

Meeting Minutes

North Community Liaison Group (NCLG)

Date	12/11/2021	Time	12:00-2:00pm
Chair	Jeni Coutts	Meeting no.	8 of 2021
Location	Via Zoom	Minute taker	Scott Lambert

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Jeni Coutts (JC)	Independent Chair	Michelle Molinaro (MMo)	Community Representative
Stephen Paul (SP)	Community Representative	Adriano Murone (AM)	Community Representative
Allan Hunter (AH)	Community Representative	Michelle Giovas (MG)	Community Representative
Katie George (KG)	Community Representative	Mick Marcevski (MMa)	Department of Transport
Paul Bellis (PB)	Banyule City Council	Erica Hardie (EH)	Banyule City Council
Chris Logan (CL)	CPB	Kate Zisos (KZ)	CPB
Glen Preema (GP)	CPB	Natalie Pearson (NP)	NELP
Bill Himonas (BH)	NELP	Michael Caink (MC)	NELP
Scott Lambert (SL)	NELP	Conor Kiernan (CK)	NELP
Tallis Richmond	NELP	John Lopez	NELP
Renato Marnich	NELP		

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Sarah Maguire (SM)	Watsonia Traders Association	Remo Marinucci (RM)	Community Representative
Simon Chao (SC)	VicRoads	John Pompei (JP)	Community Representative
Jim Needham	NELP		

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Welcome and outstanding business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JC: Welcomed the group and reintroduced herself. JC: Reiterated group purpose and operation.
Kate Zisos (KZ), Glen Preema (GP), Chris Logan (CL), CPB	<p>CPB Works Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GP: Watsonia works update CL: Update on delays to works at Borlase Reserve including new contractor and resumption of works. KZ: Borlase works update KZ: Community Engagement Update <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KG: queried the timing for trenching to commence on local Watsonia Roads and when engagement with residents would begin. It was confirmed that trenching would commence next year and that more detailed engagement would commence after the contractor was confirmed. KG: Is there a framework to notify residents about driveway disruptions in advance, noting previous concerns about lack of notice. This will be taken up once the new contractor has been appointed. SP: Are new car spaces at Watsonia Station in addition? GP explained that the new spaces offset those lost elsewhere in the carpark. MG: Are new car spaces related to the multistorey car park? GP confirmed that the spaces are not related. KG: Appreciated the update on works completion in Borlase Reserve and queried when residents will be advised of the timing for completion of the works. CL advised an email update will be sent to residents following the meeting and that more information will be provided as soon as they have finalised the timing for completion of works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Christmas shutdown will be for three weeks from 17 December to 10 January. Works in Watsonia car park will cease on 22 December.
Erica Hardie (EH), BCC	<p>Watsonia Town Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EH: Introduced herself and outlined the Town Square journey so far, including the scope, the project timeline, design principles and the associated community consultation. <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM: Is there any more detail on shared user path as there were concerns relating to the width of the pathway based on similar projects? It was explained that more detail will follow in the design stage and that feedback would be encouraged and taken on board. EH added that Consultation is now open and that most engagement will take place online in consideration of COVID restrictions. She also and outlined the next steps for the project.

