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| **Date** | Wednesday 11 September 2024 | **Meeting No** | 57 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 9.00am |
| **Location** | Online | **Minutes** | Jemma Erickson |

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| **Members and attendees** |  |  |
| Present   * Jeni Coutts [Chair] * Fraser Read-Smith, The Domain * Colin Stuckey, Melbourne Grammar School * Andrea Coote, The Domain * Karen Baynes, Domain Hill * Jan Swinburne, The Botanica Apartments * Simon Spain, Hallmark apartments * David MacNish, City of Port Phillip * Neil Hutchinson, City of Melbourne * Maree Klein, City of Melbourne * Phil Lukies, Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group * Maraika vanWessem, Royal Botanic Gardens | Present   * Rob Mair, CYP * Matt Reid, CYP * Nicholas Anagnostou, CYP * Minh Le, MTPO * Tallis Richmond, MTPO * Martin Alvarez, MTPO * Tim Fullerton, MTPO * Paula Williams, MTPO * Jemma Erickson, MTPO | *Apologies*   * Richard Henley, Hallmark Apartments * Dean Nightingale, G12+ * Christian Lawless, Melbourne Girls Grammar School * Andrew Bennett, South Yarra Residents Association * Michael Butcher, Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group * Richard Greig, City of Melbourne * Jamie McBride, Domain Road Traders * Petra Glare, Albert Road Clinic * Gary Brennan, Bike Network Victoria * Charlie Carroll, Royal Botanic Gardens * Teresa Scalise, CYP * Alex Cattanach, CYP * Clare Hart, Royal Botanic Gardens |

