

Date: Tuesday 9 November 2021 **Time:** 10:00am-11:30am

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Program: Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)

Title: SRL Box Hill Precinct Reference Group (PRG)

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Attendees

- Paul Hamer, Member for Box Hill
- Louisa McPhee, GHD
- Communications and Engagement team, SRLA
- Andrew Kelly, Senior Project Manager, SRLA
- Katie Watt, SRLA
- Charles Windeyer, Precinct Director, SRLA
- Andy McCulloch, Community Representative
- Peter Funder, Vicinity Centres Representative
- David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group
- Leah McGuinness, Project Manager, Whitehorse City Council
- Michelle Mayur, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Chris Trueman, Community Representative
- Naomi Webster, Paul Hamer's office
- Ruth Rughoobur, Senior Development Manager (Mixed Use Development), Vicinity Centres
- Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society

Apologies

- Laura Macpherson, Box Hill Institute

Actions – previous

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1.	SRL to bring further information regarding compulsory acquisition to the PRG group after planning approvals.	SRL	2022	Open	
2.	Terms of Reference and a Confidentially Deed will be sent to PRG members to be completed alongside an information pack.	SRL	ASAP after introductory meeting	Complete	

Key discussion points

Sub-heading	Description
Introductions	Paul Hamer (PH) welcomed everyone to the Box Hill PRG meeting
Housekeeping	Louise McPhee (LM) went through housekeeping matters, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed on previous meeting minutes • Previous actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ List of properties to be acquired will be available once approvals are obtained

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidentiality deeds and Terms of Reference sent
Initial Works update	<p>SRLA provided an Initial Works update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation of Initial Works Community consultation from 1-30 September Stakeholder consultation from 18 August – 8 October 2021 Public facing summary report will be published in the coming month
Environment Effects Statement	<p>SRLA provided an Environment Effects Statement (EES) update, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation of digital EES and how to navigate the EES Digital EES on public exhibition from Friday 5 November until 11:59pm Thursday 16 December EES hearings early 2021 Environmental Management Framework (EMF) Urban Design Strategy Making a submission Documents available, noting figures and tables are available in the assessable EES Traffic management liaison group <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy McCulloch (AM) enquired whether hard copies of the EES are available Jesse Overton-Skinner (JOS) advised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated computers and some hard copy materials available at local libraries The EES summary report can be posted out to people on request Question regarding what is happening to Whitehorse Road between Nelson St and Linsley Street SRLA advised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed consolidation of Whitehorse Road to the northern side of the road reserve Two through lanes eastbound and westbound Tram terminus relocation David Morrison (DM) enquired how the proposed cycling paths in Whitehorse Road integrate with the primary cycling network Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) advised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to connect to existing bike path via Linsley St Updated Market Street/Whitehorse Rd crossing with dedicated cycling lanes towards Bruce Road Dedicated route from cycling paths into station cycling parking Future planning for integration of wider cycling networks post EES AM enquired whether Linsley St should be recognised as the link between the Railway path and the new Whitehorse Road path DM enquired about changes to open space in Whitehorse Road DM noted the Victorian Transport Strategic Cycling Corridors need to be considered SRLA advised Traffic and Transport team have taken transport resources, such as the one suggested, to develop the surface transport plans. Currently working with DoT and WCC re surface transport SRLA advised cycling lanes will be one of the later parts of the construction works Chris Trueman (CT) enquired where removed spoil will be stored SRLA advised opportunities to reuse spoil for SRL and other projects in the area. Any contaminated spoil will be stored at one of the Melbourne licensed facilities; exact location will be determined once contractors are on board CT enquired about potential construction laydown area for Box Hill Station SRLA advised

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided image of proposed construction laydown area ○ Noted majority of spoil for Box Hill station would be removed via Box Hill Gardens; spoil for the tunnel will be removed via Burwood TBM launch site ○ Noted tunnelling strategy, TBM launch sites and haulage routes available in the EES • Peter Funder enquired about the black boundary down in page 27 of the EES Summary Report • SRLA advised the black boundary dictates the project land, including wider area than proposed construction to allow for flexibility • DM was concerned about the impact to Box Hill Gardens, enquired whether the Federal Brickworks site could be used as an offset • SRLA advised of Public Open Space Framework which sets out the approach SRLA will undertake to offset loss of public open space.
Box Hill station update	<p>SRLA provided a Box Hill station update including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station layout • Two Station entrances • New pedestrian and cyclist paths will connect SRL station to Box Hill Central, Box Hill Gardens and other key destinations • Box Hill Gardens will be restored once construction activities are complete • Station platform will sit about 23 metres below ground accessible by lifts and escalators • Whitehorse Road will be enhanced with new pedestrian and cyclist connections • Access to existing Box Hill Station • Future SRL north connection • Turnback track that allows trains to change direction • Accessible pick up/drop off areas • Permanent northern realignment of Whitehorse Road between Nelson Road and Linsley St • Undercover bike parking • Construction and site laydown areas • Design guided disability standards and accessible public transport legislation • Provision of a skylight <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM enquired when construction will commence at Box Hill • SRLA advised Initial Works will begin in 2022 and Main Works will commence approximately 2025 • Will tunnels be designed to undertake earthquake and flooding • SRLA advised yes. Noted earthquake standards are built into the tunnel and station design; flood impact assessments undertaken on tunnels and stations
Box Hill Station precinct update	<p>SRLA provided a Box Hill Station precinct update, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs for Box Hill • Better connections • Vibrant communities
Box Hill traffic and transport update	<p>SRLA provided a Box Hill traffic and transport update, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitehorse Road reduced from three lanes to two during construction • Bridging structure in centre median • Partial road closures and traffic diversions • Partial closure of Irving Ave; pedestrian access to be maintained • Access to residential properties maintained
Box Hill Business and	<p>SRLA provided a Business and Residential support update, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and Residential Support guidelines • Mitigation measures will be put in place to manage any potential impacts

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Residential support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures for Box Hill that are required by the Environmental Protection Requirements
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM enquired about the 1.6km project zone overlay, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What powers will be used Will the powers be open to appeal Will there be a sunset clause SRLA advised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SRL legislation focuses on integrated transport and land use consistency across the SRL East alignment Focused on planning scheme amendments not planning scheme applications Already obtained planning permits will not be impacted New planning permits will be assessed by City of Whitehorse and SRLA as a referral authority Ruth Rughoobur enquired whether impacts to the existing bus interchange and Box Hill Station have been considered, and whether they will be upgraded AK advised SRL East scope includes surface connection from SRL Box Hill to existing Box Hill Station and bus interchange Helen Harris enquired whether 2022 meetings could not be on a Tuesday DM enquired about impact on parking spaces will be addressed SRLA to provide information in next meeting
Accessing the EES	SRLA provided an update on accessing the EES, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRL East EES available at local libraries along the SRL East alignment including summary reports EES summary report available to be mailed upon request Face-to-face community information sessions
Close	LM thanked everyone for their time and input

Actions – new

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1.	Question to be answered: How impact on parking spaces will be addressed	SRLA	Next PRG meeting		