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Conor Kiernan (CK), Michael Caink (MC), NELP	<p>Tunnelling package design presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions CK and MC ● The presentation covered the tunnelling package design, design benefits and included a comparison to the reference design. A video of the design and its elements was shown to the group. ● MC: Procurement program arrangements and timing for other packages were explained using design renders which highlighted the delivery strategy and key program elements and features as well as the individual program branding rationale. ● CK: An Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) is being prepared for community consultation in early 2022. <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MG: Is the 550-year-old tree in Bulleen being saved? It was explained that the SPARK design avoids the tree. – MG: What does a 'simpler' interchange at Lower Plenty Road mean? It was explained that the SPARK design has improved wayfinding and simpler entry and exit points. – SP: Can you access the NEL from Lower Plenty Road? MC clarified the interchange location north of Lower Plenty Road and movements to reach that point. – SP: was concerned with traffic volumes running east-west to reach NEL, particularly from Eltham. It was explained that access to NEL from Eltham was more effective via M80 interchange. – MG: was concerned that Banyule Creek was not shown on design renders. CK advised that NELP will provide render images showing Banyule Creek at Borlase Reserve with more clarity. – MG: Was minimising tree loss at Simpson Barracks a goal? Noted significant trees present. MK explained that minimising tree loss is always a priority. – MG: Did Council have a seat at the design table as this was a requirement from the Supreme Court challenge. CK explained that on-going contact was maintained with Council during the multiple stages of design development. She added that detailed design will follow over the next two years, including working with Council on the UDLP. – KG: Design renders at Borlase Reserve show a tan coloured object near her house and she requested that the nature of the object to be clarified. CK explained that the object is a landscape feature for illustrative purposes intended to show how the design could look. No design is confirmed and will be revisited as part of upcoming consultations. – AM: expressed concern with the distribution of trench and tunnel along alignment and asked if there was scope to change the design through Watsonia. CK explained that the trench shown is part of northern package and is an indicative design put out to market for the tender process. – AM: was concerned the trench design does not align with Watsonia Town Square. CK explained that connection challenges make it difficult to tunnel through the area and that the trench maintains connectivity with access points in the area and optimises local connections.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AM: Would like opportunity to advocate for cut and cover rather than trench in Watsonia. CK explained that there will be an opportunity for community input during design process for northern and other packages. – MG: asked where the TBM launch site equipment will be stored, including the spoil shed and similar plant? CK advised that the TBM launch site has moved north near Watson and Lenola Streets and that the construction compound will be set up in Winsor Reserve with the layout subject to planning. – MG: Is the Lower Plenty Road entrance to NEL at Strathallan Road? CK explained that the exact location is subject to detailed design but is near Strathallan Road. – KG: How likely are 24/7 works on project? CK explained that there will be periods over the build where 24/7 works are necessary and that conversations with residents near the TBM launch site have commenced. The Timetable for disruptive works will be confirmed and that planning is underway on how to support residents and mitigate impacts. • JC stated that as more questions are inevitable, she invited MC and CK to attend a special meeting in December after CLG members have had time to absorb the information provided in their Presentation today. Next meeting to include Spark representatives. The Chair thanked CK and MC for attending.
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>What keeps you up at night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP: highlighted a recent Greensborough Historical Society study into roads in the area over past 50 years and would like to share this history with group. This item was added to the Actions and Issues Register for a future meeting. SP also requested that next meeting be face-to-face. NP advised that the meeting could not be at the Watsonia Hub due to social distancing requirements but could be at the RSL and she will investigate the possibility. There will be a requirement for double vaccination status for all attendees. <p>There were a number of questions raised by CLG members in the meeting that relate to the Design and these will be added to the questions to be provided to MC & CK for the next meeting. These questions are below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH: Is Grimshaw Street intersection still planned to be a NEL access point? Is Watsonia Football Club going to be at Binnak Park for the long term and what is the timeline for returning to AK Line Reserve. • MG: Are any extra homes to be acquired or expected to be unliveable under the Spark design? • AM: Interested in space required at TBM launch site, Winsor Reserve and Borlase Reserve. How will the driven tunnel alignment interface with Borlase Reserve? How will construction affect residents in these locations? Is there a CSR plan available to share? • KG: advised she would email her questions directly to NP. She also suggested a drop-in session be held near affected areas and noted the EW pop-up at Borlase Reserve was well received by residents.
Jeni Coutts (JC)	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP: More information will be provided at December meeting. • JC: Advised group to review design release information and submit questions they would like the design team to answer to Natalie as soon as possible. • JC: Thanked CLG members and Presenters and closed the meeting at 2.00pm.

Actions and issues register

No.	Date raised	Action/Issue	Owner	Status	Date closed
N1-1	12 November	Shared user paths are an issue for disabled people, and will the design take this into consideration?	Banyule Council – Erica Hardie	OPEN – more detail will be available in the design stage and consultation will be encouraged. Timing for consultation?	
N1-2	12 November	Is there interest in a Presentation from the Greensborough Historical Society to CLG-North.	NELP	OPEN – NP will follow this up with the Greensborough Historical Society and schedule it for a meeting in the New Year.	
N1-3	12 November	There was a request for pop-up events at various locations to inform residents - when will these occur?	NELP	OPEN – To be advised	
N1-4	12 November	There are stockpiles of fill at Borlase Reserve which need to be taken away. The whole site needs to be cleaned up. What is the timeline for this?	NELP	CLOSED – confirmed during the meeting that Borlase stockpiles would be carted from the site upon completion of EW and handed over to NELP for main works.	12 November