

# Minutes

**Subject: August CLG Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 11 August 2022. 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: Online (Zoom)**

Attendees			
Jim Williamson (JW)	Chair	Shane D'Rozario (SDR)	West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA)
Bert Boere (BB)	Brooklyn	Anthony Havers (AH)	WGTP MTIA
Dennis Ryan (DR)	Altona North	Liz Evans (LE)	WGTP MTIA
Kevin Redfern (KR)	Seabrook	Ebru Saglam (ES)	WGTP MTIA
Glen Best (GBE)	Spotswood	Cyrus Alorro (CA)	WGTP MTIA
Senthill Sundaram (SS)	Point Cook	Emily Alvis (EA)	WGTP MTIA
Garry Brennan (GB)	Bicycle Network Victoria	Harley Thomas (HT)	WGTP MTIA
Con Frescos (CFR)	Yarraville	Jordana Thornton (JT)	WGTP MTIA
Arthur Bregiannis (AB)	Yarraville	Tatiana Echeverri (TE)	Transurban (TU)
Peter Gerrand (PG)	West and North Melbourne	Lachlan Sturt (LS)	TU
Geoff Mitchelmore (GM)	Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek	Christopher McKenna (CM)	TU
Fran Araneda (FA)	Kensington	Marcus Fosterling (MF)	TU

<b>Attendees</b>			
Ferdinand Saliba (FS)	Deer Park	Charlie Fairbairn (CF)	CPBJH Joint Venture (CPBJH JV)
Eloise McGurn (EM)	City of Melbourne	Christian Dolezal (CD)	CPBJH JV
Ian Butterworth (IB)	Hobsons Bay Council	Nathan Moir (NM)	CPBJH JV
Neil Hutchinson (NH)	City of Melbourne	Mario Urban (MU)	CPBJH JV
Adrian Havryluk (AHV)	Maribyrnong City Council	Glen Yates (GY)	Maribyrnong Truck Action Group (MTAG)

<b>Apologies</b>			
Peter Lellyett (PL)	WGTP MTIA	Adrian Ashford (AA)	Brimbank City Council
Greg Cain (GC)	Victorian Transport Association (VTA)	Victor Ng (VN)	Seddon
Marlon De Leon (MDL)	Tarneit	Steve Wilson (SW)	Friends of Stony Creek

### Agenda Items

<b>Time</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Item detail</b>	<b>Owner</b>
5.30pm	1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair
5.40pm	2	WGTP MTIA update	WGTP MTIA
5.50pm	3	Construction update	CPBJH JV
6.20pm	4	BREAK	All

6.30pm	5	Member questions	Community members
6.50pm	6	Actions update	All
7.00pm	7	Actions arising and closing	All
7.15pm	8	Thank you and close	Chair

## Minutes

Agenda item	Item detail
	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW opened the meeting and welcomed attendees online.</li> <li>JW thanked everyone for making the change to online with short notice and stated the importance of keeping everyone's health and wellbeing front of mind.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JW welcomed new attendees to the group, Neil Hutchinson from the City of Melbourne, Emily Alvis Senior Grants Manager from WGTP MTIA, Cyrus Alorro Project Manager from WGTP MTIA, Lachlan Sturt Community and Stakeholder Engagement Lead from Transurban and Nathan Moir from CPBJH Joint Venture. JW mentioned a meeting that was held between WGTP MTIA, PG and FA discussing a letter from the community members to WGTP MTIA. JW noted his apology for that meeting. PG mentioned that it was a useful meeting which helped him understand the issues much better.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>WGTP MTIA update</b></p> <p>EA provided an update on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund (WGNF):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round 2 of West Gate Neighbourhood Fund grants opened on 25 July 2022 and close next Friday 19 August at 3pm.</li> <li>A comprehensive advertising campaign has taken place across social media platforms and the West Gate Tunnel Big Build website.</li> <li>Four grant writing workshops took place across Maribyrnong and Hobsons Bay areas, with approximately 30 participants which was a good outcome.</li> </ul>
2	<p>EA updated members on the Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund (SBNF):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant applications for the \$2M Sunbury and Bulla Neighbourhood Fund closed Monday 8 August 2022 at 3pm, a total of 43 applications were received.</li> <li>Grant writing workshops took place including one online session and one face to face in Sunbury.</li> <li>Eligibility and review process has now commenced. In regard to the Inner West Neighbourhood Fund program, WGTP MTIA will be reaching out to CLG members to offer their participation in the review of applications. This is likely to take place in late August with a 2-week turnaround time.</li> </ul> <p>LE spoke about the recent changes to the WGTP Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LE encouraged everyone to check out the Community Liaison Group page on the WGTP website which has recently had a refresh.</li> </ul>

- LE mentioned the Tunnel Boring Machine tracker which is updated every 3 or so weeks to show progress on the TBM's with statistics showing percentage of completion and how many days it has been boring.

