

Minutes



West Gate Tunnel Project Community Liaison Group – North group meeting

Thursday 21 March 2019 5:30-7:50pm

WGTP Visitor Information Centre, Yarraville

Attendees

Name	Community/Organisation	Name	Community/Organisation
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Jack Herbert (JH)	Transurban (TU)
Martin Wurt (MW)	MTAG	Jay Francis (JF)	TU
Paul Baggeridge (PB)	City of Melbourne	Alan Platt (AP)	CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH)
Deidre Anderson (DA)	Maribyrnong City Council	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH
Jim Williamson (JW)	CLG Chair	Michelle Carroll (MC)	CPBJH
Peter Sammut (PS)	West Gate Tunnel Authority (WGTA)	Vesna Newman (VN)	CPBJH
Liz Evans (LE)	WGTA	Damien Kennedy (DK)	Victorian Planning Authority (VPA)
Liam Lenihan (LL)	WGTA	Kate Alder (KA)	VPA
Geoff Liu (GL)	WGTA		
Apologies			
Con Frescos	Yarraville	Bryce Prosser	RACV
Sarah Grace	Yarraville	Garry Brennan	Bike Network Victoria
Tony Le-Nguyen	Footscray	Chris Eddy	LeadWest
Matt Monger	Docklands	Monique Perry	Concerned Locals of Yarraville
Greg Cain	VTA		
Not in attendance			
Nathan Hang	Kensington	Victor Ng	Seddon

Agenda Items

Time	#	Item Detail	Owner
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting	Chair
5.40pm	2	Report from CLG community members	CLG Members
5:55pm	3	Special Guests – Victorian Planning Authority	Kate Alder / Damien Kennedy
6.30pm	4	Tea Break	All
6.45pm	5	Construction update	CPB JV
7.20pm	6	Questions from CLG members on construction update and landscape workshop update	CLG Members
7.40pm	7	West Gate Tunnel Authority Update	Peter Sammut
7.45pm	8	Upcoming events for CLG Members to attend	All
7.50pm	9	Actions arising and close	Chair

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1	<p>Welcome, introductions, apologies and actions from previous meeting</p> <p>Meeting opened at 5:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW started with Acknowledgement of Country. • JW welcomed attendees to the CLG. • JW explained there are positions to fill in the CLG due to departing members • JW read apologies • JW noted congratulations for Monique Perry on the arrival of a new baby
2	<p>Report from CLG community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FA asked if anything had been decided on with regards to community engagement and how the community will be informed in relation to landscaping and open space. • JH advised that a pack is being put together which will be provided to CLG members shortly. • FA noted a recent meeting with Project and representatives from Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek and the Kensington Association where members asked about the ability to input into the process. FA advised that the packs will have limited value if they are for information purposes only.
3	<p>Special Guests – Kate Alder and Damien Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW introduced and welcomed to KA and DK from Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) to the CLG. • KA stated the purpose of the Strategic Opportunities Plan (SOP) and the Implementation Plan report for Moonee Ponds Creek • KA stated that the SOP is being coordinated by the City of Melbourne (CoM) • KA advised that the Implementation Plan will be coordinated by the VPA. • KA advised that the Strategic Opportunities Plan is available on the CoM website and is currently open for consultation • KA stated that the City of Melbourne has identified 31 opportunities in this plan • FA advised that the works from the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) were not reflected in the SOP • PB advised that the landscape architects who carried out the work on the SOP did not have possession of the WGTP landscape designs when producing the work. • FA commented that WGTP will impact the final SOP and there will be limitations on what can be done in certain areas. This should have been made clear in the SOP. • KA stated the next step is to consider feedback from the City of Melbourne – July and August this year. The report will be finalised to given to the government. • FA noted that it is important to understand what is possible first before we get the community excited about this project. • KA advised that ensuring this project reflects community values is a priority. • PB noted there was no engagement with the WGTP in the development of its Strategic Opportunities Plan • JW thanked KA for her attendance and presentation.
4	<p>Tea Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea break was taken at 6.30pm
5	<p>Actions update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW called for an update on all North and Joint Meeting open actions from October 2018 and February 2019 • JF advised that AN1 is now closed with new road configurations now implemented

