

Minutes

West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – Joint Meeting

Date: 24 July 2019 **Time:** 5.30-7.30pm

Location: WGTP MTIA Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Matt Monger (MM)	Docklands	Peter Sammut (PS)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CF)	Yarraville	Geoff Liu (GL)	WGTP MTIA
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	David Clements (DC)	Transurban (TU)
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Beth Beaven (BB)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Andrew Shepherd (AS)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH)
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bike Network Victoria	Jacques Le Sueur (JLS)	CPBJH
Martin Wurt (MW)	MTAG	Charles Fairbairn (ChF)	CPBJH
Peter Kartsidimas (PK)	RACV	Michelle Carroll (MC)	CPBJH
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay City Council	Vesna Newman (VN)	CPBJH
Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council	Philippa Ross-James (PR)	CPBJH
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne		
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council	Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair
Apologies			
Marlon De Leon (MdL)	Tarneit	Greg Cain (GC)	VTA
Sarah Grace (SG)	Yarraville	John Stirk (JS)	BayWest BUG
Not in attendance			
Tony Le-Nguyen (TL)	Footscray	Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek
Monique Perry (MP)	Concerned Locals of Yarraville	Jenny McMahon (JM)	LeadWest

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	Actions from previous meetings	All
5.55pm	3	Report from community members	CLG Members
6.10pm	4	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.30pm	5	Tea Break	All
6.40pm	6	Questions from members on construction update	CLG Members
6.55pm	7	Schools Engagement Program – West Gate Kids	TU
7.10pm	8	CLG Landscape Update	TU
7.20pm	9	West Gate Tunnel Project MTIA Update	WGTP MTIA
7.30pm	10	Actions arising and close	Chair

Minutes

Agenda Item	Item Detail
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:37 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW started with Acknowledgement of Country• JW welcomed all attendees and noted apologies• JW noted Project support of social enterprise Mission Cater.
2	<p>Actions from previous CLG monthly meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW advised that responses to some actions were emailed to members on Friday 19 July.• Actions from previous meetings and the updated status were reviewed and discussed.• Some actions proposed to be closed were queried by CLG members.• The updated status of actions are listed below.• Jim confirmed that updates to open action items will be emailed to members between meetings, with a view to then closing the action at the next meeting of the relevant group.
3	<p>Report from CLG community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KR asked if the Project can consider moving line marking back further west before the city bound left exit to Old Geelong Road to make the exit clearer to drivers. CPBJH noted that this can be reviewed when Project surfacing works occur in this area.• GM asked that consideration be given to replanting trees in areas to benefit residents (In line with the Environmental Performance Requirements).• MW provided an update relating to MTAG about the Inner West Air Quality reference group, Millers/Williamstown Road corridor study group and the recent Smart Freight Initiative.• GB advised that Bicycle Network Victoria are happy with the process to provide input on project design to CPBJH and attends meetings with engineers. He noted that there are some minor issues for cyclists with Federation Trail and at Footscray Road at the ramp near City Link.• VN noted he has asked Maribyrnong Council about curfew times for Buckley Street.• VN asked who will be responsible for maintenance on the veloway (East Zone). Transurban confirmed maintenance and operations remain with Transurban for the term of the contract to 2045.• CF commented that the closure of Fogarty Avenue has impacted access to the soccer and hockey clubs. He noted that re-opening the connection between Francis Street and Fogarty Avenue would be helpful.• MM noted that he had met with the WGTP MTIA team and that traffic modelling was indicating extra traffic on Wurundjeri Way but generally there are improvements to traffic flow for the Docklands area. IB advised that Hobsons Bay Council have now completed community consultation on three open space areas, and that he would be pleased to provide an update at a future CLG meeting.• IB noted a general increase of construction activity and truck traffic in the West Zone and noted that the project has been very responsive to community issues.• DA noted that some suggestions for landscape changes have been provided through the Stony Creek remediation group.• FA asked in relation to responding to community questions, that rather than referencing required standards, information should be provided on what the project are actually doing to meet the requirement be provided.
4	<p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AS provided an update on construction activities in the Tunnel Zone including the progress of Northern Portal, North Yarra Main Sewer, Tunnelling Hub and Southern Portal.• ChF provided an update on construction activities in the West Zone including the progress of the Williamstown Road interchange, Fogarty Avenue, Muir Street overpass, Millers Road, Paringa Road, Grieve Parade and Kororoit Creek Bridge.• JLS provided an update on construction activities in the East Zone including works in the Maribyrnong River, Footscray Road, Lynch's Bridge and Dynon Road.