### Construction update

#### WEST ZONE

MU and CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the West zone:

#### Community Engagement Update

- **Backyard Planting Program** - MU stated the notification for the initiative was issued to residents along the alignment of the project. The program launched on 25 July with a great response so far. Several popups have taken place with a few more still coming up. Details are on our website at <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/west-gate-tunnel-project/community/backyard-planting-program>
- **Fogarty Avenue** - A notification was sent out to residents around Fogarty Avenue and surrounding areas advising that the majority of works will be completed by the end of 2022.
- **Millers Road** - MU stated there have been vouchers purchased from businesses on Millers Road and will be given out at a Fogarty Avenue popup on Friday 12 August.
- **Engagement** - MU stated the JV has been engaging closely with Yarraville Glory on Fogarty Avenue to assist with traffic arrangement. There was also engagement with Grieve Parade businesses ahead of the road closures that took place recently.

#### Key Progress

- **M80 Interchange** – A new ramp opened Thursday 4 August 2022 for drivers coming from M80/Western Ring Road into the CBD of Melbourne. CF mentioned they have also changed the arrangement of lanes for drivers from Princes Freeway to West Gate Freeway which took place on Tuesday 9 August. This change enables a major worksite to be available for reconstruction of a new section of road which will widen the freeway in this area.
- **Hyde Street Area** – Williamstown Road and Hyde Street ramp works including column and crosshead substructure, retaining walls, pavements, demolition, beam installation, asphaltting, pavement construction ongoing and linking to Hyde Street and Simcock Avenue are ongoing. CF stated that night-time ramp closures are required.
- **Fogarty Avenue** - Ongoing works near Fogarty Avenue include electrical freeway cabling and sensors, fire hydrant crossings, drainage, shared user path construction, noise wall removal, kerbing, and re-surfacing of the road. CF mentioned they are hoping to finish up by the end of 2022. LE enquired how long the shuttle flow will be in place for. CF mentioned it will be in place for 2-weeks, starting on 23 August.

3

#### Upcoming Works

- **Millers Road Spring Campaign** – 9-week campaign commencing Friday 19 August to the end of October. Works have been split into 3 stages to finish significant works at Millers Road and new walking and cycling paths. Stage 1 will require Millers Road inbound entry ramp to be closed for approx. four weeks prior to school holidays and there will also be a single lane closure of the Millers Road southbound carriage way. Stage 2 will include a 2-week shut of Millers Road outbound entry ramp and inbound exit ramp during school holidays from 16 September - 3 October. Stage 3 will run from 4 - 20 October where Millers Road inbound exit ramp and outbound entry ramp to be closed for approx. three weeks after school holidays. There will also be a single lane closure of Millers Road northbound.

#### EAST ZONE

MU and CF provided an update on the below activities taking place across the East zone

#### Community Engagement Update

- **Maribyrnong River** - MU stated a notification was sent out to businesses along Maribyrnong Street for the girder laydown area and upcoming works. Another notification was sent out for works to build the new walking and cycling bridge across Moonee Ponds Creek.
- MU mentioned they have completed door knocks and engagement to businesses along Maribyrnong Street to advise of the upcoming works that will occupy parking spots scheduled for September.

- MU discussed upcoming closures at Maribyrnong River started from July and will continue through to the end of September, to ensure the safety of river users during construction of the onramp and offramp bridges.

