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| **Date** | Tuesday 17 May 2022 | **Meeting No** | 33 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 8.30am |
| **Location** | Zoom | **Minutes** | Grace Rayner |

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| **Members** | |  | |
| *Present*   * Jeni Coutts [Chair] * Nic Thomas, local resident * Malcolm Ninnis, local resident * Jonathan Forbes, local resident * Graham Hoy, South Yarra Residents Association * Tennessee Leeuwenburg, local resident * Kathy Dalton, local resident | | *Apologies*   * Tom Howgate, local resident * Ruth Speedy, Toorak Road South Yarra Business Association * James Robinson, local resident * Paul Bellette, Café Republic * Christopher Blain, South Yarra Village Residents Group * Gillian Fraser, local resident * Nadia Ford, City of Stonnington * James Bryan, City of Stonnington * Chimuka Mweemba, City of Stonnington | |
| **In attendance** | |  | |
| *Present*   * Jordan Turner, Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) * Rob Mair, CYP * Jarrod Wadsworth, CYP * Matt Brajkovik, CYP | * Zaid Diego, Rail Network Alliance (RNA) * Lee Evans, RNA * Michael Prebeg, RNA * Paula Williams, Rail Projects Victoria (RPV) * Janette Sato, RPV | | * Meagan Lechucki, RPV * Sebastian Immaraj, RPV * Matilda Tonkin, RPV * Tyson Garlick, RPV * Grace Rayner, RPV [Secretariat] |

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| 1. | Welcome and introduction |
|  | Welcome and introductions from Jeni Coutts (Chair).  Matters arising:   * Jeni Coutts welcomed members to the 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, including:   + In relation toS24-4, RNA advised that it is expecting to reinstate public access to South Yarra Siding Reserve, Arthur Street and Lovers Walk in Q3 2022. Subject to close outs with council.   + In relation toS26-1 and S29-1, RNA confirmed it will provide an update on both items during today’s meeting. |
| 3. | Presentation from Project Contractors |
|  | Presentation by Matt Brajkovik (RNA) on the RNA construction update.  Presentation by Jarrod Wadsworth (CYP) and Rob Mair (CYP) on the CYP construction update.  Presentation by Zaid Diego (RNA) on the communications update.  Presentation by Lee Evans (RNA) on the curve squeal in the Eastern portal.  Matters arising:   * Jeni Coutts asked when the landscaping for South Yarra Siding Reserve will begin. RNA advised that the landscaping would begin at the start of May or early June 2022. * Graham Hoy asked where the sculpture will be located in the South Yarra Siding Reserve. RNA advised that the location has yet to be finalised. * Jeni Coutts raised the opportunity for CYP to organise a site tour for CRG Members. CYP advised that although it is currently not able to take CRG Members on a tour of the South Yarra site, it would explore the opportunity to arrange a tour at Anzac Station or one of the other stations. * The CRG discussed the data presented by RNA on the track squeal noise:   + Tennessee Leeuwenburg asked for clarification on the difference between the noise levels described as ‘consistent’ and ‘compliant’ within the assessment findings. RNA advised the wording, ‘consistent’ and ‘compliant’ reflects the nature of the assessment, and is intended to highlight, from a technical and environmental point of view, that although there has been a minor difference in the recorded noise of trains moving through the area, the results from before and after are fairly consistent. The noise assessment from June 2021 to April 2022 is compliant with Environmental Performance Requirements (EPR) NV17. Tennessee requested RNA to present a visual graph showing the pattern of the changes in recorded rail squeal noise. RNA to present an update at next CRG meeting.   + Tennessee Leeuwenburg asked if the decision to not install a noise mitigating finish on the concrete was due to the cost or was it determined that it was not needed. RNA advised that based on the measurements and the work that it has already undertake, it was concluded that it is not required at this stage.   + Malcom Ninnis requested RNA present data on pre-project noise levels compared to current noise levels. RNA agreed to present this as part of the update at the next CRG meeting.   + Malcom Ninnis asked if the location and cause of the rail squeal noise has been confirmed. RNA advised that it uses a timelapse camera to categorise the type of train it is and whether it is inbound or outbound, this is then fed back to the engineering team, which will use that information to understand what rolling stock has been creating the noise and on which line. There are a number of factors that can cause different types of flange or high pitched rail noise, including the wheel skidding on the top of the track or hitting the side of the track.   + Jeni Coutts asked whether there is a difference in squeal noise from newer trains or older trains. RNA advised that the rail squeal typically comes from the older trains, but it isn’t definitive.   + Nic Thomas asked if the Victorian Passenger Rail Infrastructure Noise Policy (PRINP) has different noise thresholds for busier residential areas. RNA advised that there is no specific stipulation in the policy that addresses threshold allowances for busier areas. The policy is mainly used in the planning and modelling stages to determine if noise is going to be an issue that needs to be considered in further detail.   + Tennessee Leeuwenburg asked if noise levels will remain compliant with the EPRs as the number of trains per hour increases. RNA advised it looks at future train movements and will factor those results in the planning stages of the project. RNA advised that it is still required to prove that there is a compliant operation of the project when the Metro Tunnel opens. |
| 4. | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising:   * Graham Hoy raised the potential increase in graffiti on Arthur Street, once the temporary wire fence is removed. RNA advised that the wall behind the wire fence on Arthur Street is private property so no action has been taken by RNA. In relation to the graffiti, RNA advised that it would present on whether anti-graffiti paint is viable at the next CRG meeting. RNA also advised that ongoing maintenance and graffiti prevention would be a matter for the council. |
|  | **Meeting close** |
|  | * The Next meeting is on Tuesday 21 June 2022, 7.30-9:00am. |

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND ISSUES REGISTER**

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| # | **ACTION / ISSUE** | **OWNER** |
| **S33-1** | RNA to present a visual graph showing the pattern of noise changes relating to the rail squeal. RNA also to present data on pre-project noise levels compared to current noise levels. | RNA |
| **S33-2** | RNA to advise if anti-graffiti treatment is an option for Arthur St fence. | RNA |