**Minutes**

**Subject: CLG joint meeting**

**Date: 10 December 2020 Time: 5.30pm- 7.30pm**

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

**Attendees**

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| Attendees (Name / organisation)  |  |  |  |
| Jim Williamson (JW) | Chair | Fran Araneda (FA) | Kensington  |
| Marlon De Leon (MDL) | Tarneit | Paul Baggeridge (PB) | City of Melbourne |
| Bert Boere (BB) | Brooklyn | Peter Sammut (PS) | West Gate Tunnel Project, Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA) |
| Dennis Ryan (DR) | Altona North | Anthony Havers (AH) | WGTP MTIA |
| Kevin Redfern (KR) | Seabrook | Liz Evans (LE) | WGTP MTIA |
| Geoff Mitchelmore (GM) | Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek | Taylar Cations (TC) | WGTP MTIA |
| Garry Brennan (GB) | Bike Network Victoria | David Hill (DH) | CPB John Holland Joint Venture (CPBJH JV) |
| Claude Manno (CM) | Brimbank City Council | Fahad Majeeb (FM) | CPBJH JV |
| Ian Butterworth (IB) | Hobsons Bay City Council | Mark Latham (ML) | CPBJH JV |
| Peter Gerrand (PG) | North and West Melbourne Association  | Vesna Newman (VN) | CPBJH JV |
| Adrian Havryluk (ADH) | Maribyrnong Council | Andrew Shepherd (AS) | CPBJH JV |
| Con Frescos (CF) | Yarraville  | Mario Urban (MU) | CPBJH JV |
| Natalie Reiter (NR) | Department of Transport (DoT) | Jim Miller (JM) | CPBJH JV |
| Nigel Smith (NS) | DoT | Sally Pieterse (SP) | CPBJH JV |
|  |  | David Clements (DC) | Transurban (TU) |
|  |  | Tatiana Echeverri (TE) | TU |
|  |  | Beth Beavan (BEB) | TU |

**Apologies**

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| Attendees (Name/Organisation) |  |  |  |
| Anuj Malhotra (AM) | Spotswood | Ferdinand Saliba (FS) | Deer Park |
| Steve Wilson (SW) | Friends of Stony Creek | Peter Kartsidimas (PK) | RACV |
| Sue La Greca (SLG) | LeadWest | Martin Wurt (MW) | Maribyrnong Truck Action Group |
| Adrian Ashford (AA) | Brimbank City Council | John Stirk (JoS) | BayWest Bug  |
| Victor NG (VN) | Seddon | Monique Perry (MP) | Concerned Locals of Yarraville |
| Greg Cain (GC) | VTA | Jenika Rivera (JR) | CPBJH JV |
| Arthur Bregiannis (AB) | Yarraville |  |  |

**Agenda Items**

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| Time | # | Item detail | Owner |
| 5.30pm | 1 | Roll call | Secretariat  |
| 5.40pm | 2 | Welcome, introductions and apologies | Chair |
| 5.50pm | 3 | Department of Transport  | DoT |
| 6.00pm | 4 | Actions update | All |
| 6.10pm | 5 | WGTP MTIA update | WGTP MTIA |
| 6.30pm | 6 | Questions and discussions from members | All |
| 6.50pm | 7 | Construction update | CPBJH |
| 7.20pm | 8 | Actions arising and closing | All |

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| Agenda item | Item detail |
| 1 | **Roll call**TC conducted a roll call and reminded participants of guidelines. |
| 2 | **Welcome introductions and apologies*** JW welcomed members, guest speakers and listed apologies
* JW noted that Sarah Grace has advised of her resignation and he thanked her for contributions to the CLG.
* PS provided an update on a decision by the EPA Victoria that requires Maddingley Brown Coal, Cleanaway and Hi-Quality to re-submit their Environment Management Plans. This decision did not change the EPA’s assessment that the sites met strict conditions designed to protect people and the environment.
* PS noted that there was a motion in Parliament on 9 December to revoke the planning scheme for Maddingley Brown Coal which was not successful.
* JM commented on the job losses article that was circulating. JM advised that the article is not accurate and noted some East zone staff have been redeployed to other areas of the West Gate Tunnel Project or affiliated CPB and John Holland projects and that there were no redundancies.
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| 3 | **Department of Transport*** NR acknowledged that there have been delays regarding the transport studies carried out by the Department of Transport (DoT).
* NR confirmed that the DoT is working on a range of initiatives to improve the quality of life in the West.
* NR advised that no further updates can be made whilst the DoT continue to review findings.
* NR stated that the DoT will present findings and recommendations to council first and then engage with the community before setting up initiatives.
* JW queried the City of Melbourne transport amenity update. NR informed that there has been challenges due to COVID and that the $50million program of works still needs to be unpacked.
* PG questioned the timeframe of mitigations to prevent traffic impacting the City of Melbourne. NR noted that DoT is looking to see what impacts can be made to make the most improvements, with a consolidated view from health and environmental authorities.
* NR assured that DoT will come back to the CLG group at a later date when more detailed information can be provided.

