

Mordialloc Freeway

Community Reference Group



Meeting:	Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group
Location:	Online – Zoom Meeting
Date and Time:	Thursday 22 October – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Attendees:	<p>CRG Members: David Cappellari, Peter Wain, Andy Hawkes, Mitchell Blood, Ken Carney, Michael Poulakakis, Frank Pitinga, Margaret Hunter</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Adrian Furner, Daniel Kollmorgen, Sam Doyle, Luke Minton</p> <p>MCDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Nicole Ekert, Richard Harpley</p> <p>MPs: Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson MP</p> <p>Proxies: Monica Bladier on behalf of the Member for Keysborough, Martin Pakula MP</p>
Apologies:	CRG Members: Jon Garrard
Chair / Secretary:	<p>Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS</p> <p>Assistant: Ai-Lin Chang, RPS</p>
Meeting Contact:	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

Actions from Meeting #2

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1	Provide meeting notes to offices of Member for Mordialloc and the Member for Keysborough	MRPV	4 Sept	Closed
2	Project to provide further information on landscaping design at Waterways to interested members	MRPV/MCDDJV	TBC	Open
3	Provide members potential partnership and legacy opportunities slide deck	MRPV	10 Sept	Closed
4	Provide standing item on potential partnership at future CRG meetings	MRPV	Ongoing	Open
5	Provide an update on the Project's lighting design	MCDDJV	22 Oct 2020	Closed

Agenda Items – Meeting #3:

#	Description	Presenter
1	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola welcomed the members and recognised Traditional Owners through Acknowledgement of Country • Nicola provided an additional refresh about the group’s ground rules and outlined the purpose and agenda for Meeting 3 and introduced guest attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson MP ○ Monica Bladier from the office of the Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula MP ○ Guest speaker Richard Harpley. 	Nicola Wass
2	<p>Project Lighting Design</p> <p><u>Key points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project must meet a range of freeway lighting design requirements that are mandated by the Department of Transport. This includes type-approved products, light fittings, luminaire type and minimum lighting requirements at different areas of the freeway (e.g. accelerating and de-accelerating zones, merge zones, on and off ramps, etc.) • The Project will install white LED lights. These lights will be spaced approx. 70m apart from each other and range in height from 10 to 12 metres • Throughout the design phase, the Project Team has worked to minimise the impacts of light spill onto adjacent properties through modelling and applying a range of mitigations • The Project’s current proposed lighting design will use lights at 20-25 LUX, which is a level of lighting similar to other freeways in Victoria • Richard provided a high-level overview of the proposed lighting plans and modelling from Springvale Road to the Waterways Bridge, Bowen Parkway to Governor Road, North of Lower Dandenong Road, South of Centre Dandenong Road and at the underpass at Park Way. <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica asked if there was anticipated light spill on homes near the off-ramp north of Lower Dandenong Road. Richard responded that the anticipated light spill will be minimal, approximately 1-2 LUX or comparable to the level of light that the moonlight provides • Richard noted that the contour modelling on the image doesn’t account for other structures (e.g. fencing around properties) that help to reduce light spill • A member asked if the level of lighting for the Project is similar to the lighting along Frankston Freeway • Richard responded the Project will confirm this post-meeting • A member stated that white LED lights were better for visibility. The member then asked the project team to confirm if there was already existing lighting at Lower Dandenong Road ramp • Richard responded that there is existing lighting at the Lower Dandenong Road ramp and this lighting will be integrated with the Project • A member asked if the project’s lighting design plans will be publicly available • The preference is for the Project to meet with residents individually to discuss the lighting plans in detail that is specific to their situation • A member asked if the contours in the lighting modelling accounted for building and structures with various heights, including the Freeway’s raised road. The member noted there are currently concerns in Aspendale Gardens about two large lighting towers sitting at the back of the property and there is a noticeable impact on adjacent properties 	Richard Harpley