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF advised that AN2 is still open as the design has not been finalised • JH advised that AJ1 and AJ2 are still open and will be shared when available • PS noted that the truck haulage route when tunnel boring begins will be along Whitehall Street and then on to Footscray Road • LE advised that a meeting will be held next week which will close out AJ3 and that information will be shared with the CLG North members • JH advised that AJ4 is closed as applicants have been sent an email earlier this week to update on employment applications • JH advised that AJ5 is closed, this was confirmed by FA • With regards AJ6, FA advised that she received EES information from WGTA but understood that additional traffic modelling had been completed. • PS advised that this additional traffic modelling will likely arise from the work being undertaken by the North West Melbourne Transport study which is getting underway. AJ6 was then considered closed • PS advised that AJ7 is a standing action and noted that specific workshops can be held for the north and west groups on specific topics if/when required. • PS asked if there was interest in further landscape workshops for the North Group with more specific information. This would be offered to the west group also. • PB and FA supported this offer • PS advised that a landscaping workshop will be organised for the north group within the next four weeks if possible <p>Construction update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP introduced himself as the Manager for the East Zone • AP gave an update on the North Yarra Main Sewer • AP advised of ongoing engagement with community members within the tunnel zone • AP advised that there will be work on the water main, power diversion and piling preparation along Footscray Road • AP advised of power utility relocation resulting in pedestrian bridge closure along Muir Street
7	<p>CLG Workshop Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH provided a verbal update on the actions (see below) from the CLG landscaping workshop that was held in February • JH advised that as further updates become available they will be provided to WGTA who will then update CLG members • JH advised that action #1 is closed • JH advised that action #2 remains open • JH advised that action #3 is in development and they aim to close this by COB Friday 29th of March 2019 • JH advised that action #5 will remain open with no current timeline • JH advised that there is no update in regard to action #6 and action #7 is still open • JH advised that they are still awaiting a response from the Joint Venture – action #8 • No update was provided on Action #9 • JH advised that TU had received from JV on action #10 and will be speaking to WGTA • JH advised that after exploring action #11 he advised they are limited by physical constraints • JH advised that action #12 is closed with the implementation of a gentler curve • JH advised that they are closing action #13 with Hobsons Bay • JH advised that the JV is looking into what details can be provided for action #14 so remains open • No update was provided on Action #15 • MU explained that they are looking for opportunities to engage with communities on landscaping and open space and are currently seeking feedback for ideas. MU would like to find out how communities want to be engaged • FA asked if any engagement had occurred in Kensington or North or West Melbourne as yet. MU responded that there had not been at this stage • PB noted that part of the \$100 million funds is for traffic and traffic amenities and includes North Melbourne and Docklands. The first initiative is implementing a 40k/hr speed limit in local streets in North and West Melbourne

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW asked for an update on the Hyde Street/Somerville Road intersection safety improvements. MC noted that there have been discussions with VicRoads and Project would follow up social media response. PB asked whether the Community Involvement and Participation Plan would apply to City of Melbourne. PS confirmed that, in line with the EPR, this program would be available to Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong areas. PS noted that CLG would have a role in the evaluation of submissions.
8	<p>West Gate Tunnel Authority Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS advised that the West Gate Tunnel Bill passed through Parliament today and that Transurban has notified the ASX that the City link Concession Deed Amendments are also through. LL provided an update on the Community Involvement and Participation Plan including the grant categories, online portal and grant priorities. FA asked whether the Community Involvement and Participation Plan would apply to community groups within the City of Melbourne. PS confirmed that, in line with the EPR, this program would be available to Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong areas. PS noted that CLG would have a role in the evaluation of submissions.
9	<p>Upcoming events for CLG Members to attend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LL mentioned the Moonee Valley 'Illuminate the River' Festival on Saturday 30 March
10	<p>Actions arising and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closes at 7.50pm.

Open Actions – North Group

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Status
AN2	Provide an update on the design of Williamstown Road when design is finalised	TU	October	Open
AN3	Organise a workshop specifically on landscaping and open space specifically for the north group	TU	March	Open
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	CPB JH	March	Open

Open Actions – Joint meetings

#	Action	Owner	Date Raised	Status
AJ1	Provide the relevant stakeholders and CLG with most recent available landscaping design drawings.	TU	December	Open
AJ2	Provide further information on the truck haulage routes and locations for disposal of spoil	TU	December	Open
AJ3	Provide information regarding traffic modelling in Docklands area	WGTA	December	Open
AJ5	Project to co-ordinate specific workshops with North and West members	WGTA	February	Open

Open Actions – CLG Landscape Workshop

#	Action
1.	Provide general overview of CLG workshop at CLG joint meeting on February 21 and proposed communications approach going forward.
2.	Seek input from CLG members on activities for proposed community communications campaign (eg briefings to relevant committee meetings).
3.	Prepare a visual image of what the new Whitehall Street retarding basin, shared use path bridge and Transurban operations centre design will look like.
4.	Include more realistic images of urban designs and landscaping as part of community engagement/inform campaign.
5.	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
6.	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 pump-tracks).
7.	Consideration of lighting the Moonee Ponds Creek open space area, and installation of drinking taps and amenities block.
8.	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.
9.	Provision to join the new and existing concrete paths under Grieve Parade.
10.	Look into location of Stony Creek crossing to improve passive surveillance.
11.	Explore opportunities to plant more trees on the port side of Maribyrnong River adjacent to McKenzie Road.
12.	Explore opportunity for a gentler curve for the shared use path at corner of Hyde/Harris Streets.
13.	Ensure safe and convenient access to all landscaped and open space areas for maintenance activities where access is currently constrained eg Stony Creek area north of the West Gate Bridge
14.	Explore offset planting opportunities outside the project area along the project corridor.
15.	Look into what detail regarding existing and future vegetation can be provided in future landscaping designs,