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5	<p>Tea Break at 7.15pm</p>
6	<p>Questions from CLG members on construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions from members.
7	<p>Schools Engagement Program – West Gate Kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB provided an update on the West Gate Kids schools engagement program.
8	<p>Landscape Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB distributed the landscape information kits to all attending CLG members and noted that the information will be put on the project website shortly, shared via social media and will be available at upcoming community events and activities as part of the community information campaign. • BB advised that feedback has been previously provided through the landscape workshops and through comments by CLG members on the draft fact sheet circulated, and that the kits are now being provided to members for information only.
9	<p>West Gate Tunnel Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LE thanked Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek for the invitation for the Project to attend National Tree Day event on Sunday 28th July 2019 and invited CLG members to come along and support the project and the event. • LE advised that there has been a good response to the EOI to join the CLG and meetings were being held with a view to having some new members inducted soon. • MW advised a preference for CLG meetings to start at 6pm. LE noted that this will be discussed further with the Chair, and members, to reach a decision.
10	<p>Actions arising and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to discussions regarding LJ6 and AJ1, led by FA and FB, a new action AJ8 is created for WGTP MTIA to extract images from the 3D project model to show the design in the area of the Moonee Ponds Creek. • Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Open Actions – West Group

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
AW8	Project Co to provide the definition of what constitutes a tree and a shrub.	TU	A tree is a woody plant with predominantly one elongated main stem or trunk and generally with few or no branches on its lower part. Trees typically grow to over 5m in height and provide a shade canopy. A shrub has several main stems growing from ground level, rather than one trunk. Shrubs are typically smaller than trees and vary from outwardly-growing ground cover to bushes reaching 3-4m in height.	Open <i>(To be closed at next meeting).</i>
AW9	Project Co to provide a summary of tree/shrub removal – including area of removal and area of replanting.	TU		Open

Open Actions – North Group

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
AN2	Provide an update on the design of Williamstown Road when design is finalised	TU	<p>For vehicles travelling southbound on Williamstown Road, there will be a dedicated lane for vehicles turning left on the West Gate Freeway (towards the city), a dedicated lane going straight which turns into two lanes as it passes under the West Gate Freeway, and two dedicated lanes turning right on the West Gate Freeway (away from the city).</p> <p>The two dedicated lanes for vehicles turning right onto the West Gate Freeway will start further back on Williamstown Rd and will have more capacity for vehicles to queue, meaning more capacity for vehicles going straight to pass through the intersection.</p> <p>For vehicles traveling northbound on Williamstown Road, there will be a dedicated lane for vehicles turning left onto the West Gate Freeway (away from the city), two dedicated lanes going straight under the West Gate Freeway, and three dedicated lanes for vehicles turning right onto the West Gate Freeway (towards the city).</p> <p>The vast majority of traffic using this interchange during peak periods is going onto the freeway, heading into or out of the city. Our changes will mean the intersection has greater capacity and greater flow, improving traffic movement through the intersection.</p>	Closed

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AN4	Follow up with VicRoads (as responsive Authority) on changes that have happened at Hyde Street due to an accident from trucks coming from Somerville Road and Whitehall Street.	CPBJH	<p>CPBJH have discussed with VicRoads how to optimise this phase as best as possible to clear this movement to assist filtered southbound turns and they noted they will keep an eye on it and that traffic signal equipment installed by the WGTP MTIA will automatically adjust as required.</p> <p>Community queries received by the Project in regards to the intersection have been passed onto VicRoads so they are well aware to make any changes they consider are required.</p>	Closed

Open Actions – Joint meetings

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
AJ1	Provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings	TU	<p>Landscape kits were distributed to members present at the CLG meeting on 24 July.</p> <p>CLG members will be the first to receive a copy of these documents, before they become publicly available on the project website, at the Visitor Information Centre, mobile info van and for public info sessions.</p> <p>As discussed at past CLG meetings and at the CLG landscaping workshops, each kit for the key landscaped areas across the project will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fact sheet, summarising the area and its key features, plant and vegetation species information and a realistic impression of final landscaped area; • The landscape design, similar to those presented at the workshops, with key labels and design information; and • Additional imagery available for each area. <p>The development of these materials has considered feedback provided by CLG members at past CLG meetings, the three CLG landscaping workshops and to the draft Moonee Ponds Creek landscaping fact sheet.</p>	<p>Open</p> <p><i>(To be closed after all members have received final comms kit)</i></p>
AJ8	Further to discussions regarding LJ6 led by FA and FB, a new action is created for WGTP MTIA to extract images from the 3D project model to show the design	WGTP MTIA	Various images showing day and night time in this area will be extracted from the 3D model.	Open

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	in the area of the Moonee Ponds Creek.			

