

30 January 2024



Meeting Minutes

Southern Business Liaison Group

Date	30/01/2024	Time	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	1 of 2024
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Kurt Smith

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Tom McCann (TM)	Spark, Project Manager
Soula Grouios (SG)	Arthurs Fish & Chips Bulleen	Cam Giardina (CG)	Commercial Property Owner
Mia McMahan (MMc)	Spark, Manager Community Engagement	Jaimie Ledwidge (JL)	Senior Communication and Community Relations Manager, Eastern Freeway - Burke to Tram Alliance
Matthew Hill (MH)	NELP, Package Director	Frank Freschi (FF)	Veneto Club
Renato Marnich (RM)	NELP, Trader Engagement Specialist	Jacqueline Weedon (JW)	NELP, Project Support Officer
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark, Senior Communications Advisor: Manningham	Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP, Senior Stakeholder Relations and Communications Advisor
Andrew McGlade (AM)	NELP, Stakeholder Relations and Communications Advisor	Jim Waller (JWa)	NELP, Executive Program Director
Nicole Cuiava (NC)	NELP, Project Support Officer	Paul McMorran (PM)	Bulleen Art and Garden
Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Clare Davey (CD)	Booroondara City Council	Alison Tobias (AT)	Alot of Good Stuff
Andrea Lomdahl (AL)	Boroondara City Council	Hudson Brown (HB)	The French Lettuce
Nathan McAvaney (NM)	Topgear Cycles	Christine Gibbins (CG)	Manningham Council

Actions – previous

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
SB-8.2 1	Discuss request for Christmas decorations with Council	MMc	30.01.24	CLOSED	Provided voucher to Arthur's Fish and Chip Shop to purchase Christmas decorations. More substantive plan for Christmas 2024 in early stages of planning. Council in principle support for Christmas decorations.
N7-2	Spark to update the measures being taken to reduce dust on site	MM	30.01.24	CLOSED	Cleaning the roads two times per day Using water carts on site to suppress internal road dust Further car parks sealed on Feb 11 and 12 Spraying polymer on stored materials when no weekend works Cleaned trader windows 16 Jan 2024.

Key discussion points/decisions

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Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged apologies Introduced guests: Jim Waller, Matthew Hill and Tom McCann Introduced new member: Paul McMorran is replacing Bruce Plain Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted Actions: Two outstanding actions have been closed
Jim Waller (JWa)	<p>2024 Program Overview including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rebranding of work packages Tunnelling package update, Tolling arrangement, Stakeholder engagement update and Jobs and social procurement <p>FF: Are the TBMs starting at the same time and are they both coming down from Watsonia? JWa: Their starting times are being staggered and they are coming down from Watsonia.</p> <p>FF: Are fumes coming out of the stacks? JWa: Ventilation structures will disperse vehicle emissions more widely, so they don't exit through the tunnel portals</p>

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	<p>FF: Are there any concerns about the soil? JWa: No, the soil has been good and Bulleen will be a much better environment after construction is completed as a result of soil remediation as part of the project.</p>
	<p>FF: Everything will open in 2028 - including the bike trails etc? JWa: Yes, that is our current schedule</p>
	<p>FF: Concerned about speed and behaviour change on the Eastern Freeway and Bulleen Road due to the reduced speed limits for construction JWa: We are consulting with the Department of Justice on enforcement measures and talking to the contractor to see what can be done.</p>
	<p>FF: Raised issue with the accident on realigned Bulleen Road when it opened and that Veneto Club are changing the layout of their internal carpark in response. JWa: We're aware of the incident and note the changes you are making internally</p>
<p>Tom McCann (TMc) Mia McMahan (MMc) Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)</p>	<p>Presentation covering 8-week lookahead, overview of Manningham and Bulleen Sites using drone footage and Traders update, including previewing the Bulleen "Open for Business" activation.</p> <p>FF: What is the structure on the embankment? TMc: Is the abutment on either side of the road for the green bridge.</p> <p>FF: Where Bulleen Road meets Manningham Road, will there be 2 left turn lanes? TMc: We aim to widen the current slip lane. Will take it on notice to confirm.</p> <p>FF: Will all the earthworks and dust be finished prior to this year's Christmas decorations? TMc: Earthworks will continue for a good portion of the next couple of years. Over this time, increased surface areas will be sealed to reduce dust.</p> <p>Members discuss separation between parked vehicles on Bulleen Road and the traffic lanes. They say it is worse now than before the project started and that it is unsafe, causing loss of business. They want clarity as to whether the road will be widened and for solutions as to what can be done to improve safety there to be investigated.</p> <p>MM: Advised that design is final but request taken on notice. Action for Spark to investigate potential safety improvements</p> <p>SG: Dust is continuing to be an ongoing issue. Floors of shops need to continuously be cleaned and customers have made comments. Dust has also caused a fridge to stop working TMc: We are trying a number of new things to reduce dust including sealing of the internal roads and a new wheel washer.</p> <p>MM: We hope the window clean organised by Spark has helped. Renato to co-ordinate with Mia and Ivan on these issues. MMc: We acknowledge dust is an issue and we are always looking to reduce impacts.</p> <p>CG: Raised the recent flooding on Bulleen Road and at site. Asks what has been done to reduce it and will it continue after the project is complete. TMc: The project's design has taken into account flood modelling but we know floods will continue to happen in this area as it is a flood plain.</p> <p>SG: Will there be further Bulleen Road closures? IZ: Will be discussed later on.</p>

