

Meeting Minutes

Date: 13 March 2026
Project: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 18
Chairs: Emily Box (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill
Minute Taker: Darcy McLoughlin

Attendees	Apologies
- Emily Box, facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) - Paul Hamer, MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair) - Andrew Kelly, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) - Andy McCulloch, community representative - Bec McHutchison, SRLA - Clint Quealy, SRLA - Dan Young, Stations Alliance North - Darcy McLoughlin, SRLA - David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group - Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society - Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayer and Residents Association - Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council - Nidhi Suri, Box Hill Institute - Sam Pepper, Box Hill Institute	- Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) - Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group - James Roper, Vicinity Centres - Peter Quilligan, Box Hill Institute - Richard Shi, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) - Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health - Toby Hicks, Epworth Health

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping Emily Box (EB) welcomed attendees, provided an Acknowledgement of Country, confirmed housekeeping matters and reviewed actions from the previous meeting.	EB/PH
2.	Presentation from SRLA and Stations Alliance North (the Alliance) - SRLA provided a project update and advised that the Linewide package has been awarded, outlining the key deliverables of the works package and potential employment outcomes. SRLA also provided an engagement update, including recent engagement activities such as attendance at the ABAW Lunar New Year Festival, as well as upcoming community engagement activities. Matters arising: - Helen Harris (HH) noted that SRLA will be involved in the Whitehorse Heritage Festival. SRLA provided a Tunnels North package update: - SRLA provided an overview of recent Tunnels North works taking place in Burwood and noted the role of the Community Crew. Matters arising: - David Morrison (DM) and Kevin Earl (KE) asked about contingencies for rising fuel costs and whether fuel pricing is locked in with contractors. SRLA advised that sustainability measures are in place to reduce reliance on fuel, fuel prices are not locked in, and other measures are being used to manage fuel costs across the project. SRLA and the alliance provided an overview of upcoming works: - SRLA provided an overview of enabling works, including works planned along Whitehorse Road in March and April. The Alliance provided an update on the early services works package, outlining key components and potential impacts. SRLA	All

	added that local traders are likely to benefit from an increased workforce operating in the area during works. Matters arising: - KE raised concerns that an increased workforce may create parking issues along Elland Avenue and asked how impacts will be minimised. SRLA advised that SRLA and the Alliance will park at 2 Elland Avenue until the building is removed and that worksite travel management plans are being developed and will be independently audited. The Alliance noted they will consider feedback regarding workforce parking. - HH asked whether the Alliance could attend the upcoming Elgar Contact meeting to provide a similar overview of works. SRLA/the Alliance will explore this possibility. ACTION: SRLA/the Alliance to explore possibility of attending Elgar Contact meeting. - HH advised that heritage buildings along Whitehorse Road within the demolition area need to be retained. The Alliance confirmed it is aware of the requirements for heritage-listed buildings and will provide an update at the next meeting. ACTION: The Alliance to provide update on heritage buildings in next meeting. - KE enquired about SRLA's 1800 number on hoarding referencing a hoarding safety incident on another project. DM asked about safety requirements for SRLA hoarding. SRLA advised that the 1800 number is the primary contact for enquiries and confirmed that safety requirements are in place to prevent issues. The Alliance provided an offset public open space delivery update: - The Alliance presented the features and layout of the public open space at Ellingworth Parade and between Court Street and Watts Street, noting that designs have been informed by community consultation. Matters arising: - KE asked whether toilets would be provided at either site. SRLA advised that there are no toilets planned at either location. HH noted that public toilets are available nearby at the Harrow Street car park. - HH asked whether the project is aware of the stream between Ellingworth Parade and Harrow Street and whether there would be any adverse effects. SRLA confirmed awareness and advised that flood modelling has been undertaken. - AM noted that the Ellingworth Parade car park is usually full and asked how users would be informed of the upcoming closure. The Alliance outlined the engagement approach to notify users. - KE asked whether laneways would be closed as part of the works. The Alliance confirmed the closure of the entrance to the southern laneway connecting the Court Street car park to Gatters Lane. - DM raised concerns about accessibility impacts and loss of access to Whitehorse Road. PH clarified that access to the laneway is via Court Street and Watts Street and is not accessible from Whitehorse Road. DM noted that laneway closures should not be undertaken lightly.	
3.	EB opened to questions from members: - DM raised community expectations that governance will continue to be strengthened in light of recent reporting. SRLA acknowledged these expectations. - Andy McCulloch (AM) asked about the release of the advisory committee report. Paul Hamer (PH) advised that there is currently no confirmed release date, and it may be released mid-year. - AM also asked about the timing of planned demolition works. The alliance advised that demolition is anticipated later in the year and committed to providing an update at the next meeting. ACTION: The Alliance to provide an update on demolition works in next meeting.	All
4.	EB closed the meeting.	EB/PH

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1	Kevin Earl	SRLA to clarify changes to the Box Hill Structure Plan and its map	Closed	SRLA
2	PRG	Stations Alliance North to provide an update on demolition works in next meeting.	Pending	Stations Alliance North
3	Elgar Contact	SRLA/Stations Alliance North to explore possibility of attending Elgar Contact meeting.	Closed	SRLA/ Stations Alliance North
4	PRG	Stations Alliance North to provide update on heritage buildings along Whitehorse Road in next meeting.	Pending	Stations Alliance North