Open Actions – West Group Landscape workshop

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LW3	CPBJH JV to advise Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek about consultation with Indigenous representatives regarding the Indigenous garden north of the freeway at Kororoit Creek (near the blue stone bridge).	CPBJH	CPBJH JV advised at CLG West landscape workshop that a number of indigenous groups have been consulted about this garden and they will continue to engage with them on other aspects of the project, particularly around the waterways.	Open
LW4	CPBJH JV to review opportunity for any additional safety treatments at the cycling path intersection along Kororoit Creek – just before the bluestone bridge.	CPBJH		Open
LW5	CPBJH JV to review any opportunity to connect the current maintenance track at the edge of Kororoit Creek (below the location of the turnaround bay) with the new SUP.	CPBJH		Open
LW7	Opportunity to have CLG members input into a priority list for landscaping offsets with HBCC.	CPBJH	<p>CPBJH JV continue to look for areas for offset planting outside the project boundary, and will continue to work with councils and other land owners to explore viability of these opportunities.</p> <p>When appropriate, the West CLG members will be asked to provide feedback into a priority list for locations associated with offset planting that are not within the project boundary.</p> <p>Please note that the next update will only be provided when available.</p>	Closed
LW8	HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping.	CPBJH		Open
LW9	West CLG members be given an opportunity to review a draft version of a West zone factsheet.	WGTP MTIA	Members present at the June joint CLG meeting have been provided with a landscape communications kit containing a West zone fact sheet.	Closed

Open Actions – North Group Landscape workshop

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LN1	WGTP MTIA to investigate whether noise modelling extended to the active space locations being developed under the freeway.	WGTP MTIA	<p>Noise modelling was not included in the EES and design process for active space locations underneath the freeway in accordance with State requirements.</p> <p>The noise modelling does not extend to these areas and there is no intention to carry out further assessment of noise in these areas.</p>	Closed
LN2	WGTP MTIA to review community engagement/responses to the proposed active spaces during the planning phase/EES process.	WGTP MTIA	There was limited stakeholder input provided during the EES process related to the Moonee Ponds Creek area. WGTP MTIA will consider as part of LN6.	Closed
LN3	Transurban and CPBJH to engage the Friends of Stony Creek, Maribyrnong Council and advisory group established to oversee the Stony Creek rehabilitation during the landscape design development.	TU	<p>Project Co, CPBJH JV, and Maribyrnong City Council, at the request of Maribyrnong City Council, have agreed that engagement with Friends of Stony Creek and the Stony Creek Recovery Advisory Group (SAS) will be the responsibility of the Council. This includes collecting, collating and submitting comments received from the two groups in relation to Stony Creek landscape design development. This reflects the approach currently undertaken with Friends of Groups, interest groups and Council's in other jurisdictions impacted by construction of the West Gate Freeway.</p> <p>Further to this, the CPBJH JV were invited by Maribyrnong City Council to present the preliminary landscaping design for Stony Creek at the Stony Creek Recovery Stakeholder Advisory Group (which includes Friends of Stony Creek).</p>	Closed
LN4	Project parties to consider opportunities for community participation in the future landscaping of Stony Creek through activities such as tree plantings.	All	<p>At this current point in time, the physical landscaping of this area is not expected to commence until 2022 – the final year of the project. CPBJH JV has expressed its willingness to explore opportunities to include community members in the physical landscaping activities (e.g. tree planting) in this area, closer to the expected commencement date for this works.</p> <p>This will be explored with the Friends of Stony Creek and the Stony Creek Recovery Advisory Group (SAS) via Maribyrnong City Council.</p> <p>Maribyrnong Council confirmed that Friends of Stony Creek and Cruikshank Park are in the process of providing updates.</p>	Closed
LN5	Project parties to provide Steve Wilson (Friends of Stony Creek) with a copy of the preliminary design plan for Stony Creek	All	CPBJH shared information with Maribyrnong Council who provided the copy of the preliminary design for Stony Creek landscaping to Steve Wilson and the Friends of Stony Creek in early July.	Closed

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	reviewed at the workshop so that he can share it with the Friends of Stony Creek.		This is consistent with the wishes of Maribyrnong City Council, which Project Co, the Council and CPBJH JV have agreed will be responsible for engagement (including provision of designs, and collecting, collating and submitting comments) with Friends of Stony Creek and the Stony Creek Recovery Advisory Group (SAS).	
LN6	WGTP MTIA to respond to concerns by members on the use of Moonee Ponds Creek active space and consideration of tree planting.	WGTP MTIA	<p>WGTP MTIA is consulting with various stakeholders in order to respond to this matter.</p> <p>WGTP MTIA confirmed that feedback is being sought from Victorian Planning Authority and City of Melbourne. PB confirmed this and that City of Melbourne has provided feedback. In the stakeholder consultation, WGTP MTIA will consider relevant EES submission information.</p>	Open