**ACTION: AJ11 Department of Transport provides an update on traffic studies progress in 2021.** |
| 4 | **Actions update*** AW13 to remain open.
* AW15 LE confirmed a map had been provided to DR. DR appreciated the improvements made to pedestrian access but asked if there was an opportunity for a green left arrow on the traffic lights. DH advised they would take it on notice. GM asked for the map to be distributed to all members. DH confirmed that would be possible. JW noted the action to remain open to further discussion.
* LW8 action to remain open.
* AN8 DH suggested the action remains open as work to quantify the total number of trees is still being finalised. JM advised that resolution was 4-8 weeks away and that the fundamental issue was around the definition of ‘tree’.
* Action to remain open.
* AN9 communications materials have been prepared and distributed to local communities. Action to remain open with more information regarding delivery dates to be provided to CLG members before deliveries occur.
* AN10 closed. AS advised that polymer is an environmentally friendly product used to prevent stuff moving off the stockpile. JW closed action.
* AJ10 closed.
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| 5 | **WGTP MTIA update** * PS acknowledged the challenges faced by the COVID pandemic and the West Gate Tunnel Project’s incredible adaptability to those challenges across WGTP MTIA, Project Co and CPBJH JV.
* PS noted CPBJH JV’s efforts in adhering COVID safety regulations.
* PS reminded members of the importance of why the West Gate Tunnel needs to be built and the benefits it will bring.
* PS noted that there has been over 7 million person hours worked across the project in 2020 with enormous works completed across the West, East and Tunnels zone.
* PS talked through the accomplishments achieved throughout the year mentioning, noise wall installation, launching gantry on Footscray Road, traffic switches and the overpass installations.
* AH pointed out that communicating via the project’s existing digital channels had been a big focus in 2020 due to restrictions on methods of communication.
* AH commented on the successful launch of Facebook group with nearly 900 residents joining the group within a few weeks. Additionally noting website visits and popular Facebook videos.
* AH noted that digital channels are a great opportunity to promote, market and remind the audience of the project benefits and highlight the project’s progress.
* LE reflected on the open space milestones that have been achieved in 2020 with the upgrade of three Brooklyn parks – Duane, Rowan and Brooklyn Reserve and how these communities can now enjoy these facilities.
* LE mentioned the $12 million Footscray Wharf Promenade which is co funded between WGTP MTIA and Maribyrnong City Council. Works started in November 2020 and will reinvigorate the space.
* AH outlined the communications approach being undertaken for the summer blitz program. Due to the significant impacts of the works there is an advertising campaign across TV, radio etc to advise the community of what to expect.
* LE commented that the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund – Partnerships are close to being announced with final checks being made, noting recent State Budget announcements, and the grants stream will open early in the new year.
* LE thanked SG for her long standing participation in CLG and reminded members that the project is looking for new members across Point Cook, Footscray, Docklands and South Kingsville.
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| 6 | **Questions and discussions from members*** GB observed that due to COVID more people are cycling and is excited to see the final result of WGTP which will upgrade cycling infrastructure. LE thanked GB for his ongoing contributions across all MTIA projects.
* BB raised concern for pedestrian traffic around Millers Road interchange. BB noted difficulties with turning right onto Millers Road from Primula Avenue due to limited breaks being given in the traffic coming from the freeway off-ramp. The design layout for the intersection will be shared with all CLG West members.
* DR praised the work to complete the Muir Street overpass.
* DR raised concern about pedestrian safety when exiting the overpass at Fogarty Avenue as there is limited space between the end of the ramp and the road. DR suggested putting a sign indicating that pedestrians are there.
* KR suggested that the signs heading inbound around Millers Road be larger to improve visibility.
* FA advised that the community had been waiting for some time to hear about traffic mitigation measures/initiatives and she was disappointed that at a minimum a rough timeframe on when further details on traffic studies and mitigations could not be provided at tonight’s briefing by the DoT.
* GM commented that his offset planting concerns are being looked into and hopes for a resolution shortly.
* PG noted his ongoing concerns regarding traffic mitigation and the impact of new infrastructure on Moonee Ponds Creek.
* PG raised that community members in West Melbourne at Railway Place are concerned with the noise impacts to their homes with the Wurundjeri Way Extension. DC acknowledged concerns and agreed to continue working with project parties to discuss the community’s concerns.
* CF questioned what the final landscaping design will look like.
* IB noted that community consultation plans for Local Area Movement Plans for suburbs adjacent the WGTP are available on the HBCC website for the community to provide feedback until 5 January 2021.
* PB commented that the City of Melbourne has also received enquiries from residents at Railway Place regarding noise. PB requested that the design information be passed on to council to help address the community’s concerns.
* CM expressed interest in receiving more information about the north Somerville Road traffic assessment. PS believes this information will be tied into the HBCC transport study.
* ADH agreed with DR’s concerns regarding pedestrians exiting the Muir Street overpass onto Fogarty Avenue and expects the current design to be temporary. DC advised he will raise it with the construction team and find a temporary solution.
* ADH advised of the Harris Street closure taking place in February/ March 2021.
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| 7 | **Construction update**ML provided the following recap of works taken place over 2020:* Commenced piling and concrete works along Hyde Street.
* New concrete and noise panels installed at the outbound Hyde Street ramp at Williamstown Road.
* The old Muir Street overpass was removed in May with the new overpass arriving in three segments and opened to the public on 9 December 2020. ML confirmed that the concerns raised regarding pedestrian safety onto Fogarty Avenue is permanent and that the final design will have more visibility with a wider path.
* Significant changes to Newport Rail Bridge with the collector distributor bridge ramp nearly completed. Widening of the existing outbound bridge completed with the strengthening of the inbound bridge happening over the next year. New monopoles installed and the construction of new distributor pavements completed at the north east corner, where the distributor merges with traffic from outbound portal.
* Millers Road interchange intense five week works program completed in October.
* Rosala Avenue overpass installed and opened to the public. Works to finish the internal cladding nearly complete due to some product delivery delays.
* Kororoit Creek Bridge widening works are completed with strengthening and bearing replacement works almost complete.
* Around 750 noise wall panels have been installed over the last few months.
* Summer works overview will see the demolition of Grieve Parade bridge and construction of new bridge. Contraflow arrangements will take place. Works taking place from 6 January until 22 March. Multiple ramps will be closed around the M80 interchange from 11 January to reconstruct ramp from Princes Freeway to Old Geelong Road.

