

2 June 2023



# Meeting Minutes

## Southern Community Liaison Group Meeting (SCLG)

Date	2/06/2023	Time	10am – 12pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	2 of 2023
Location	Veneto Club	Minute taker	Jacqueline Weedon

## Attendees

Attendees			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Colin Atkin (CA)	Community Representative
Joe Carbone (JC)	Community Representative	Judith Voce (JV)	Community Representative
Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community Representative	Paul McMorran (PM)	Community Representative
John van Delft (JvD)	Community Representative	Ros Magee (RM)	Community Representative
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community Representative	Liz Lambropoulos (LL)	Manningham City Council
Natalie Pearson (NP)	NELP: Senior Manager, Community Partnerships	Shondelle Mathews (SM)	Spark: Manager, Community Engagement
Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)	Spark: Senior Communications Advisor	Josh Ribarich (JR)	NELP: Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor
Nic Morton (NMo)	NELP: Communications and Stakeholder Relations Advisor	Michael Hobbs (MH)	NELP: Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Relations South
Hayley Bester (HB)	Spark: Communications and Community Engagement Director	Malcom Potts (MP)	Spark: Construction Director
Matthew Hill (MHI)	NELP: Package Delivery Director, Freeways		

Apologies			
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Alexander Law (ALa)	Community Representative	Nicholas Moore (NM)	Community Representative
Otto Sargent (OS)	Community Representative	Leah McGuiness (LM)	Whitehorse City Council
Andrea Lomdahl (AL)	Boroondara City Council	Mark Judge (MJ)	Department of Transport
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara City Council		

## Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
<p>Mike Marasco (MM)</p>	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged apologies</li> <li>Introduced new members and guests</li> <li>Confirmed previous meeting minutes read and adopted</li> <li>Actions: S1-5, S1-7, S1-8, S1-12 closed</li> </ul> <p>S1-5 <b>NMo: Acknowledged answer provided FF: Will there be emergency lanes?</b> MHi: Yes, there will be a shoulder lane for emergencies, this cannot be used as a lane for travel. <b>FF: How will this work on a segregated road?</b> MHi; Every segregated roadway will have its own shoulder for emergency use.</p> <p>S1-7 MH: The team are willing to investigate putting in radar crossings. <b>GJ: These have been put in on other projects. Crossing times are based on a fit male and a lot of community members can't cross at that pace.</b> MHi: A segregated crossing is being considered for the Bulleen and Doncaster interchanges.. <b>LL: Council have also raised this issue and are willing to work with NELP to help identify where radar crossings should be considered.</b></p>
<p>Matthew Hill (MHi) Michael Hobbs (MH)</p>	<p><b><u>Presentation on Eastern Freeway upgrades: Burke Road to Tram Road</u></b></p> <p><b>CA: Once the contract is awarded will we get a sense of major changes?</b> MHi: The alliance is about the partnership of delivery not design, it enables the resources and knowledge to build on the best outcome for the community. <b>CA: Once contract has been awarded will the process and outcome becomes well known?</b> MH: Yes, this is explained in the timeline shown in the presentation. <b>JV: Is the UDLP only going to be open for public comment for 21 days? Can we be notified in advanced of it going public?</b> MM: There was an issue last year with the timelines such as the Veneto Club committee meets monthly so unless the UDLP timelines fall in with the Veneto Club meeting cycle they miss out on the opportunity to comment. MH: A pre-engagement plan has been developed and we will be talking to various stakeholders along the alignment prior to the UDLP opening for feedback. <b>JV: With the extension of the Eastern Freeway will there be any additional on/off ramps provided?</b> MH: This has been investigated and there are engineering, traffic and environmental reasons that don't support new ramps within this constrained space</p>
<p>Shondelle Mathews (SM) Malcolm Potts (MP) Ivan Zarezkij (IZ)</p>	<p><b><u>Presentation covering overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities using drone footage, 8 week works lookahead and Community Engagement</u></b></p> <p><b>Overview of Manningham and Bulleen site activities</b></p> <p><b>CA: NM sent an email this morning regarding Bulleen Park.</b> NM: <i>I note that I have attended meetings at Bulleen Park in recent weeks on behalf of BTDJFC, with both Council (Ros Holding and Liz Lambropoulos) and SPARK (Ivan &amp; Chris Logan These meetings have sought to address a number of matters there, mainly traffic related. Unfortunately, there remains no designated or safe pedestrian access to Bulleen Park for casual or Sport users. This is compounded by the fact there can be lengthy delays and hazardous conditions for vehicle access at peak users times. This represents very real safety risks for the general public.</i> SM: Spark met with NM last night with LL and unfortunately there was no pedestrian access to Bulleen Park prior to NEL works commencing so the path that is there at the moment is to allow our workers to move safely from the new Carey carpark to the Bulleen Pavilion. It is Council land and they would need to address this. <b>LL: The road and the fields are set up in a way that it doesn't allow for an additional footpath to go in at this time. A new footpath is planned to go in as part of the freeways package which will run along the northside of the access road. The benefit of the current diversion means that the intersection is signalised making it safer for pedestrians and vehicles.</b> SM: To add to that realigning how we enter and exit from Bulleen Park access road will change in the next few months and this will stop heavy vehicles and other vehicles/pedestrian interactions. <b>JV: Could a temporary footpath go in if the traffic flow was regulated?</b> LL: The difficulty would be that users are usually only accessing the Bulleen Park precinct so it would be difficult to regulate traffic. It would be difficult to balance everyone's needs but the Bulleen Rd diversion will help ease some of this. <b>RM: Do people mostly walk to access the park?</b> LL: No, people generally drive to the park. The Marcellin students walk to</p>

