

Meeting Minutes

CLG (South/Eastern Freeway) Meeting

Date	22/03/2019	Time	10:00am - 12:00pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Minute taker	Erin McPherson
Location	Veneto Club (Gondola Room), 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen		

Attendees

Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco	Chair	Lynne Baker	Community representative
Pallavi Mandke	GHD	Andrew Kelly	Yarra River Keeper
Noel Treacy	North East Link	Ronald Jones	Wurundjeri
Gemma Boucher	North East Link	Anita Viswanathan	VicRoads
Kim Jordan	North East Link	Liz Lambropoulos	Manningham Council
David Truong	North East Link		
Melanie Clarke	North East Link		
Julia Jenvey	North East Link		
Erin McPherson	North East Link		
Emma Lichkus	GHD		
Nick Burchell	North East Link		
Gwenda Johnstone	Community representative		
John Van Delft	Community representative		
Bruce Plain	Business representative		
Matt Maguire	Community representative		
Sandra Massimini	Community representative		
Tina Garg	Community representative		
Cam Giardina	Business representative		
Clare Davey	Boroondara Council		

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Simon Exon	Yarra Council		
Leah McGurnness	Whitehorse Council		

Key discussion points/decisions

Item	Agenda	Owner
1	Welcome	Mike Marasco
2	EES update	Noel Tracey, NELP
3	Social Impact Assessment	Dr Pallavi Mandke, GHD
4	Sport and Recreation Options Assessment	Julia Jenvey, NELP
5	Closing	Mike Marasco

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NELP	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Marasco (MM) welcomed the group to the CLG meeting • MM noted that Lynne Baker will be unable to attend CLG meetings until further notice. We will keep the group updated on a representative for the Koonung Creek area.
Noel Treacy, NELP	<p>EES Updated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noel Treacy (NT) gave an overview of the timeline of the Environment Effects Statement (EES) and the associated panel hearing process • The Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) will soon be appointed by the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP). NELP is not responsible for administration of the EES process. • Sandra Massimini (SM) asked if the panel had been selected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT advised the group that NELP does not have control over this as it is the responsibility of DELWP to select and independent panel. The panels selected for Metro Tunnel and West Gate Tunnel give an idea of the experience and expertise of panel members. • The EES exhibition will commence in the coming weeks • The EES will be available publicly at council offices, libraries, online and on USB sticks for the community to view the information • There will be an opportunity to discuss the EES with NELP technical specialists at community info session, to be advertised in the coming weeks • The EES will be on display for a minimum of 30 business days. • Matt Maguire (MMA) asked what the dates for exhibition were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT noted the dates were not yet publicly available yet, and will be determined by the Minister for Planning • Panel hearings will take place in the third quarter of this year and will be approximately 6-7 weeks of hearings, where the panel can hear from public authorities, groups and individuals • Following submissions the IAC provides its review through a report including recommendations. The Minister for Planning makes a final decision based on this advice. • NELP is working on a timeframe that would see approvals by the end of 2019 • SM asked how to speak to the panel

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT confirmed the process is to make a written submission. The submission document allows for the options to request to speak at the hearing – NELP must not guide how to write a submission – DELWP may be able to assist in providing guidance on submissions • Cam Giardina (CG) asked about the timeframe for a final design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT noted procurement for contractors won't be finalised until 2020, and the EES informs final design – David Chung (DC) noted financial close for the PPP contract is towards the end of 2020, and from this date forward we will have a preferred contractor and from then a developed design – Bruce Plain (BP) asked when the contractors are selected – NT confirmed this would likely be finalised second half of 2020 – BP noted that there would be a period of time where NELP wouldn't be able to speak to the community with certainty of what the final design would look like – CG queried if the works would be starting this year as the recent media announcement said works would start sooner – NT clarified the works announced were early works including service relocations – MM noted that this was perhaps a discussion for the Business reference group to be held next week
Dr Pallavi Mandke, GHD	<p data-bbox="220 707 480 734">Social Impact Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallavi Mandke (PM) noted the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) forms part of the EES. She is presenting on the method and issues covered in the SIA, not the findings of the report • This presentation is to set the scene about content of the technical study that is likely to be important to the community • The SIA is a study about effects on people, as projects are ultimately for people and communities • The SIA looks to understand how the different aspects of the project (design, construction and function) impact people in their day to day lives. • The SIA must conform to the EES scoping requirements • The SIA looked at a study area at 3 levels, regional level, suburb level and an area that was generally 100 metres either side of the project alignment, and the team looked to capture the residents, sporting and recreation areas and active and passive recreation areas that may be affected by the project • MM asked for an example where they would have gone beyond the 100m boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – PM noted some schools and sporting facilities were included • The SIA team conducted its own consultation as well as looking at findings of overall NELP consultation activities to understand the community baseline and how the project would impact on them • The team assessed close to 200 community infrastructure facilities, all detailed in the appendix of the Social Impact technical report • SM asked where the resident workshops had been held • PM noted that different clusters of residents were targeted, and those residents were mailed a letter inviting them to participate in workshops • Gwenda Johnstone (GJ) asked if residents from the Box Hill or Blackburn community were included in this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – KJ noted over 1000 were invited in total, and a few hundred in Whitehorse were letterboxed and invited to participate in SIA workshops. Only two registrations were received so they attended workshops in other areas – MMA asked about the distribution areas for the invitations to the resident workshops – ACTION: send distribution area where invitations to the resident workshops (in Bulleen) – KJ noted that assessing social impact is different to considering impacts on individual people. It looks at community connectivity and use of public spaces and facilities for example, and doesn't focus on specific impacts to individual residents • GJ asked what the number of people in the sample was, if 50 residents participated in the workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT confirmed over 1000 residences were letterboxed and invited to attend – PM noted the team also engaged with residents at the project drop in and information sessions • The SIA technical study is also informed by other technical studies (eg. noise, air quality, traffic) as these provide technical evidence on how the community may be affected • PM gave an overview of how the risks and impacts are laid out in the SIA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MM asked if this information would be publicly available