#### Key Progress

- **Dynon Road** – CF explained the scope of works commencing at Dynon Road which will include a new pedestrian walking and cycling path and widening of the existing Dynon Road bridge to make way for additional lanes for the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- **Footscray Road** – The Launching Gantry changed direction on Wednesday 27 July and is now travelling east along Footscray Road to construct the inbound carriageway. Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Hon Jacinta Allan visited the site to mark the occasion. The gantry crane will place almost 1600 segments into place over a two-year period.
- **Moonee Ponds Creek** – From August 2022, works have commenced to build the new cycling and walking bridge along the creek. Vegetation and tree removal have occurred in the area to enable a comprehensive re-planting strategy to be rolled out. There have been various meetings with Melbourne Water and the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek to discuss these works and for WGTP to understand the community issues and discuss requirements to revegetate.
- **Wurundjeri Way Extension** – CF noted major widening activity has taken place between some Marvel stadium carparks along the south of Bourke Street. Some high voltage relocation works have also started. Bridge segments have been installed which has resulted in some minor closures on Dudley Street which will continue for the next few months.
- **Maribyrnong River Bridges** – Bridge construction over the Maribyrnong River is progressing well. A major beam lift is scheduled for September and by October a major milestone will be completed in being able to cross over from one side of the river to the other.
- **McKenzie Road Bridge** - Construction of the onramp bridge linking MacKenzie Road to the tunnel portal is underway. Six girders have been successfully lifted and placed onto bridge piers so far. Temporary bridge footings have been constructed on the eastern bank to hold bridge segments in place during construction.

#### Upcoming Works

- **Footscray Road closures** - Multiple full weekend carriageway, and weeknight overnight, closures in both directions between Market Gate entrance and Appleton Dock Road proposed between August and December 2022. Long-term fast lane closure along Footscray Road eastbound to install barriers creating a long-term safe workspace for the gantry to turn onto the eastbound carriageway and continue works.
- **Moonee Ponds Creek** – Minor disruptions coming up to cycling and walking bridge across MPC for the safety of the cyclist while the lifts of the beams are put in place.
- **Wurundjeri Way Extension** – From 18 August a Northbound slip lane closure will be in place at Wurundjeri way to enable some construction and pavement activity.

#### TUNNELS ZONE

CD provided an update on the progress made across the Tunnel zone, including:

##### Community Engagement Update

- Over 360 notifications have been distributed advising of Bella approaching. Over 175 notifications have been distributed advising of Vida approaching. 31 letterbox drops have been completed in the last two weeks.
- Noise and vibration monitors have been installed in 5 properties along the tunnel alignment. One location slightly exceeding 'disruptive' noise levels. Noise levels have been very close to the modelling completed prior to tunnelling.
- **Drop-in info sessions at the info centre** – have now changed to monthly sessions covering a different topic each month. The next session will be on 31 August covering southern and northern portals.
- 16 tunnelling related enquiries through the call centre over the last month.

##### Key Progress

- **Bella TBM** – Bella has bored 1470m and is currently under Beverly Street, in a couple of hundred metres Bella will be outside of residential areas, will then complete 400 rings and will be along the Highway.
- **Vida TBM** – Vida has bored over 871m in and is currently approaching Frederick Street. An important milestone will take place in September with Vida being halfway bored.

- **Southern and Northern Portals** – the commencement of the above ground superstructure at the southern end is approaching by the end of August and will be finished around the beginning of 2025. The northern portal will shortly follow with commencement of the super structure early 2023 with construction coming to an end also the beginning of 2025.
- **Truck Haulage from Hi Quality** – From 1 August to 10 August there was a total of 1419 leaving site bringing haulage up to Bulla. There was an external incident in Sunbury and as a result an emergency route was activated and approximately 30 trucks had to use this route.

CD followed up on some questions that were raised in the last meeting:

- **Contract for Spoil trucks for truck identification (raised by GY)** – CD mentioned EPH covers 65% of the trucks, and some are subcontracted by EPH including Fleet which covers 25% and Legend covering 10%. CD mentioned regarding truck identification they will not be putting logos on the trucks due to the different contractors involved and from a contractual point of view are under no obligations to have project logos for identifications.
- **Northern portal structure design and what is the timing of it (raised by AHV)**– commencing construction Quarter 1 2023. CD mentioned they have received new renders of the design and is happy to share it
- **Cyclist safety.** GY asked if the JV could provide written advice as to whether there is geo-targetted advice to truck drivers to ensure that they stay on the correct approved routes. CD advised that he will respond in writing.