JM provided the following update on works in the East zone:* The large in-situ columns at the Maribyrnong River west bank have now been completed which will be the bridge’s main support to connect with the tunnel.
* All marine works in the Maribyrnong River have been completed, with a temporary jetty installed on the river to hold a crawler crane which will allow the crane to install the bridge girders.
* Noticeable columns have been installed on Footscray Road which is where the elevated road will sit on.
* Large crossheads will be delivered to Footscray Road which contain precast elements.
* Permanent structure works will be continuing on CityLink.
* Further Dynon road works will continue in 2021 with piling concrete caps set to begin.
* Excavation works and pile cap construction is currently taking place on the Wurundjeri Way Extension bridge and will continue until the end of December 2020.
* The single precast pier column at Railway Miller Reserve will be installed in late Jan/ early Feb 2021
* Lattice tower removal along MPC will occur in January 2021.
* MU noted that the first crosshead delivered on a superload trailer occurred between 3-5am on the morning of 3 December, with a comprehensive communications plan prepared to notify relevant parties. Residents along Francis Street and Somerville Road received a letter box notification advising of truck movements.

AS provided the following update on works in the Tunnel zone:* 95% excavation completed at the outbound southern portal in 2020.
* Inbound southern portal has been impacted by the issues of soil disposal. The roof slab has been completed with 25 metres left to excavate in the portal once the inbound TBM breaks through.
* A lot of works happening across the northern portal site while Tunnel Boring Machines wait to start.

SP provided the following overview on CPBJH JV’s approach to communications and engagement.* Prior to COVID restrictions the project attended the East meets West Festival, Yarraville Festival, Geelong Foreshore pop-up and Point Cook Lunar New Year Festival.
* All community engagement shifted to an online platform.
* 30,000 letter drops were sent to households in the west asking them to register their details.
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| 8 | **Actions arising and closing*** **ACTION: AJ11** Department of Transport to provide an update on traffic studies progress in early 2021.
* **ACTION: AW13** CPBJH JV to provide Stage 2 – Grieve Parade landscape designs with WGTP MTIA to pass on to relevant CLG members once finalised.
* **ACTION: AW15** note that the map has been provided to all CLG West members. Action updated to reflect continuous discussions around the Millers Road interchange design.
* **ACTION: LW8** HBCC requested that Federation Trail in Brooklyn to be added as a factsheet for landscaping​.
* **ACTION: AN8** CPBJH to confirm total number of trees to be replaced and removed.
* **ACTION: AN9** action updated CPBJH to provide dates for Benalla deliveries ahead of scheduled times.
* LE thanked members for their ongoing participation and noted the project would touch base with members in the new year regarding the first meeting in February and the remainder of meeting dates for 2021.
* JW closed the meeting at 7.30pm
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