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	<p>cross the road for sporting use. The signals that will go in will alleviate that main concern. <b>RM: There must be a simple traffic engineering solution.</b> LL: Yes, there are some plans that are currently looking at and we are happy to share with the group when appropriate.</p> <p><b>JV: Will there be tanks like what is in Watsonia built in this end of the project?</b> MP: I suspect you are referring to the bentonite tanks which are already established in the south. <b>JV: Does this get drained off?</b> Yes, it is cleaned and reused. <b>JV: As the silos will be in place for a number of years could these be painted?</b> SM: This is something that we have investigated. The realignment of Bulleen Road will mean these won't be seen by the road user by the end of the year.</p> <p><b>CA: If there is a way to provide pedestrian access it should be looked into.</b> LL Spark and Council have constant conversations regarding safety around Bulleen Park. Spark cannot do certain works at certain times based on what the implications may be. For example they cannot do works after 4:30pm or on weekends as there are a lot of pedestrians in the area and safety is paramount for council. It is a difficult situation to resolve as in some cases to install a footpath we would have to shorten playing fields. There are a lot of investigations that need to be held for the area and we will present the solution that is decided on.</p> <p><b>PM: In the past you would walk on the grass?</b> LL: Yes, and that's why there has never been a footpath as you could walk along the grass but now part of that has been taken up by a construction compound this is where the difficulty lies as the road is so narrow. We also have to consider there are Australian standards that must be considered when creating a footpath and this adds to the difficulty.</p> <p><b>GJ: It's been great to see Bullen Park and Ride (BPR) come together and be suitable for cyclists to access but people are still unable to register to use the parkiteer</b> MH: This is run by PTV and is still being finalised.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <p><b>FF: Do you get any feedback or questions from the community when you are out doorknocking?</b> SM: Common themes are noise, dust and tunnel alignment. <b>CA: Noise, inconvenience, nights works can be distressing for people and at times are not always well implemented. If works are expected it's easier to prepare for them but when there are unscheduled works, this can raise residents anxiety.</b> SM: There are several sensitive residents that we work quite closely with on a regular basis, and we take their concerns very seriously, we investigate these concerns and provide feedback and respite options where we can. We have also received some positive feedback from residents that we are communicating well. HB: We can provide a weekly update on the most common questions asked in the North and South to give the members an idea of what residents are asking. <b>FF: A members information session was held recently and although Spark are doing a good job of getting the information out there are still some people who don't understand what works are happening.</b> IZ: There are many channels we use to talk to residents. <b>RM: There is detailed information on the NELP website, but people don't always understand reading plans. It would be helpful to have a large print (such as A1 or A2) of the Bulleen Rd interchange so I can discuss with the community.</b> SM: Yes, we can make this available MH: The Watsonia Hub is also a great place for people to visit to get an understanding of the project. <b>CA: Veneto does a great job communicating information to its members, but it can be difficult to engage people who don't have English as a first language. It would be great to have a space where people can go in this area and can explore the project in their own time. JV: Suggests investigating if there is a space at the shops at the North Balwyn end of Bulleen Rd. It would also be great to have a large print map at the Freeway Golf Club.</b></p> <p><b>SM:</b> If there are certain topics that members would like presented, please let us know.</p> <p><b>JC: The Greythorn Bowling Club have raised that the substrata of the bowling greens is sand and they are concerned that vibrations may affect the greens.</b> MH: We have plans to meet with them again to discuss any new concerns and they will be part of the early stakeholder engagement for the UDLP.</p> <p><b>11:17am MHi and HB left meeting</b></p>