Open Actions – Joint Group Landscape Workshop

#	Action	Owner	Update	Status
LJ3	Prepare a visual image of what the new Whitehall Street retarding basin, shared use path bridge and Transurban operations centre design will look like.	TU	<p>Please find the attached images from the of the Whitehall Street retarding basin/wetland adjacent to the Northern Portal, for indication of what the area will look like on completion, including the Transurban operations centre.</p> <p>Additional images of this area are being prepared as part of the landscaping communication materials, which will be provided to CLG members.</p>	Closed
LJ4	Include more realistic images of urban designs and landscaping as part of community engagement/inform campaign.	TU	<p>Please see AJ1</p> <p>Realistic design renders are being included in the landscape communications kit.</p>	<p>Closed</p> <p><i>(combined with AJ1 which remains open until kit is final)</i></p>
LJ5	Explore safety considerations as part of cycling and shared use path infrastructure, including detail such as pedestrian and cyclist counts, expected cyclist speeds (especially at intersections of the veloway and shared use path) and any potential additional measures required.	TU	<p>The West Gate Tunnel project is committed to delivering cycling and pedestrian infrastructure which achieves the highest possible level of safety for all users. The Project achieves this by requiring all designs to go through a comprehensive and robust design process Prior to commencement of construction</p> <p>The Project must demonstrate that the design process has been completed to achieve certification, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Designs must be accordance with applicable design standards 	Closed

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The design standards determine required path widths, vertical and horizontal gradients, sight distances, design speeds, required clearance zones from obstructions, signage and line marking requirements, and more •Where these standards set varying levels to achieve compliance, the project is required to meet the desirable, or highest standard – not the base level or minimum •Completion of independent Road Safety Audits after each stage of detailed design, preopening, and immediately following the opening of the works •Complete a Safety In Design workshop to identify potential risks associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the veloway/SUP. Mitigation measures are identified and implemented •Reviewed by key stakeholders, including local councils, VicRoads and Bicycle Network. Comments provided by these stakeholders need to be addressed by the CPBJH JV •Reviewed by the WGTP MTIA project parties •Reviewed and certified as being compliant by the Independent Reviewer and Environmental Auditor (IREA). <p>Through the above processes and protocols, the West Gate Tunnel Project is confident that all safety concerns are considered and addressed, and that the final outcomes will be of the highest possible standard.</p> <p>PK noted that road safety audits include pedestrian safety considerations.</p>	
LJ6	Identify areas where lighting will and will not be installed at open spaces, if not, why this is not part of the design (specifically, under the elevated structures above the BMW/pump-tracks).	TU	<p>Lighting for the new open spaces is not a project requirement. In relation to the open space under the elevated structures above the BMX/pump-tracks, these were designed to be separated, allowing natural light through and to create an attractive, well- lit under road space.</p> <p>The design of the open spaces incorporates Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies, in line with the Safer Design Guidelines 2005. The principles of natural surveillance, natural access control, and through definition of space and ownership have been promoted through the design.</p> <p>During the planning phase for the West Gate Tunnel, as well as through the design phase, owners were consulted, and their interests and concerns factored in</p>	Closed

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			<p>(where possible) to the designs.</p> <p>In regard to lighting open spaces, consideration of costs, maintenance, security, biodiversity and resourcing requirements, which the returned facility owners might not want to accept, would need to be considered.</p>	
LJ7	Consideration of lighting the Moonee Ponds Creek open space area, and installation of drinking taps and amenities block.	TU	Project Co and CPBJH JV gave consideration to the installation of lighting, drinking taps and amenities block in the Moonee Ponds Creek area in response to comments received from stakeholders, and determined that due to the lack of existing infrastructure, cost implications, and ongoing maintenance implications to the future owner, these assets were not to be pursued through.	Closed
LJ8	Explore all options to remove or realign the proposed truck turning bay on the Kororoit Creek Trail and respond to CLG and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek.	TU	CPBJH JV have achieved a reduction in the size of the truck turning bay and are continuing to explore viability and implications of an alignment change.	Closed
LJ9	Provision to join the new and existing concrete paths under Grieve Parade.	TU	<p>An agreement has been reached between Hobsons Bay City Council and the CPBJH JV to join the new and existing concrete paths under Grieve Parade.</p> <p>WGTP MTIA has provided correspondence advising it is supportive of this initiative.</p> <p>This will progress through the design process and timing of construction will continue to be discussed between the Project parties and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek.</p>	Closed
LJ10	Look into location of Stony Creek crossing to improve passive surveillance.	TU	Further consultation with the Friends of Stony Creek indicate its current proposed location is suitable.	Closed
LJ15	Look into what detail regarding existing and future vegetation can be provided in future landscaping designs.	TU	Some before and after imagery is included in the landscaping communication kits that are to be made available to members and on the project website.	<p>Open</p> <p><i>(To be closed after members receive final comms kit and info is on the web.)</i></p>

Next meeting

Group:

North Meeting - 22 August 2019 / West Meeting - 18 September 2019