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| 1. | Introduction and Welcome |
|  | Matters arising:   * Jeni Coutts welcomed members to the meeting of the Domain Community Reference Group (CRG). |
| 2. | Outstanding actions and issues register |
|  | Matters arising:   * In relation to A55-1:   + MTPO provided an update on issues raised in relation to the pedestrian crossing the at southern end of platform. Several improvements have been implemented since the issue was escalated to Yarra Trams in March 2024, including signage, convex mirrors, and line marking improvements. Yarra Trams continues to monitor the speed of trams in the area.   + Andrea Coote noted the convex mirrors have made a significant positive impact, and trams seem to have slowed on St Kilda Road since the issue was previously raised.   + The CRG agreed issues in relation to the pedestrian crossing at the southern end of the tram platform have adequately resolved and will no longer be captured within A55-1.   + MTPO advised it continues to monitor other items raised within A55-1 and will report back with any further developments.   + Karen Baynes noted vehicles continue to mistakenly travel onto the pedestrian lane and towards the footpath on Albert Road. MTPO agreed to follow up as part of A55-1.   + Karen Baynes noted vehicles are also completing U-turns over the pedestrian crossing. * Simon Spain raised drivers mistaking the space required for the driveways to Domain Hill as a second lane turning into St Kilda Road when travelling up Albert Road. MTPO advised it is aware of the issue, which is forming part of a current investigation. * In relation to further questions arising as part of A55-5, CYP and MTPO advised a detailed update from DTP was provided to Petra Glare external to the CRG meetings. DTP has advised the intersection operates as intended. The CRG agreed to close the action item. |
| 3. | Presentations from project contractors |
|  | Presentation by Nick Anagnostou (CYP) and Rob Mair (CYP) on the works update.  Presentation by Rob Mair (CYP) on the Project-wide update.  Matters arising:   * Andrea Coote asked if the leasing of retail spaces is underway. CYP agreed to follow up with Project Co and include any updated in the meeting minutes for circulation, as the leasing of retail spaces falls within the Project Co remit. * Neil Hutchinson requested CYP also follow up with Project Co in relation to the tenancy on the tram platform and when hoarding will be removed. CYP agreed to follow the matter up with Project Co. * Fraser Read-Smith asked when Domain Road will reopen. CYP advised the current forecast is late-October 2024. * Fraser Read-Smith asked when the Albert Road entrance area at the South African Soldiers’ Memorial will reopen. CYP advised concourse works and terrace seating remain for completion, after which point handover can begin to occur with CoPP. CYP advised it cannot provide a timeline at this point. * Andrea Coote requested an update on tree planting in relation to one tree that has yet to be planted on Bowen Lane. CYP advised a small amount of trees remain to be planted, and it is working with the council to schedule these for planting within the next month. Andrea asked why they were unable to be planted previously. Neil Hutchinson noted there are a variety of reasons some trees could not be planted when initially planned, however the works are currently being scheduled around other projects. David MacNish advised the Bowen Lane tree will be planted concurrent to trees behind the fence line outside the station. CYP agreed to send an update directly once the trees have been planted. * Andrea Coote asked if the connecting road between 1 Albert Road and St Kilda Road will be contingent on the completion of adjacent works. CYP advised it is not contingent on other works and the road will reopen once it is complete. * Colin Stuckey asked when Edmund Herring Oval will be available for public use. CYP advised physical construction works will be completed by the end of September, however back-end processes remain and CYP cannot provide a definitive timeline for reopening of the space. Neil Hutchinson confirmed that the oval will not open immediately after completion as it will be handed back to council and will require time before it is ready for recreational use. * Andrea Coote asked if an irrigation system is in place for the parkland between Albert Reserve and Kings Way. CYP confirmed an irrigation system is in place. * David MacNish asked for an indicative timeline for works outside 400 St Kilda Road. CYP advised soft landscaping and defects are expected to be closed out prior to the end of September. * Karen Baynes raised concerns with the area outside Domain Hill, including rubbish and dying plants. David Macnish advised CoPP has completed a defect walk with CYP and has identified outstanding works and defects to be addressed, including re-mulching and replanting along the southern area of Albert Road. It is expected these outstanding items will be addressed in coming weeks before the end of the planting season. CYP agreed to provide an update directly to Karen Baynes external to the CRG meeting in relation to outstanding items. * Maraika vanWessem asked when external signage for Anzac Station will be complete. CYP advised that the external signage infrastructure is forecast for mid-October 2024. |
| 4. | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising:   * Andrea Coote asked if the combined CRG on 24 October 2024 will be scheduled for 7:30am. Jeni Coutts confirmed the meeting is scheduled for 7:30am. Andrea asked if there will be an opportunity to ask precinct-specific questions. MTPO advised the combined CRG will focus on updates to the overall project, such as trial operations and testing. * Andrea Coote requested MTPO consider conducting the Domain Precinct CRG on 23 October 2024 as initially scheduled, in addition to the combined CRG on 24 October, as outstanding issues within Domain should be addressed prior to the next meeting in 2025. MTPO advised it will look into this but noted channels of communication remain open between CRG meetings. * Karen Baynes raised the low lighting levels on Albert Road at night. CYP advised it is aware of the issue and is reinstating temporary lighting until it receives confirmation from CitiPower that lighting in the area has been commissioned. * Colin Stuckey asked about the return of tram services to Domain Road. Neil Hutchinson advised CoM continues to lobby the state government for further updates in relation to tram routes in the area. CoM noted that DTP has indicated that they continue to explore potential changes to bus services in an effort to ease the impact. MTPO notes that DTP planning will consider new travel patterns once the Metro Tunnel opens which will inform the delivery and timing of any network changes. * Simon Spain requested clarification on the recent announcement regarding the completion of Anzac Station, as items such as the tram superstop and Edmund Herring Oval remain outstanding. MTPO clarified the announcement referred to the completion of major construction of Anzac station and related to construction of the station proper. * Simon Spain requested an update on the Park Street tram link descoping, as per recent media coverage. MTPO clarified the Park Street tram link was initially investigated as part of the Metro Tunnel Project business case and during early scoping investigations. However, this is now sits within the remit of DTP. David MacNish noted CoPP is liaising with the state government to seek further updates on timing, etc. |
| 5. | **Meeting Close** |
|  | Matters arising:   * A combined CRG meeting will occur online on 24 October 2024. MTPO will distribute an invite to CRG attendees. * MTPO agreed to confirm a rescheduled date for the Domain precinct CRG meeting previously scheduled for 23 October 2024, which will be cancelled due to the combined CRG on 24 October. **Post Meeting note:** The rescheduled date has been confirmed for 30 October 2024. MTPO has distributed an invitation to attendees. |
| **A57-1** | MTPO to confirm a rescheduled date for the Domain precinct CRG meeting previously scheduled for 23 October 2024. |

**NEW ACTIONS AND ISSUES**

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