

Meeting Minutes

Mordialloc Freeway



Meeting #4	Mordialloc Freeway Community Reference Group
Location:	Dingley Project Office, 358 Boundary Road, Dingley Village
Date and Time:	Thursday, 15 November 2018, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Attendees:	<p>CRG Members: Tim Moran, Phil Newman, Paul Cameron, Margaret Hunter, Lucinda Bertrum, Judith Sise</p> <p>MRPA representatives: Daniel Kollmorgen, Luke Minton, Renee Shankar</p> <p>Other: Independent Consultants – Edwin Chan and Clinton Kenna (WSP) Francis Dickinson (VicRoads)</p> <p>Proxies: Alex Breskin</p>
Apologies:	Steve Quenette, Mark Hardman, Scott Fothergill
Chair / Secretary:	<p>Chair: Ben Neil (Capire Consulting)</p> <p>Secretary: Janine Lyon (Capire Consulting)</p>
Next meeting:	17 January 2019

Actions from last meeting – Meeting #3

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1	Feedback requested on guidelines/process for sharing information	CRG	Where required	Ongoing
2	<p>EES summary/cheat sheet with key themes or FAQ's to be disseminated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RS introduces participants to collateral available on the table 	MRPA	August	Complete
3	<p>Suite of videos with EES information to be disseminated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RS explains the caretaker period and that the video has been taken down as they cannot discuss any benefits of the road during this time. Will be re-released after election. 	MRPA	Late July/ early August	Complete

Key discussion points/decisions

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<p>CRG members</p> <p>Ben Neil</p> <p>Luke Minton</p>	<p>Agenda Item #2 - Community update</p> <p>What have you been hearing? Community issues, concerns or queries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tim mentioned that following a presentation given to the Bentleigh Moorabbin Central Rotary Club and a post on social media, there were some community members concerned about the impact on South Road. A negative response was referred to the MRPA office. - Paul said there is some confusion in the community because of pre-election commitments that have been announced. It was about the lights on Dingley Bypass and their connection to the Mordialloc Freeway project. - MRPA is unable to respond to pre-election commitments during the caretaker period or matters outside of the Mordialloc Freeway project. - Margaret invited members to an EES information session with the Dingley Village Men's Shed and Friends of Braeside Park groups on either 27th or 29th November - MRPA are also holding information sessions in Aspendale Gardens and at the Mordialloc Freeway Info Hub in the coming weeks - The Saturday and Wednesday sessions at the Info Hub are open to the public - Luke mentioned that the project team is waiting to hear back from a number of different groups who might be interested in hosting information sessions - Luke thanked the group for posting about the project and information sessions and sending any comments back to the project team to respond to.
<p>Edwin Chan and Clinton Kenna (WSP)</p>	<p>Agenda Item #3 – Environment Effects Statement Presentation - Traffic and Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before the presentation, Ben said there will be four weeks for people to make their submissions through the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process - Following the presentation, members raised concerns around Centre Dandenong Road. Paul mentioned it feels like Dingley Village residents will be trapped, and said there will be concerns around the doubling of traffic on Centre Dandenong Road - The community recently collected 8,000 signatures against a proposed golf course in the area and this could happen again - Judith raised concerns about the busses on Centre Dandenong Road which is a major route for residents in Dingley Village - Clinton responded to say the change to Centre Dandenong Road is not worse than having it at grade. They understand that the line work in the presentation looks complex. There will be an increase in demand as there is a high demand to head to the airport area. The project will include an additional traffic lane in both directions along Centre Dandenong Road between Boundary Road and Mordialloc Freeway to accommodate the increase in traffic. - Lucinda said that there are some benefits for people in Dingley Village who can get elsewhere quicker - Paul asked if it was possible to reconsider the funnelling of traffic on Centre Dandenong Road in another way - Daniel said that the 17,000 vehicles a day is only on the west side and that the extra lane will account for this increase. The east side will see an increase of 1700. MRPA is looking for submissions on the current proposal through the EES - Paul said he was concerned about the bottleneck onto Centre Dandenong Road but understands the increasing employment in the area will mean more traffic. Paul mentioned the impacts of South Road and Dingley Bypass and impacts to Glen Eira are missing. What about Westall Road? - Daniel highlighted, there will be growth without the project. However, with the project overall travel times are improved. The purpose of the EES is to analyse this