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor said the Project will investigate and confirm this post-meeting • Richard confirmed the lighting modelling images do not account for noise walls and will investigate this further post-meeting. Trevor stated his belief that the Project's noise walls will contain some of the light spill and light from vehicles • A member asked about the process for the community to raise issues about lighting or other impacts once the Project is completed • MRPV responded that when the Project is completed, the first point of contact for the community should be MRPV. MRPV confirmed the Dingley Village Hub will continue to be open and available to the public. MRPV noted that they have investigated and addressed these issues in the past and MRPV will continue to reach out to local residents about this over the coming months • A member noted that at Lower Dandenong Road the noise barriers are transparent and may result in a pulsating type of lighting • MRPV agreed with the member and noted that the light spill will be primarily on the edge of the bridges. 	
3	<p>Project snapshot</p> <p>What have you been hearing?</p> <p>Nicola asked members about the key feedback and concerns they have heard from their communities about the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member noted that their local community raised concerns about the height of the Freeway, as more fill seems to be continuously delivered to the project sites, particularly near Governor Road. The member noted there is anxiety that the Freeway appears to be getting 'higher and higher' • Trevor said additional material has been placed on top of the embankment to help the foundations settle quicker • A member asked who is responsible for the landscaping and maintenance near Governor Road, noting Melbourne Water owns some of the land in that area • MRPV responded that the initial landscaping establishment and maintenance for the two years following commissioning is the responsibility of MCDDJV. The authority responsible for maintenance beyond this time is still being determined • A member asked if the dirt that's on the big mounds of the embankment will be used for planting • Trevor confirmed that would be the topsoil that is used for planting, noting that it would be spread across the embankments on each side • A member noted their community group recently met with MRPV. The member stated during the meeting, the key items raised included pedestrian access at the underpass and the Braeside Park entrance, ongoing support regarding compliance issues and acknowledgement of heritage sewerage in the area. The member noted they were experiencing audio quality issues in this CRG meeting. The member stated they would send through their other questions via email. • A member asked if prior to the road becoming operational, could the CFA Edithvale undertake trial runs along the Mordialloc Freeway to inform their anticipated operational arrangements. The member also asked if there were any access points to water supplies along the Freeway alignment • MRPV and Trevor confirmed they are able to facilitate these trial runs closer to the commissioning date. Trevor confirmed there are no water mains running parallel to the Freeway alignment, so there are no access points to water • The member responded that CFA Edithvale will formally submit a request in writing for trial runs closer to the commissioning date • A member raised that along Springvale Road to Waterways Bridge, it seems that the road surface will be lower than the height of the infill that is currently there 	<p>Nicola Wass</p> <p>Trevor Cruden</p> <p>Nicole Ekert</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor confirmed it is anticipated the height of the road in the section will drop by approximately one metre once settled and the additional material is removed • Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson MP noted that some businesses near the Thames Promenade area have raised queries on the construction timelines and alternative route plans, stating they are likely to need additional engagement regarding this • MRPV responded that they will continue to meet with businesses in the area to collect their feedback and take it into consideration as planning continues • Tim Richardson MP also noted that public transport patronage is approximately 50% lower than pre-COVID levels and it is likely there will be an increase in private vehicle usage in the coming months. Tim Richardson MP noted that engagement is critical in communications all disruptions information clearly. <p>What have we been doing?</p> <p><u>Construction Update:</u></p> <p>Zone 1: Dingley Bypass to Centre Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Dingley Bypass intersection, the traffic signals and guard rails were installed, • At the old landfill site, the final concrete pour was completed. The project team poured approximate 2300m³ of concrete (approximately the same size as an Olympic-sized swimming pool) and used 500 tonnes of reinforced steel to build the structure over the old landfill • The retaining walls at Old Dandenong Road are almost completed • Between 5 to 23 November, Old Dandenong Road will be closed. MCDDJV also noted there will be night works between 5 to 8 November. Key works undertaken include installing bridge beams, stormwater drainage works and rebuilding the existing road beneath the new bridge • Due to the narrow width of Old Dandenong Road and public safety concerns associated with this, MCDDJV requested that members of the public do not attend the installation of the bridge beams. MCDDJV stated there will be additional opportunities to view the beam installation in the future • MCDDJV noted detours will be in place during closure and appropriate signage will be erected in the area. <p>Zone 2: Centre Dandenong Road to Lower Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The retaining wall on the south side of Centre Dandenong Road is almost finished. The retaining walls on the north side of Centre Dandenong Road are completed and ready for bridge beam installation. The project team are building the westbound carriageway and anticipate this will be completed by Christmas • Asphalting works continued near Dingley Village. <p>Zone 3: Lower Dandenong Road to Park Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphalting works continued to Lower Dandenong Road • Concrete works to support the bridge beams also began • Significant progress was also made for asphalting works for the Woodlands Drive off-ramp • Between 5 November to 2 December, Woodlands Drive will be closed at the intersection with Lower Dandenong Road. No night works will be undertaken in this area. Key works undertaken include widening Lower Dandenong Road and Woodlands Drive to build the new turning lanes on and off the Freeway, installing new drainage, laying new asphalt and line-marking works. Detours will be in place and all adjacent businesses have been engaged • Asphalting works to the pedestrian underpass were undertaken and will continue over the next month. 	