#### Members questions update:

- KR asked if it would be possible to have painted markings on the West Gate Freeway and Princes Highway to help drivers who may find the new roads confusing. He asked if road signs further back could also assist?
- CF advised that the line marking is still to be completed. He noted that over 1000 metres of line marking, and road markings will be completed over the next couple of nights.
- GY asked is there any updates on cycling infrastructure?
- CF responded the shared user paths in the West area are coming along well – they have opened connection points to the two pedestrian bridges. Most of the shared user paths in the West Zone will be done by mid next year. In the East zone they are still approximately 1.5 years away from opening major sections of shared user paths, however there may be some earlier opportunities to open due to construction moving along well.
- GY enquired with AH regarding the recent traffic incident that occurred in Sunbury and when an emergency route is enacted for the trucks that there would be a notification sent out to CLG members. As the event happened in Sunbury, is it fair to say that when an incident occurs when an emergency route is activated the notification is only sent out to that area, and not all CLG members are to be notified?
- AH confirmed the contingency that was enacted via the Calder Freeway to Sunbury occurred for a couple of hours and was the first time to be used. WGTP MTIA met with Christian at the JV and the Hi-Quality team to discuss lessons learned from the situation, AH agrees it's a good point that moving forward we build into our communications contact with the CLG to advise of contingency route use.
- LE agreed that advice is best when relative to the members area of interest and noted that information was shared by the Project to a Sunbury group. If Maribyrnong routes were enacted, then MTAG would be on the communications list. We can follow up further if members are interested in broadly knowing if these emergency routes are enacted even though it not in their area.
- GY thanked CD for follow up on previous questions and requested for those to be sent out to the group in writing.
- CD confirmed he is happy to put it in writing.
- AHV asked if Council could see drafts of works notifications before they go out to make sure all the pathways and streets are labelled correctly. He referenced a recent notification for the occupation of Maribyrnong Street.
- AHV also enquired if possible, to have a notice board on corner of Maribyrnong Street and Parker Street for the community to be aware of closures and any relevant local matters as there are a broad range of works coming up.

**Agenda  
item****Item detail**

- MU stated that they could organise a corflute with some pamphlets attached and agreed it would be a good idea for the community.
- MU said regarding the notifications they would consider the review approach.
- AHV also mentioned Maribyrnong Council wrote about the pedestrian crossing at Fogarty Avenue and wondered if the JV has a status report or a response to this.
- CF replied saying that the Muir Street pedestrian bridge isn't captured within the WGTP scope of works and a response has been prepared to send to Council
- AHV expressed concern from a safety perspective if this wasn't to be addressed and will await the response. He noted Council will pursue this further.
- PG asked about the Backyard Planting Program and wanted to know what details of when the pop-up will be running at North Melbourne Station/Railway Place.
- MU stated that the information session will be between 1pm – 3pm on Monday 15 August and that all information is also available on the Big Build website at <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/west-gate-tunnel-project/community/backyard-planting-program> and promoted via WGTP social media channels.
- GM brought up the question he asked at last months meeting regarding pedestrian access on the Brooklyn side of Millers Road and asked when is that likely to be reopened to the community.
- CF mentioned the upcoming 9-week spring campaign happening around this area where they will be manoeuvring pedestrians both between the east and west side while they finish the remaining bridge work. The outcome of the 9-week campaign will result in some remaining nightworks to finish off the pedestrian footpath and the bridge and they anticipate opening it up completely towards the end of 2022.
- GB asked if he could receive the notifications regarding the Moonee Ponds Creek bridge at Footscray Road. GB also mentioned in the presentation slide that shows the detour for Footscray Road up to Dynon Road, he believes the work site is located on the wrong side of the map.
- CF said he will investigate and follow that up.
- GBE mentioned the recent overnight works in Spotswood that caused a lot of noise complaints and was unaware of the upcoming works as he did not receive a notification. GB also mentioned he was waiting on the contact centre 1800 number for 36 minutes before he had to hang up.
- MU stated that the notification for these works was a part of the freeway verge works, which has been ongoing since March. They will be continuing for a further week. MU mentioned 11 enquiries that came through the call centre and that he has been in touch with these residents and they were offered respite measures including white noise machines and earplugs.
- MU also mentioned when things like this happen to please call the contact centre as any high priority issues get send straight through to the project team as an SMS and they will follow up with the residents straight away.
- CF mentioned that the works included piling, and the biggest contributor to the noise was due to high level winds that occurred over a couple of nights and believes it is a one-off event.
- LE stated she will follow up on the contact centre regarding the wait time, as this would be very unusual.
- SS asked for an update on the google maps question he asked last meeting as to whether WGTP works get updated on Google Maps?
- MU mentioned the request was discussed with Transurban and DoT are liaising with Google Maps, and it is in train.
- GY asked questions prior to the meeting and can WGTP MTIA follow up in between meetings so that it does not have to be raised again at the next meeting.
- LE agreed with that approach and referred to the several questions submitted from MTAG are being followed up by DoT and other departments. LE mentioned organising a meeting with GY to discuss these questions.
- AB raised general concerns on closures on Williamstown Road and Millers Road. Stated he sometimes goes through the city to avoid being stuck in traffic in these areas. AB mentioned if WGTP road closures and traffic switches get updated through Google maps this will alleviate the problem.
- MU mentioned for AB to be signed up to weekly traffic updates which will help him be advised of any road or lane closures and road works.
- PG reiterated that he and FA sent in a letter to WGTP MTIA listing 7 issues of interest to the residents of City of Melbourne and surrounding suburbs which was responded to. They are happy to have issues tackled in between meetings as they found this approach very helpful.

