unsafe it will not be allowed to open RM: What is the diverted Bulleen Rd handover date? MMc: 5 December 2023</p> <p>JV: Will there be directional signage on the Eastern Freeway off ramps? TMc: Yes, the Traffic Team have worked with DTP to get the traffic management plan for during the closure signed off. This includes emergency services access, placement of signage, cones etc. There are some VMS boards already advertising the upcoming closure, during the closure there will be approximately 45 VMS boards some of which will direct people to businesses that are trading during this time JV: What about trucks exiting Doncaster Road? MMc: We have sent notifications to trucking companies so they are aware of the closure and detours EP: There will also be advertising via media and social media</p> <p>FF: Will construction traffic be confined to the old Bulleen Road and will left in left out access remain for the Veneto Club? TMc: The area where Bulleen Rd used to be will overtime become a construction zone, we don't expect traffic volume to change but access points will. I will take the access question on notice</p> <p>FF: Advised he has received and wanted to provide positive feedback on the way the Bulleen Road diversion has been communicated</p> <p>GJ: Were any of the Community pop ups held South of the Freeway? MMc: No, these were around the Manningham area but communication materials on the closure have been distributed south of the freeway and as part of broader public communications.</p> <p>GJ: The closure of Bulleen Road will also affect people South of the freeway such as Balwyn and Kew.</p> <p>RM: Complimented on how much information is available regarding the Bulleen Road closure however note some people either don't look for it or are unaware where to find it. Would be helpful to have information session at Greythorn Shops. NMo: We found a lot of people were coming from the Balwyn/Greythorn area to the pop ups at Bulleen Plaza and Warringal Shopping Centres. In future we will also arrange to have team member from the Eastern Freeway team attend these sessions as well.</p> <p>GJ: I shared on social media that Bulleen Road was closing and received feedback that some people weren't aware of this.</p> <p>FF: There are a lot of elderly people around the Bellevue Shopping Centre, it would be helpful to have a focus on sharing information there particularly for the Eastern Freeway works MM: We are trying to get a representative from the Bellevue Shops to join the SBLG and Renato and IZ visit the shopping precinct regularly MH: We are also currently looking for members from Greythorn and Doncaster Road shops to join the SBLG</p> <p>GJ: With Council permission could you look at placing QR Code stickers on wayfinding signage for further information on walking/cycling trails etc? MHi: We are looking at placing corflutes with QR Codes in certain areas for people to get further information. RM: Perhaps posters could also be placed in local shops with QR Codes</p>

Owner	Action
	MM: Thanked Ivan for his work in arranging the South Bus Tour
Michael Hobbs (MH)	<p>Presentation covering overview of Eastern Freeway upgrades including construction compounds and current works</p> <p>GJ: Where will the new bike paths be? MH: There will be a combination of new and upgraded bike paths GJ: It looks like there are replacements being put in, are any paths being removed? MH: We are looking at connectivity and realigning current paths instead of removing.</p> <p>GJ: What is the process for Ministerial approval of the UDLP? MH: Once the submission period closes the UDLP submissions are assessed and responded to they are either approved or advanced for further consideration</p> <p>GJ: The community have raised serious concerns around parts of what was exhibited, what I'm hearing doesn't always match what is planned MH: The UDLP is the first step as part of the consultation process, next is the refinement then detailed design where we work with key stakeholders including Councils to shape things such as connectivity, look at what amenities are required and whats needed to complete the vision</p> <p>FF: Where will the traffic go when the Eastern Freeway is closed? JL: One side will be closed at a time and traffic will be detoured via the arterial road network, these works will take place after peak hour MH: Three lanes will remain will remain open at all times in each direction during the day RM: Could we have a works schedule to be able to talk to the community? MH: We are looking at offering SMS updates JL: W have also started adding Eastern Freeway updates to the Spark works notices</p> <p>JV: A lot of people travel to the Freeway Golf Course, from out of the area, it's vital that there are obvious works notices on display there JL: We have posters that will be displayed in the Pro Shop, it would be ideal to have members sign up for SMS updates once they are launched JV: I would be happy to share how to sign up with the Golf Clubs, a QR code would also be helpful for signing up to SMS updates</p> <p>RM: Will there be any changes to the ramps at Burke Road? MH: No, this will remain as is</p> <p>FF: Will the underpass at Doncaster Rd be diverted during the works? MH: The underpass will be upgraded so it will need to be diverted during the works MH: The team are currently working on the best way to divert users GJ: Will the diversions be able to accommodate groups? MH: We have been advocating that the diversions will need to be ready for groups.</p> <p>11:23am: TMc left the meeting</p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>GJ to provide MH with the area related to her query near the new netball complex</p> <p>Next meeting 9 February 2024</p> <p>Thanked SCLG members and presenters for the contributions for the year and closed the meeting at 11:50am.</p>

Actions – Short Term

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
S6-2	FF to be provided details of access to Veneto Club once diversion complete	MMc	9 Feb 2024	Open	
S6-3	Outcome of Bulleen Road safety audit to be provided to SCLG members	MMc	9 Feb 2024	Open	
S6-4	MH to provide GJ details of bike paths	MH	9 Feb 2024	Open	

Actions – Long Term

No	Owner	Topic	Status
S8-1(2021)	MHi	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. At the meeting on 25.08.23 JV reported Freeway golfers are hitting many balls from the first tee onto the area designated for the off-ramp to the Bulleen Road tunnel and therefore emphasises the need for the ball net to be funded.	MHi to advise if this may be possible as part of the Freeways package
S14-1	MHi	MHi to investigate potential for installing radar crossings for pedestrians	MHi to advise if these will be installed at some intersections/interchanges
S5-1	MH	Will Templestowe Rd will be duplicated as part of the intersection being signalised	MH to advise once information is available

Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
2024	14 April 2023	Presentation on Motorway Control Centre	SM	Presentation to be given when information available
Q4	14 April 2023	MHi to present further information on managing the flood plain in Freeway package design	MHi	Presentation to be given when information available
Q1 2024	7 July 2023	CW to present NELP Sustainability	JW	Presentation to be given in early 2024

Additional information