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| **Date** | Tuesday 12 October 2021 | **Meeting No** | 29 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 8.30am |
| **Location** | Zoom | **Minutes** | Mathew Collum |

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| **Members** | |  | |
| *Present*   * Jeni Coutts [**Chair**] * Nic Thomas, local resident * Malcolm Ninnis, local resident * Jonathan Forbes, local resident * Tennessee Leeuwenburg, local resident * Gillian Fraser, 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 * Kathy Dalton, local resident * Nadia Ford, City of Stonnington * Graham Hoy, South Yarra Residents Association | |
| **In attendance** | |  | |
| *Present*   * Jordan Turner, Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) * John Goding, CYP * Zaid Diego, Rail Infrastructure Alliance (RIA) * Dean Valentic, RIA | * Remy Fowler, RIA * Andrew Roberts, RIA * Michael Prebeg, RIA * Matilda Tonkin, RPV * Paula Williams, RPV * Luke Diggins, RPV | | * Meagan Lechucki, RPV * Dane Hartog-Burnett, RPV * Karen Simons, RPV * Sebastian Immaraj, RPV * Brenton Shaughnessy, RPV * Mathew Collum, 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 to S24-4, Jeni Coutts advised that the timeline for when access to the South Yarra Siding Reserve, Arthur Street and Lovers Walk will be reinstated has not yet been confirmed. CYP and RIA will continue to work together and provide this information to the CRG as soon as it is available.   + In relation to S26-1, RIA apologised for the delay in resolving the issue of the ‘rail squeal’ track noise which began around the start of December 2020. Monitoring and analysis of the data collected during the noise monitoring assessment has been completed. RIA advised that the issue has proven to be more complex than initially anticipated and they are now working with Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) to undertake more monitoring to identify the source of the noise. RIA will provide an update at the next CRG meeting. |
| 3. | Presentation from Project Contractors |
|  | Presentation by Dean Valentic (RIA) on the RIA construction update.  Presentation by John Goding (CYP) on the CYP construction update.  Presentation by Remy Fowler (RIA) Development Plan Amendment update.  Presentation by Remy Fowler (RIA) traffic and transport.  Presentation by Remy Fowler (RIA) on community and communications update.  Matters arising:   * Tennessee Leeuwenburg asked about the impacts of the upcoming shutdowns in October / November 2021. RIA advised that there is a rail occupation scheduled for the weekend of 22 October 2021 and then another on the weekend of 29 October 2021. RIA advised that the majority of the works will be undertaken further down the corridor, but there will be some works close to the South Yarra precinct, including installation of Wi-Fi masts. RIA expects the impacts of these works to be minimal on the Eastern Portal area and the majority of activities will be undertaken during the day. * Gillian Fraser asked when Lovers Walk is scheduled to be reopened to the public. RIA advised that it is working through the final details with the City of Stonnington, although the specific date for the handover has not been confirmed yet. * Gillian Fraser raised feedback provided to RIA prior to today’s CRG meeting with regard to parking issues on William Street. RIA advised that it has presented a proposal to the City of Stonnington on parking in the area, including the community feedback it has received and this matter is under consideration by City of Stonnington. |
| 4. | Legacy Art program |
|  | Presentation by Andrew Roberts (RIA) on the Legacy Art Program.  Matters arising: Nil |
| 5. | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising:   * Nic Thomas expressed disappointment that there hasn’t been a representative from City of Stonington in attendance at the past few CRG meetings, particularly as the council will be responsible for taking over revegetation and maintenance of the South Yarra Siding reserve and Osborne Street Reserve. Jonathan Forbes also expressed concern regarding the absence of representation from City of Stonnington at CRG meetings. RPV noted it will follow up with City of Stonnington regarding its availability to attend future meetings. * Malcolm Ninnis asked whether RIA had considered implementing noise abatement for both the Sandringham and Frankston / Dandenong lines to mitigate the impacts which construction works have had on increasing the surface reflectivity of noise. Malcom noted that the original tree covered sloped banks had provided a level of natural noise abatement, but the new smooth surfaces reflect more noise. Jeni Coutts requested RIA to include the issue raised by Malcolm during discussions with MTM on the ‘rail squeal’ track noise (Action S26-1). |
| **6.** | **Meeting close** |
|  | * The Next meeting is on Tuesday 23 November 2021 7.30-9:00am. |

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND ISSUES REGISTER**

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| # | **ACTION / ISSUE** | **OWNER** |
| **S29-1** | RIA (with MTM) to advise whether the reduction in vegetation on the Sandringham and Frankston/Dandenong lines due to replacement of batters with vertical concrete walls has had any impact on rail corridor noise reaching residences. | RIA |