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Natalie Pearson (NP)	<p><b><u>Presentation on North East Community Fund (NECF): What is the NECF? Round one statistics, round two overview and Grant Writing Workshops</u></b></p> <p><b>MM: How will this be advertised outside of the SCLG?</b> NP: We be using our social channels, paid targeted advertising, bus stops in targeted areas and using our existing contact lists. <b>LL: Council will also share on their socials and email community and sporting groups that are registered with Council.</b></p>
Mike Marasco (MM)	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p>Next meeting Friday 14 July 10am</p> <p>Thanked SCLG members and presenters and closed the meeting at 11:35 am.</p>

## Actions raised

No.	Date raised	Action/Issue	Status	Update
S1-2	14 April	RM would like to know impacts of tunnel noise to nearby communities	CLOSED SM to advise: Is it possible to compare expected noise to Mullum Mullum tunnel?	Update provided with minutes
S1-5	14 April	Can there be 'transit lanes' for dedicated groups such as EV, motorcycles etc	CLOSED MHI to investigate and advise	Freeway guidelines and standards do not segregate motorcyclists from general traffic. The new freeway configuration will provide improved user safety by segregating lanes according to their destination (i.e. citybound, outbound, tunnels, ramp and bus lanes) to reduce weaving and maintain continuity of flow direction.
S1-7	14 April	Will there be radars on the pedestrian lights to ensure people have crossed safely before the lights change?	CLOSED MHI to investigate and advise	There is a standard amount of green time that is allowed for pedestrian crossings which depends on the number of lanes that need to be crossed. This will form part of NELSA's traffic modelling and intersection design, and will ensure that pedestrians get across safely. We will also investigate the use of 'radar' devices for pedestrian crossings in Melbourne with the Department of Transport.
S1-8	14 April	Could an app be developed to guide drivers through as in car GPS is not always up to date?	CLOSED MHI to investigate and advise	We will run extensive education campaigns before opening the road, including the potential for driver simulation videos at visitor information centres, along with publishing videos on our website which give people a 'fly-over' experience of travelling on the freeway.
S1-12	14 April	DL to check traffic report and confirm if a traffic	CLOSED	NMo sent email response to CD

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		increase is expected on Bulleen Rd		

## Short Term Actions

No	Owner	Topic	Update
1a	JW	JW to send article from GJ to MHi	Emailed to MHi 05.06.23
1b	JW	JW to send out EOI for South Construction Compound tour (approx..2 hrs) to SCLG members with minutes	Emailed to members 09.06.23

## Long Term Actions

No	Owner	Topic	Update
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.	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
S15-1	MP	CA asks if consideration has been given to moving power underground	MP to advise if this will be part of the works

## Future Presentations

Scheduled Date	Date raised	Topic	Owner	Status
Q2	9 December	Presentation on introducing EV charging at BPR	MH	Verbal update to be given at next meeting
Q4	14 April	Presentation of tunnel ventilation	SM	Information provided with minutes
Q4	14 April	Presentation on Motorway Control Centre	SM	
Q4	14 April	MHi to present further details and references for flood modelling once Freeways contract awarded	MHi	
Q3	2 June	HB to present on continuing process with Melbourne Water regarding flood modelling	HB	HB to present at next meeting on 14 July