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	<p>SG: Will we get corflute signs like the ones Veneto Club have? IZ: We have to follow regulations for signage on main roads. We also need to also consider there are 30 traders in the strip, and that we need to be fair with who gets advertising on this signage</p> <p>Members discuss VMS signage during the closure of Bulleen Road and that it was good at communicating the closure, but didn't communicate that it was reopen. MM: Mia to take that feedback on notice ahead of Manningham Road diversion</p> <p>FF: Didn't know there will be temporary closures as part of the Manningham Road diversion. How will that work? IZ: Clarifies location of the new lights. A new footpath and signalised pedestrian crossing is also being constructed to help with childcare foot traffic.</p> <p>MM: Suggest that someone liaise with Allison as she can't make it to these meetings</p>
Jaimie Ledwidge (JL) Matthew Hill (MH)	<p>Presentation covering the contract announcement video, an update on works, Bulleen Road diversion (south), where work sites will be established and community feedback.</p> <p>FF: Will you be consulting with Greythorn businesses because of the bridge and overpass? RM: We have, because of the works on Doncaster Road and the interchange there</p> <p>FF: Are you taking the lights out in the centre of the freeway? JL: Yes we are, but will have temporary lighting installed to ensure the freeway is lit at night.</p> <p>FF: Concern around the Bulleen Road Diversion (south) particularly in regard to turning circles of trucks coming westbound off the freeway on to Bulleen Road and how long it will be in place for? MH: We have consulted with DTP on the closure and ensured it is ok with traffic signal timings etc. It will be in place for a couple of years. JL: This is so we can build the elevated structures. MM: This is just advance notice, more detail will come.</p>
Renato Marnich (RM)	<p>Presentation on NELP Trader support including 'Open for Business' promotion, new collateral, and 2024 lookahead</p> <p>MM: How do you identify where the home businesses are in the area? RM: Research including looking at Google Maps MM: Suggest checking if the council has a business register for at-home businesses. Try talking to Judith the former Mayor, she might be able to put you in touch with someone.</p> <p>FF: Also check with the Manningham Business Network</p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p>Other Business</p> <p>CG: Had night workers unbolt the gate on my site and use my facilities including the hose and water. Caught on CCTV and happened many nights in a row. Ivan has been made aware of it. FF: Has it been captured as a complaint? MMc: It was part of works conducted by utility providers. It has been actioned immediately and escalated to senior manages with the workers' being dealt with directly. IZ: We have asked them to put it in writing that they will not access private property and that if they need to contact Cam, they need to go through Spark.</p> <p>Next meeting 12 March 2024</p>

Owner	Action
	Thanked SBLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 7:35pm

Actions – Short Term

No.	Date Raised	Action	Owner	Status	Update
SB24.1	30.01.24	Safer parking options to be looked at for customers at shops on Bulleen Road	MMc	Open	
SB24.2	30.01.24	Clarification of how many slip lanes are being added to the Manningham Road/Bulleen Road intersection	MMc	Open	
SB24.3	30.01.24	Dust issues for Bulleen Traders to be addressed. Other options to be considered	MMc	Open	

Actions – Long Term

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Actions – Trader Support

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Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date Raised	Topic	Owner	Update
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Additional information

Changes to the Austin Street carpark parking restrictions have now been implemented. A mixture of trader permit and 2 hour parking now applies.

Trader Parking permits have been supplied, free of charge (until 2028), to the businesses requiring them. If further permits are needed, traders can get in touch with Christine Gibbins at Manningham Council.