Minutes

**Subject: CLG West meeting**

**Date: 17 September 2020 Time: 5.30pm- 7.00pm**

**Location: Virtual meeting- Zoom conference call**

Attendees

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| Attendees (Name/Organisation) |
| Jim Williamson (JW) | Chair | David Hill (DH) | CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV) |
| Ferdinand Saliba (FS) | Deer Park | Mark Latham (ML) | CPBJH JV |
| Anuj Malhotra (AM) | Spotswood | Crystal Serblan (CS) | CPBJH JV |
| Bert Boere (BB) | Brooklyn | Charlie Fairbairn (CF) | CPBJH JV |
| Marlon De Leon (MDL) | Tarneit | Sally Pieterse (SP) | CPBJH JV |
| Dennis Ryan (DR) | Altona North | Martin Hecht (MH) | Transurban (TU) |
| Kevin Redfern (KR) | Seabrook | Tatiana Echeverri (TE) | TU |
| Geoff Mitchelmore (GM) | Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek | Jala Shekho (JS) | TU |
| Garry Brennan | Bicycle Network Victoria | Anthony Havers (AH) | West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA) |
| Ian Butterworth (IB) | Hobsons Bay City Council | Liz Evans (LE) | WGTP MTIA |
| Adrian Ashford (AA) | Brimbank Council | Taylar Cations (TC) | WGTP MTIA |
| Patsy Toop (PT) | Inner West Air Quality Group | Hugh Perry (HP) | WGTP MTIA |

Apologies

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| **Name/ organisation** |  |  |  |
| Peter Kartsidimas (PK) | RACV | Sue La Greca (SLG) | LeadWest |
| Steve Wilson (SW) | Friends of Stony Creek | John Stirk (JSt) | BayWest Bug |
| Martin Wurt (MW) | Maribyrnong Truck Action Group |  |  |

Agenda Items

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| Time | # | Item Detail | Owner |
| 5.30pm |  | Roll Call | Secretariat  |
| 5.40pm |  | Welcome, introductions and apologies | Chair |
| 5.45pm |  | Inner West Air Quality report | Patsy Toop |
| 6.00pm |  | Questions and discussions from members | All |
| 6.20pm |  | WGTP MTIA update  | WGTP MTIA |
| 6.30pm |  | Actions update | All |
| 6.35pm |  | Construction update | CPBJH JV |
| 6.50pm |  | Actions arising and close | All |

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| Agenda item | Item detail |
| 1 | **Roll call**TC completed a roll call and briefed the group with guidelines for the Zoom meeting. |
| 2 | **Welcome, introductions and apologies**Meeting opened at 5.30pm* JW declared his conflict of interest and made the group aware that he is associated with other community groups in the west, including LeadWest. In this forum, all LeadWest questions would be directed to CLG member SLG.
* JW welcomed ML, the new construction manager for the West Zone, who will be attending regularly.
* JW introduced PT, Chair of the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group to present the findings published in the report the group has submitted to government.
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|  | **Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group’s Report*** PT advised that the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group’s report (*Air Pollution in Melbourne’s Inner West: taking direction action to reduce our community’s exposure)* has been finalised and submitted to government for consideration.
* PT discussed the group’s purpose was to investigate current air quality issues in Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong and Brimbank municipalities and provide advice and recommendations for improvements.
* PT stepped through some of the recommendations of the report.
* IB noted the recommendations relevant to WGTP, specifically with tunnel ventilation.
* KR praised the work conducted by the group advising that he has passed on the report to the automotive industry.
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|  | **Questions and discussions from members*** BB commented on the six-week closure at Millers Road and delays for Brooklyn residents having to circle around using back streets.
* BB noted local residents are questioning if the sound barriers on Paringa and Primula Avenue were permanent or temporary. CF confirmed that these are only temporary and will remain in place until permanent noise walls are built.
* MDL noted that there are mixed community reactions about soil storage in the area and that he is looking forward to tunnel boring starting.
* DR commented on Millers Road being closed and additional traffic on Blackshaws Road as a result of the works program. CF responded that the Project was making use of lower traffic volumes due to COVID restrictions and acknowledged that this has resulted in an increase in vehicle activity on Blackshaws Road. CF confirmed that Stage 4 traffic switch work is nearing completion. CF noted that more freeway closures will be required in the future.
* DR, KR and GM all commented on the good progress of works including the pedestrian overpass and West Gate Freeway widening.
* GM mentioned advice from Transurban that the completion date of the Kororoit Creek Trail had been brought forward to 2021. GM expressed that it was a great move but would nevertheless like it to be sooner.
* GM requested the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group’s report be shared with members of the North group. LE confirmed that the report had been shared with all CLG members.
* GB stated that Bicycle Network Victoria is happy with the modifications made to the shared use path pontoon cycling diversion (at Moonee Ponds Creek).
* IB noted that there have been instances of speeding trucks being reported since the traffic diversions have been in place. He suggested CPBJH place signage and encourage Victoria Police to enforce speeding traffic as required. IB acknowledged diversions need to happen on arterial roads.
* AA expressed interest in the soil management process, noting Brimbank Council’s advocacy campaign against soil disposal in the Brimbank area had been launched.
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| 3 | **WGTP MTIA update*** AH provided an update on the soil management process, noting that the commercial process is still being undertaken by CPBJH.
* AH commented that Maddingley Brown Coal and Hi Quality are still seeking planning and commercial approval and that no decisions have been made.
* AH noted that the planning for the Wyndham Vale site is not being progressed at this stage.
* LE provided an update on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund - Partnerships with an external review being completed and final recommendations being put together and hopefully an announcement will be made soon.
* LE stated that COVID restrictions are limiting the amount of promotional activities that can be undertaken by the Project, and this has affected the Grants program. LE commented that building community connectedness is an important point of the program and that this will be particularly relevant considering this year.
* LE discussed the Millers Road Noise Reduction Program, advising that the WGTP MTIA team are leading this and have been in recent contact with property owners. LE advised this program is referenced in the Project Environmental Performance Requirements.
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| 4 | **Actions update*** AJ10: JW read a statement provided from the DoT. Action remains open.
* AW13: CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised. Action remains open.
* LW8: HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping. Action remains open.
* GM stated he has not seen the designs on previous action AW12. JS responded that the action was to walk on site and provide recommendations, noting that the action was closed.
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| 5 | **Construction update*** CF provided an update on the following:
* Muir Street pedestrian overpass. The team is working on the cladding of the main truss and lifting it into position soon.
* Both the Rosala Avenue and Muir Street pedestrian overpasses are on track to be lifted into position soon, and that this will require two separate overnight freeway closures.
* Where possible, pre-assembly work is completed to reduce the number of freeway closures and resultant community impacts from detours.
* Noise wall panels have been a big focus with around 600 placed across the project over the past two months.
* Millers Road works; bridge widening works are completed, traffic switched into new position against the barriers and road pavement, lighting and drainage completed on the inbound exit and inbound entry ramps.
* The Project has taken over the Dohertys Road worksite, formerly used by the Western Roads Upgrade, to complete the watermain relocation works. Completion is expected in early 2021.
* CF outlined future works including:
* The demolition of the Grieve Parade Bridge in early 2021.
* Upgrade of Federation Trail resurfacing between Millers Road and Kororoit Creek. There are also works being undertaken by Melbourne Water and Project works will be co-ordinated to work in with those, and during the summer period which is better for asphalting.
* BB queried if the Federation Trail involves grade separation. CF advised that there is some grade separation. Further information can be provided at the next meeting.
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| 7 | **Actions arising and close*** No further actions
* Meeting concluded at 6.55pm
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