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	<p>project and not Westall Road. That is something that VicRoads will need to develop a business case for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alex asked about impacts to Warrigal Road - Daniel said that the modelling for 2031 shows an extra 1200 vehicles on Warrigal Rd - Judith raised concerns about bus routes to Mentone or Cheltenham and being trapped in Dingley, saying there will be delays for the busses in the area - Edwin said travel time savings and volume changes are different metrics – a new road or traffic lane can attract demand thus increasing traffic volumes. The additional capacity can also provide improvement in travel time. - Edwin asked if there was a route of concern and Judith said Centre Dandenong Rd - Paul mentioned the big concern about the western traffic and asked who can make a submission and if they can encourage others to do so - Lucinda asked if they could receive a copy of the presentation - Luke said that all information from the presentation is available online in the EES - Daniel said anyone is welcome to make a submission and encourage others to do so - Phil asked about research into Mornington or Governor Road traffic impacts - Edwin said the proposed design allows for the provision of a third lane and ramp metering if it's required in the future but it is not included as part of the project - Phil raised concerns about safety on Governor Road - Edwin said safety would be enhanced as a significant portion of north-south traffic along Boundary Road and Springvale Road will be facilitated by the proposed freeway minimising the potential risk of intersection crashes. The proposed layout is designed to Austroads standards and accommodate the anticipated demand - Daniel said the design works for the modelling undertaken but there may be a need to widen Governor Road in the future - Phil said that they understand the project borders are limited and there's only so much impact assessment that can be done - Tim asked if it is possible the traffic volumes on Centre Dandenong Road are due to the growth of Moorabbin Airport - Clinton said that under the modelling, employment growth is factored into the model and growth is forecast to 2031, as well as in other employment pockets - Tim asked that if, without the freeway and widening of Centre Dandenong Road, would there be an increase regardless? - Edwin said the anticipated increase would be less as it is constrained under the existing conditions. The current opportunities for employment growth is limited.
Francis Dickinson	<p>Agenda Item #4 – EES Presentation Landscape and Visual Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the presentation, Lucinda asked for copies of the fauna crossings to be shared with the community - Francis said that they can be made available - Phil asked about the meanings of some terms used throughout the presentation - Francis said that ephemeral plants are plants that will do well in the dry or wet. A swale is a shallow dip used to manage water run-off, used for natural drainage instead of using a pipe - Margaret asked about planting near Braeside Park and their park office - Francis said they will be using natives and River Red Gums, and that the rangers encouraged these to be included instead of the existing conifers - Judith raised concerns about the Snipe and that the freeway may be over their feeding area. Is there a way to mitigate this? - Francis said that ecologists have provided feedback on where fauna crossings are best located - The group asked about foxes in the area and Francis responded saying that foxes are not expected to be a problem - Phil asked about how long it will take for the planted trees to look like the renders - Francis said that they will take approximately 10 – 15 years



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Margaret asked about the fencing at Braeside Park, with Francis saying that post and rail fencing at 1.2 metres was suggested by Parks Vic - Lucinda asked about bikes being able to cross the road - Daniel said that it will be similar to the crossing at Dingley Bypass now - The group asked about who manages the Waterways wetlands - Francis said that Melbourne Water is involved and that the land is owned by residents and maintained by the council - Lucinda asked how people will cross from Aspendale Gardens to Braeside - Francis said they will still need to use the traffic lights - There was a concern around planting and fire danger. Francis said that the CFA is consulted and those things are taken into account.
CRG members	<p>Agenda Item #5 – Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group said they enjoyed the format of the night - Luke said that two months between meetings is a long time between meetings and to ask any questions through phone or email - Ben asked if the group would like to discuss themes coming out of the EES - Daniel said that we can set aside 25 minutes to an hour and tailor the themes to what you want to know about - Paul asked about tenders matching to the EES and if corrective action can be taken - Daniel said there is a close match and that Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) overrule everything that is in the contract. The winning tender will be bound by any decisions that come out of the EES - Luke said that there will be a direction hearing on January 31 and the panel itself will commence on February 25. If you want to be considered to present, there is an option for this when you make your submission. This needs to happen before December 14 - Ben acknowledged the next meeting will be on the panel hearing and EES themes, encouraging community members to make a submission. It means the project has to respond. It doesn't mean that it will happen, this is a complex project, but the project does have to respond to submissions. - Luke asked the group to spread the word as the more we hear the better. - Paul asked about the tender evaluation process. - Daniel mentioned they were received 5 October and we are still 1 to 2 months from deciding on the preferred contractor. The contract rewarded only after the EES is determined. Land acquisition will affect a handful of properties which have an acquisition overlay in the Bell Grove and Tarnard Drive areas. As we missed the signoff period with the minister before the election, the formal process won't start now until a new government is elected.

Actions – Meeting #4

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1	Feedback requested on guidelines/process for sharing information	CRG	Where required	Ongoing
2	Produce graphics for fauna crossing to be shared with the community	MRPA	Next CRG Meeting – 17 January	Ongoing

Note: minutes have been paraphrased for clarity and to provide greater meaning.