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| **Date** | Tuesday 30 March 2021 | **Meeting No** | 18 |
| **Chair** | Vince Haining | **Time** | 8.00am – 9.30am |
| **Location** | Zoom | **Minutes** | Sam Mills |

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| **Members** |  |
| *Present** Vince Haining [**Chair**]
* Maree Klein, City of Melbourne (CoM)
* Therese Fitzgerald, Kensington Association
* Guilliano Andy, City West Water
* Sam Hurst, Lloyd Street Business Estate
* Karen Snyders, CoM
 | *Apologies** Matt Hammond, Kensington Association
* Helaine Stanley, The Venny
* Richard Reilly, Kensington & Flemington Junior Sports Clubs
* Karen Hammarberg, community representative
* Deb Wilson, Unison Housing
* Sally Cunnington, Resident
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| **In attendance** |  |  |
| *Present** Michael Wintrip, Department of Transport (DoT)
* Jasminder Singh, DoT
* Kim Norton, Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP)
* Kim Mas, CYP
* Lucy Mackenzie Worters, CYP
* Michael Prebeg, Rail Infrastructure Alliance (RIA)
* Daniel Bearder, RIA
 | * Jarrod Scurry, RIA
* Eli Firestone, Rail Projects Victoria (RPV)
* Matilda Tonkin, RPV
* Adrian Lepre, RPV
* Stephanie Makin, RPV
* Mathew Collum, RPV (**Secretariat**)
* Sam Mills, RPV
* Megan Ferrer, RPV

*Apologies** Niall Forbes, RIA

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| 1. | Introduction and Welcome |
|  | Matters arising: * Vince Haining welcomed members to the Kensington Community Reference Group (CRG).
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| 2.  | **Outstanding Actions and Issues Register** |
|  | Matters arising:* The CRG discussed the Outstanding Actions and Issues Register:
	+ In relation to K7-3, Vince Haining advised that RPV and CYP are continuing to investigate the opportunity to host a community walk through a completed section of tunnel.
	+ In relation to K15-2, K16-2 and K17-1, Vince Haining advised that RIA will provide updates on the station forecourt area usage and traffic/parking monitoring during today’s presentation.
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| 3. | **Construction Update**  |
|  | Presentation by Kim Mas (CYP) and Daniel Bearder (RIA) on construction updates at the Kensington precinct. Presentation by Jarrod Scurry (RIA) on parking and traffic. Presentation from Michael Prebeg (RIA) and Lucy Mackenzie Worters (CYP) on communications and engagement. Presentation by Stephanie Makin (RPV) on the results of the CRG members survey. Matters arising:* Vince Haining asked when Childers Street will reopen to through traffic. RIA confirmed it is targeting September 2021 to reopen Childers Street to through traffic, although some parking will likely be reinstated earlier.
* Vince Haining queried the use of a generator overnight for the upcoming drainage works associated with the Signalling Equipment Room (SER) / Communications Equipment Room (CER) construction. RIA advised a generator is required continuously during the day and night for a few days over a one/two-week period to undertake works to connect new drainage pipes. RIA advised that noise modelling for the generator is currently being undertaken and noise attenuation will be installed. RIA confirmed it will notify residents of expected noise levels. Therese Fitzgerald raised the impacts of site lights on residents. RIA confirmed that the actual works would only take place during the day.
* Therese Fitzgerald raised that the drainage points along Childers Street have not been cleared following a recent major rain event. CYP confirmed it will follow up on the issue.
* Therese Fitzgerald asked if there was noise modelling planned for the decline structure break through and capping beam demolition. CYP confirmed that noise modelling for similar works had been previously undertaken and that modelled data had been used for reference. CYP reiterated that the works would be undertaken during normal construction hours.
* Sam Hurst raised the interface between the Lloyd Street Business Estate (LSBE) and the upcoming decline structure break through and capping beam demolition works. Sam noted LSBE’s understanding that there will be approximately 10 trucks arriving per day and that traffic controllers will be in place to ensure that traffic going into the business park is prioritised. CYP confirmed that these expectations are correct.
* The CRG discussed car parking monitoring data collected by RIA. Therese Fitzgerald noted there has recently been an increase in parking in the area and the March 2021 data will likely be the closest to ‘normal’ numbers. RIA confirmed it will continue to monitor parking in the area.
* The CRG discussed recent communications and engagement activities:
	+ Therese Fitzgerald raised the impacts of the rail turnout noise on residents on the Kensington Banks side of Kensington Road. RIA acknowledged the concerns of residents and confirmed it received a number of queries from the Kensington Banks area regarding the noise associated with the track turnout in early March 2021. RIA advised that it installed the track turnout during the February 2021 occupation. The purpose of this section of track is to facilitate future testing and commissioning works for the new metro tunnel. RIA confirmed it is undertaking a technical assessment of the issue which will continue for the next few weeks. Once complete RIA will provide residents with an update on the results and next steps.
	+ Vince queried whether noise associated with the turnouts would be ongoing and whether there are any design solutions being considered which will mitigate the impacts on residents. RIA confirmed that this type of noise is unavoidable, and it will consider options further following completion of the technical assessment. RIA confirmed it expects to be in a position to provide an update on the initial assessment prior to the next CRG meeting.
* In relation the CRG members survey results, Therese Fitzgerald suggested that holding the meetings in-person might encourage more participation. RPV confirmed it is looking at options to return to in-person meetings with the COVID-safe environment. Vince Haining agreed that moving to an evening timeslot might also increase people’s availability to attend meetings.
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| 4.  | Planning & Design  |
|  | Presentation by Daniel Bearders (RIA) on Legacy Parking Design.Presentation by Jarrod Scurry (RIA) on the flood wall creative design. Presentation by Michael Wintrip (DoT) and Jasminder Singh (DoT) on the South Kensington Station update.Matters arising:* In relation to the legacy parking design on Childers Street, between South Kensington Station and Tennyson Street, Therese Fitzgerald expressed disappointment that the design does not include more parking and raised the future increase in demand for parking due to the forecasted population increase in the area. RIA confirmed it will issue more detailed information on legacy parking to Therese Fitzgerald following the meeting. Karen Snyders confirmed that CoM is aware of the community’s concerns with regard to parking in the area and it is supporting RIA to investigate opportunities to provide additional parking on Childers Street.
* In relation to the South Kensington Station update, Therese Fitzgerald commented that the community desires more upgrades to the station, particularly in the area of passenger comfort. DoT advised that the works are minor upgrades across multiple stations. Vince Haining recommended that members contact DoT if they have any further queries regarding the South Kensington Station upgrade.
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| 5.  | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | * Karen Snyders (CoM) noted that there have been concerns raised regarding parking enforcement at the Kensington Station area. Karen advised that the CoM On-Street Compliance Team have been made aware of the issue. Karen noted that Parking issues can be reported through the CoM website.
* Vince Haining noted that the egress building design will be presented at a future CRG meeting.
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| 6.  | Meeting close |
|  | Matters arising:* The next meeting is scheduled for 8.00am-9.30am, Tuesday 25 May 2021.
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**NEW ACTIONS AND ISSUES**

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| # | **ACTION / ISSUE** | **OWNER**  |
| **K18-1** | RIA to provide an update on the outcome of the technical assessment of noise issues associated with track turnouts at the Childers and Ormond Street end of Kensington Road.  | RIA |
| **K18-2** | RIA to circulate information on expected noise levels associated with the use of a generator overnight for the upcoming drainage works for the Signalling Equipment Room (SER) / Communications Equipment Room (CER) construction | RIA |