Minutes

**Subject: Joint CLG meeting**

**Date: 23 July 2020 Time: 5.30pm- 6.50pm**

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

Attendees

| Attendees (Name/Organisation) |  |  |  |
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| Jim Williamson (JW) | Chair | Marlon De Leon (MdL) | Tarneit |
| Ferdinand Saliba (FS) | Deer Park | Anuj Malhotra (AM) | Spotswood |
| Bert Boere (BB) | Brooklyn | Dennis Ryan (DR) | Altona North |
| Kevin Redfern (KR) | Seabrook | Steve Wilson (SW) | Friends of Stony Creek |
| Geoff Mitchelmore (GM) | Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek | Sue La Greca (SLG) | LeadWest |
| Adrian Ashford (AA) | Brimbank City Council | Ian Butterworth (IB) | Hobsons Bay City Council |
| Sarah Grace (SG) | Yarraville | Arthur Bregiannis (AB) | Yarraville |
| Peter Gerrand (PG)  | North and West Melbourne Association | Con Frescos (CF) | Yarraville |
| Fran Araneda (FA) | Kensington | Monique Perry (MP) | Concerned Locals of Yarraville |
| Gary Brennan (GB) | Bike Network Victoria | Paul Baggeridge (PB) | City of Melbourne  |
| Andrew Shepherd (AS) | CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV) | Crystal Serblan (CS) | CPBJH JV |
| Vesna Newman (VN) | CPBJH JV | Sally Pieterse (SP) | CPBJH JV |
| Charlie Fairburn (ChF) | CPBJH JV | David Hill (DH) | CPBJH JV |
| Alan Platt (AP) | CPBJH JV | Jim Miller (JM) | CPBJH JV |
| Mario Urban (MU) | CPBJH JV | Andrew Neville (AN) | Transurban (TU) |
| Henry Graves (HG) | TU | Kathryn Norton (KN) | TU |
| Anthony Havers (AH) | West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA) | Liz Evans (LE) | WGTP MTIA |
| Taylar Cations (TC) | WGTP MTIA | Hugh Perry (HP) | WGTP MTIA |
| Adrian Havruluk (AdH) | Maribyrnong Council |  |  |

| **Apologies** |  |  |  |
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| Peter Kartsidimas (PK) | RACV  | Victor Ng (VN) | Seddon |
| Martin Wurt (MW) | MTAG | John Stirk (JS) | BayWest BUG |
| Greg Cain (GC) | VTA |  |  |

Agenda Items

| Time | # | Item Detail | Owner |
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| 5.30pm | 1 | Roll Call | Secretariat |
| 5.40pm | 2 | Welcome, introductions & apologies | Chair |
| 6.00pm | 3 | Questions and discussion from members | CLG Members |
| 6.35pm | 4 | Actions update | All |
| 6.45pm | 5 | Open House Melbourne  | Transurban  |
| 6.50pm | 6 | Construction update | CPBJH JV |
| 7.15pm | 7 | Actions arising and close | All  |