**Agenda item****Item detail**

- FA followed up on PG's comments stating there was a bit of frustration amongst their resident groups around a lack of progress on some issues and concerns that have been raised and agreed with PG's comments that it was great to meet with LE and SDR to discuss these issues separately and understand some of the reasoning behind the hold up on the trees to be replanted and the design of the horseshoe bridge. FA also noted they met with EC and NH from CoM who provided an update on the Transport Amenities Program.
- CFR stated his frustrations of the traffic management around Footscray Road. The VMS boards were not clear about the redirection to Dynon Road. The traffic was banked up at 1am and he was stuck in traffic for about 45 minutes. CF also mentioned the shuttle flow at Fogarty Avenue has been causing some issues especially around school pick up time and wondered as works progress around this area if the shuttle flow can be shortened to avoid a possible accident.
- GM sent a question in prior to the meeting about landscaping, specifically about the maintenance period on the plantings that are taking place along the project, believe it is 2 years but need clarification and required this as an action item.
- FS has asked if there is any progress on the lighting and signage going onto the M80 at the Western end.
- CF said since 30 June they have installed a significant amount of lighting poles and is currently sitting at 85% of what the lightning will eventually be once the project is complete. On the inbound they just commissioned about 10 lights in the last 2 weeks. This should make a big difference to that area.
- EM stated herself and NH met with FA and PG on Monday 8 August to run through the Transport Amenity Program. TAP is a program that seeks to mitigate the impacts of additional traffic from projects occurring in the West and North Melbourne and Docklands area. The program is jointly funded by CoM and the State Government through DoT up to 100M. Several projects have already commenced to implement traffic calming measures and increase greening of the street etc.
- LE mentioned the reference to guests and proxies had now been updated in the Term of Reference and has been sent out to all members for review.

**Actions update****AN8 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.**

Action to remain open. A meeting was held with PG and FA with WGTP MTIA regarding an update on this.

6

**ALL1 - The short and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.** Action to remain open. A meeting was held with PG and FA with WGTP MTIA regarding an update on this. Chair and GM keen to have a site visit – has also been raised by BD and DR

**New action – ALL2 - Under the tree planting program proposed for both project plantings and offset plantings, what is the maintenance period for these plantings? If dead/damaged/stunted trees are to be replaced during the maintenance period, will the maintenance period be extended to ensure they survive?** Question was sent in by GM and is to be followed up by the Joint Venture.

**Open Action items:**

AW10 - CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.

ALL1 - Short- and long-term access for pedestrians at Millers Road/Paringa Road.

ALL2 – Follow up on the maintenance of the plantings along the project.

7

**Points for follow up:**

- a) **CD response to GY in writing**
- b) **AHV and Maribyrnong St Signage – MU**
- c) **GB Query about MPC bike notification – CF**
- d) **GBE query about wait times on contact number – LE**
- e) **SS raised concern again about google maps - MU**

**Meeting closed at 7:15pm**

**Chair thanked all for attending and team for ensuring a well organised meeting.**