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT noted that this information is captured in the report, but confirmed that there is a consistent risk approach across the whole EES and is consistent with other major Victorian infrastructure projects – PM noted the four key themes of the SIA noting that these are all influence by other technical docs like noise and traffic • PM noted that perceptions of impacts is very subjective, and this has been considered in the study.
<p>Julia Jenvy, NELP</p>	<p>Sport and Recreation Options Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Jenvy (JJ) introduced the Sport and Recreation Options Assessment • This has built on the work from the SIA to then inform how the sporting clubs may be moved around • NELP is working towards a business as usual approach for sporting clubs that will need to be relocated - i.e. minimum disruption • this report includes key structured sporting sites, and this report sits as an attachment to the EES • JJ gave an overview of the purpose of the report, noting that the principle of the report was to provide suitable facilities that comply with standards (i.e. if existing facilities don't meet current standards, NELP must meet current standards or requirements), delivered in a timely manner to allow for continuity and minimising impacts to the community • The presentation will be focused on Bulleen Park and Elgar Park • JJ gave an overview of engagement with the affected sporting clubs • NELP have met with the relevant leagues and associations to ensure fixturing is considered when moving social clubs • NELP are working closely with local councils because in many cases they are the land owner and are integral in the allocation of facilities. NELP is also consulting with the governing corporate bodies such as the AFL and Tennis Victoria <p>Bulleen Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ Gave an overview of the use of Bulleen Park and associated clubs • JJ noted that the assessment does not include impacts to the three private school facilities (Carey Grammar, Marcellin College and Trinity Grammar), but confirmed they are consulted separately • JJ advised the group that the Sport and Recreations Options Assessment will list multiple options of how sites could be reconfigured • JJ noted the council endorsed plans are currently available online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MMA asked how NELP resolve conflicting council plans – JJ noted that NELP has developed principles and criteria in consultation with councils that will rank the pros and cons of each option. NELP has also undertaken technical studies of the options to inform what is feasible – NT noted that NELP respects that councils can adopt a stance on the project, but NELP will continue to work towards gaining agreement with Councils – SM asked if the clubs will be relocated – JJ noted that the objective is that every group will continue to operate and to do so some will need to be relocated for various periods during construction – SM asked if the swim school will be relocated – JJ noted that the swim school is a business as will be considered in the Business Impact Assessment. <p>Elgar Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ gave an overview of the use of Elgar Park • NELP has consulted with clubs and worked with them to provide the best relocation options for the club • for Elgar Park there are discussions with council where relocation sites fall outside of the project area • The key message is again business as usual for the clubs and noted they are looking closely at constructability and timelines for delivery to provide the best opportunity for clubs to continue to operate as usual • NELP have been meeting with clubs in the last few weeks specifically to help the clubs understand and prepare for the EES process • CG asked if they had addressed the feasibility of relocating the Bulleen industrial zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NT noted that for businesses they would need to be relocated to privately-owned commercial or industrial land

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NT noted that when moving sporting clubs, it is publicly owned land, and they can relocate clubs to alternative publicly owned land - CG asked about the depot as a relocation zone • NT noted that Manningham council have looked at this option, but would be required to change the urban growth boundary to do this which would be required to go through parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NT confirmed Manningham council have said they will investigate this - NT noted another difference between relocating sporting clubs and businesses is the process for compensation. There is no financial compensation for the clubs where they don't own land. - NT noted the lack of available industrial land for the business area to be relocated to - NT agreed that relocating the Bulleen businesses is challenging, but NELP is working closely with various councils - NT confirmed he will attend next week's business community group meeting to speak to this in further detail - MM advised the group they have established a business liaison group - KJ noted that this is a unique circumstance of the industrial area, but NELP will continue to work with councils and the business community to ensure best possible outcomes.

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	Send out distribution area of Bulleen community sessions for SIA	Gemma Boucher	8/04/2019	In progress	