**Minutes**

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| 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* AH advised that the West Gate Tunnel Project remains coronavirus free with the Joint Venture focused on ensuring high levels of compliance with the controls they have put in place.
* AH reminded all that the State of Emergency has been extended to 16 August, noting that this has restricted the way the project communicates and engages with the local community.
* AH informed the group about the new government regulations for the management of Tunnel Boring Machine spoil. AH reassured that this is not specific to West Gate Tunnel Project soil, however and the regulations enable low risk spoil from tunnel boring machines to be managed and disposed of safely.
* HG provided an update regarding the soil tender process, advising that consultation with the Minister for Planning is underway with some sites, while others have recently commenced community consultation.
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| 3 | **Questions and discussions from members*** FS, DR and BB enquired about the opening date of the pedestrian overpass as it is an ongoing issue for the community. ChF advised no set date but working to late September early October and that work is on track.
* DR said good to note that there is bus access and availability during peak times.
* KR commented the community are keen to see the tunnel boring start.
* SG raised concern regarding traffic behaviour on Williamstown Road when there are freeway and road detours in place. She noted concerns with trucks speeding along the road and wanted to know how WGTP can work with other authorities such as VicRoads and Victoria Police to manage this concern. ChF noted this is an arterial road and has the capacity to manage additional traffic, however from a driver behaviour perspective, the team will bring this issue up with appropriate agencies at the next monthly traffic management meeting.
* CF was keen to understand, when information is available, about what changes there would be to the works program.
* CF was concerned about which projects would be funded through the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund program as funding could go towards projects that are deemed council works such as water fountains and toilets. LE emphasised the importance of CLG members’ local knowledge and input to the grant review process to advise on projects that will add value to the community.
* SW enquired about the timing of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund. LE advised that WGTP MTIA is keen to open for community grant applications as soon as possible, noting the coronavirus has affected timelines however reassured members that we are very keen to get good news and opportunities out to the community, and will know more in a months’ time.
* GM noted he has been working with the project parties in opening access again to the west side of the Kororoit Creek trail. He enquired about material being stored under plastic near Kororoit Creek Bridge, questioning what impact this will have on the creek. ChF was not aware of which stockpile, however, would follow up and come back to Geoff directly.
* PG was interested in when the soil matters can be resolved and tunnelling started.
* MP sought clarification if TU is consulting with Maribyrnong City Council regarding council’s redevelopment plan near Harris Street and the Yarraville Gardens, as part of the Have Your Say initiative. MP is concerned that MCC’s online information does not clearly represent WGTP’s plans for that area. MP noted no objection to the closure of Harris St but important that connectivity between Cowper St and Yarraville Gardens is maintained appropriately. ChF commented that council and project are in discussions about design development. AdH noted that a statutory process is underway. MP noted that community consultation is important.
* PB asked for an update regarding the ongoing court case between CPBJH JV and TU. AN noted that it is an ongoing issue and as it is a court matter cannot provide a further update. AN emphasised that project parties are still working together and work across the project is progressing.
* PB enquired whether, due to the reduction in resourcing, what anticipated delays the project is expected to endure. AN confirmed that the sub-contractor is considering resources as tunnelling has not started and it would be expected that program revisions would also occur as part of usual business planning activities.
* AN further advised that there is no tunnelling start date at this stage. Planning works are still underway with three potential soil receival sites. Once the planning and environmental approvals are complete, there will be set up work required at the receival site and re-mobilising of the team before tunnel boring commences.
* AA advised that Brimbank City Council passed a motion that they do not support tunnel soil being sent to Ravenhall on local roads and that they are supporting Melton City Council position.
* IB updated that the open space enhancement packages of work are progressing, improving playgrounds and lighting in the Brooklyn area, and noted these projects received a funding contribution from the Victorian Government as part of the WGTP. IB noted that work to demolish pavilions at Crofts Reserve and Donald McLean reserve is planned to start shortly.
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| 4 | **Actions update*** AJ10 - JW read information provided by Department of Transport (DoT), and expressed disappointment that they were not able to attend as planned however agreed it would be helpful for DoT to attend upcoming West and North CLG meetings over the coming months. Action remains open.
* AW13 - DH confirmed that no update has been provided. Action remains open.
* AW14 - LE advised that members received a link to the report on the website. Comments are welcome at any time and will be followed up individually. Action is closed.
* LW7 – LE thanked members for providing comments and that Transurban would be getting back to respondents in the next day or so which will close this action. As a separate matter, subsequent information will be shared with the West group when the offset package is finalised. Action is closed.
* LW8 - Action remains open until a factsheet can be provided.
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| 5 | **Open House Melbourne*** KN informed that WGTP participated in Open House Melbourne 2019 and will do so again in 2020. As this year’s format is digital, the WGTP will host a live video with an engineer and show a flythrough of the Footscray Road construction site. KN encouraged members to share the link and tune in on Saturday 25 July to watch.
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| 6 | **Construction update*** ChF noted that the installation of the overpass is tying in well with the switching of the mainline freeway traffic lanes and moving through until the end of September.
* ChF expressed that a new bridge at Thomas Street to access areas near the Westgate Golf Club and Donald McLean reserve now eliminates access required through Hope Street which will reduce community impacts. ChF also noted that the high safety netting structures have been installed.
* ChF explained that recent works at Beevers Street near Millers Road have been completed. A new traffic island was built, and water relocation activities took place. A long-term closure was a challenge, but it helped condense the works program into a shorter period.
* AS advised that the TBMs are in preservation mode and will only require a short commissioning period.
* AS informed that 85% of the excavation has been completed at the southern outbound portal, which is 30m in depth to the side of the freeway.
* AP noted that he is leaving the project at the end of the month to return to Europe and that JM will replace AP.
* AP stated that work is progressing along the Maribyrnong River as river piling and foundation works are nearly complete. Noting that there is ongoing dialogue with businesses along the river.
* AP informed that the launching gantry is in the process of commissioning.
* AP noted that the pontoon cycling diversions across the Moonee Ponds Creek has been in place for two months and is going well. AP noted that feedback on the bike bridges would be welcomed.
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| 7 | **Actions arising and close*** No further actions
* JW thanked AP for his contributions towards the project and for proving the group with well-informed project updates. On behalf of the CLG we wish AP all the best with his future endeavours.
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