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	<p>Zone 4: Park Way to Governor Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCDDJV are installing storm water pipes south of the pedestrian underpass using green pipes, made from recycled plastic bottles • The Governor Road closure was completed two days ahead of schedule. MCDDJV completed all pavement works and began installing the central pier columns for the bridge. <p>Zone 5: Governor Road to Springvale Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some topsoil has been placed on the embankments • Piling works continued in the wetlands, with the 63 columns due to be installed by the end of October • Works to finish the Springvale Road bridge abutments will be complete late October. <p>Zone 6: Springvale Road to Thames Promenade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCDDJV have begun bringing fill in on the southside of Springvale Road • Utilities works are progressing near the roundabout at Wells Road and Thames Promenade. <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if there will be lighting beneath all bridges on the freeway's alignment • MCDDJV confirmed there will be lighting beneath the bridges • A member asked when the Centre Dandenong Road section will be closed and for how long • Trevor responded it will be likely closed during a night-time closure, but the dates have not yet been finalised. Trevor stated all bridge beam installation works will occur at night-time. Trevor stated he will confirm the dates of the closure closer to when the work dates have been finalised • A member asked what the alternate detour arrangements during the closure of Woodlands Drive are • Nicole responded that Lower Dandenong Road and Governor Road can be used to access Braeside Park and MCDDJV will send through a copy of the alternate detour map • Monica Bladier from the office of Member for Keysborough, Martin Pakula MP asked when the closure of Springvale Road would be • Trevor responded this is anticipated to occur in 2021, with further details to be finalised in the coming months • A member asked if the drone footage could be shared with members • MRPV responded that they are presently developing similar footage and it will be circulated to members • A member asked if the dates and detour information for the upcoming road closures will be available on the website • Nicole responded that a construction notification, including detour map images, will be distributed to adjacent residents and communities in the week commencing 26 October. Nicole also confirmed the notification and maps would be available on the Big Build and the MRPV website. 	
4	<p>Partnership and legacy opportunities</p> <p><u>Key points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam thanked members for consulting with their communities and providing their feedback and suggestions to MRPV 	Sam Doyle

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRPV is working with Council and DoT to gauge the opportunities that are feasible and doable. All three entities are classifying the opportunities into items that are readily available to implement (e.g. installing rubbish bin and water fountains with dog bowl fixtures) and items that require further investigation (e.g. installing exercise equipment, installing artwork in the underpass) Sam confirmed he has raised the inclusion of a dog park with Council and this is presently being considered Sam encouraged members to continue submitting their feedback to MRPV. <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member asked what the end date for submitting feedback MRPV responded that members should provide their feedback 15 November A member asked if MRPV would be able to share a full list of the feedback provided by members MRPV responded they should be able to provide a full list of this for the December meeting. MRPV noted that there are a range of considerations in determining what are suitable and feasible partnership and legacy opportunities including long-term maintenance and costs A member asked if there are opportunities for planting days in areas adjacent to the Freeway MRPV responded that they would love to facilitate this and are advocating for this internally. 	
5	<p>Communications and stakeholder engagement</p> <p><u>Key points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project's interactive map was launched and over 1600 people visited the page in September with the page being updated regularly A monthly construction update will be developed and distributed in early November, providing a four-week lookahead on works and impacts The Project will also start distributing its quarterly update again MRPV has launched an SMS service to provide updates to community members about works and impacts. Luke encouraged all members and their community networks to sign up to this service through the MRPV website All members would have received an email invitation to participate in MRPV survey about communication preferences. The results of this survey will shape future engagement activities. The survey is open until 1 November Luke asked members for feedback on the Project one-pager that was circulated to member. Members provided positive feedback and felt it was informative. 	Luke Minton
6	<p>Other business</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member raised that on the walking track parallel to Governor Road, it is becoming increasingly difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to pass through because of the weeds. Trevor responded MCDDJV can investigate this further A member asked if the project will formalise the existing pathway at Barmah Place and the new freeway footpaths MRPV confirmed that the project intends to formalise the pathway A member raised that they would like to hear about other major freeway projects, their progress and scope in the next meeting. MRPV responded they will investigate opportunities related to this. 	Nicola Wass

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	Nicola and MRPV confirmed all questions raised in the meeting will be responded to in a document that is circulated with the meeting minutes.	
7	Next steps and close Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson MP thanked members for attending the meeting and that their participation has been critical to the Project's delivery.	Nicola Wass
8	Next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project update • Partnership and legacy opportunities update 	Nicola Wass

Questions from Meeting #3

#	Question	Owner	Due	Status
1	Confirm if the level of lighting for the Project is similar to the existing lighting along the Frankston Freeway	MCDDJV	17 December	Open
2	Confirm if the contours in the Project's lighting modelling images accounts for building and structures with various heights	MCDDJV	17 December	Open
3	Confirm the impact of noise walls on the Project's light spill	MCDDJV	17 December	Open
4	Confirm dates of the Centre Dandenong Road closure for the beam lifts	MCDDJV	17 December	Open

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1	Provide members with alternate detour maps at Lower Dandenong Road and Woodlands Drive	MRPV	5 November	Open
2	Members to provide feedback on partnership and legacy opportunities	Members	15 November	Open
3	Provide and share a full list on partnership and legacy opportunities identified by members	MRPV	17 December	Open
4	Investigate and confirm if a presentation on another major freeway project can occur at the next meeting	MRPV	17 December	Open

Next meeting: 17 December 2020