

Mordialloc Freeway CRG

Meeting Agenda



Meeting:	Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group
Location:	Mordialloc Freeway Info Hub – 358 Boundary Road, Dingley Village
Date and Time:	Thursday, 11 April – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Attendees:	<p>CRG Members: Margaret Hunter, Scott Fothergill, Tim Moran, Paul Cameron, Phil Newman</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Brendan Pauwels, Daniel Kollmorgen, Luke Minton</p> <p>Proxies: Tom Broadhurst – Friends of Braeside Park, Ken Carney – Aspendale Gardens Residents Association</p> <p>McConnell Dowell / Decmil (Joint Venture): Howard Humffray, Tom Foley, Chris Lau, Chis Di Domenico, Nicole Ekert</p>
Apologies:	<p>CRG Members: Mark Hardman, Judith Sise, Steve Quenette, Lucinda Bertram</p> <p>MPs: Tim Richardson</p>
Chair / Secretary:	<p>Chair: Ben Neil, Capire Consulting</p> <p>Secretary: Janine Lyon, Capire Consulting</p>
Meeting Contact:	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

Actions from last meeting – Meeting #5

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	<p>Feedback requested on guidelines/process for sharing information</p> <p>Produce graphics for fauna crossing to be shared with the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luke advised that the interactive model has been deferred and will be completed at the end of the Environment Effects Statement (EES), once the contract is awarded.

Meeting #6 Agenda Items:

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2	<p>Community Update:</p> <p>What have you been hearing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Margaret commented that she participated in the hearing process and that the City of Kingston has been undertaking heritage assessment works in Braeside Park - Scott noted the amount of effort that community members had put into the EES panel. Presentations and submissions were of a high calibre, the Panel was respectful - Scott said the community feels they were well heard. - Phil said that MRPV made a presentation to South East Melbourne Manufacturing Alliance (SEMMA) and SEMMA made a supportive submission to the ESS with some suggestions. - Phil commented that SEMMA has distributed news about the freeway through newsletters but has not received much feedback, but members would like more information on Woodlands Drive - Paul commented that there is a lot of recent development activity in the area (Hawthorn Football Club, Moorabbin Airport, and proposed water park). It's a lot of big development, and a lot for the community to take on, in an area that used to be a quiet neighbourhood. The commotion from those developments may be a distraction from this project.
4	<p>Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daniel provided an update on the EES process and noted the excellent approach from everyone. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The procurement process, EES and community engagement are being undertaken concurrently. o The preferred tender of McConnell Dowell / Decmil was appointed on 5 March 2019. o The preferred tenderer has started on early works and design workshops are underway, however this is being undertaken mindful of the fact that there is no panel decision yet o There are a few issues that are yet to be resolved following the EES. o Local property and business owners commented and proposed alternative solutions on the Woodlands Drive truncation and diversion. The feasibility of keeping Woodlands Drive intact is being considered, and we expect the panel to recommend we do so. o We will need to assess if the intersection at Lower Dandenong Road will still work. - Brendan noted that possible changes for Woodlands Drive were tabled at the EES and can be sent out with the meeting minutes. - Daniel said the project is now waiting for committee feedback, which is expected six weeks after hearing. Then, it will be a further six weeks for the Federal Minister to assess it and provide guidance. This is likely to be completed by mid-June. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If all approvals are received, the appointed contractor will be required to deliver on the recommendations and requirement set by the EES. - Daniel noted there has already been some changes made to the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPR) in response to the panel hearings. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o higher and longer multipurpose fauna barriers o noise is better addressed due to concerns about the effect on birds and their breeding o barriers around Braeside Park will now be two to four metres high, depending on habitat o the underpass at Braeside Park will be widened from 3.6m to 5-6m wide, as best practice o the underpass at Braeside Park may instead be designed as a bridge, for improved safety and lighting o an independent reviewer of EPR urban design is included.
5	<p>Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Update</p> <p>What have we been doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luke said that the next quarterly update will be completed at the end of May to announce the preferred tenderer, inform how community will be kept updated, and next steps for the project. - Applications for the next term CRG are closed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement survey for current CRG members will close Thursday 18 April. <p>What activities do we have planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CRG survey results will inform the handover from this CRG to the next, and how we move forward with the next CRG. - The current term and new term CRG will be in place for one handover meeting.
6	<p>Preferred Tender Presentation</p> <p>Presentation – Howard Humffray from McConnell Dowell Decmil Joint Venture (Joint Venture)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott asked if there are innovations that could be applied for reducing the sound of the roads. - Howard said there is that technology called AGFC2 that absorbs much of the tyre noise. It also works well for drainage and reduces skidding. <p>Community Engagement and Communications Presentation by Nicole Ekert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul said the community wants the preferred tenderer to understand the community’s vision and values and to understand the sensitivities in the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Some of the issues are raised are quite micro, but the community wants to know that you recognise those concerns and that you will hear from the community if there is rubbish in wetlands, or oil spills - Tom said there will be an induction for each worker/contractor to explain expectations of site behaviour. The foreman can take disciplinary action if the rules of the site are not followed. - Paul commented the water table has been affected in the past and we would like you to build the value for the environment, not just discipline if something goes wrong. The environment is very important to this community. - Nicole said the Joint Venture would like to hear input on those issues from the beginning. There will be a robust complaints process, so the community can get in touch with the Joint Venture and expect a response in a defined time. Paul commented that if you can show that you will help injured wildlife, that will go a long way with this community. - Chris L said the safety culture includes the environment, and we welcome your input to build on that. There will be daily and weekly inspections, for general housekeeping, safety, and programs that reward and recognise positive employee behaviours. - Margaret said the Men’s Shed has over 200 members in the area. We’d like to see them included where you can. You can use their space to hold meetings. <p>Scott commented it will be stressful for residents, especially around the wetlands. There are concerns about the texture of tar used on roads and they want to know about innovation in that, or innovation in noise walls. We appreciate you being here. We’d like to engage respectfully with you, we ask you to keep doing so.</p> - Paul said the community doesn’t want to see the commitment to the environment compromised. - Brendan noted that as construction progresses, the project team will continue to be on site. - Ben Neil suggested the preferred tenderer and MPRV meet before the next meeting so that they can provide outline of how they will work together. - Nicole said efforts will be made to minimise the construction impacts on the community. - Brendan suggested presenting on some aspects of the design currently in the works. - Scott said the East-link had some good ideas, but the thickness of the walls can be improved. We’d like you to be more innovative, offer a better reduction in noise and less impact. - Tim asked if there will be noise or vibration from the piles and what will be done to prevent it. - Howard said the Joint Venture will operate within Environment Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines. We will do a condition report survey for possibly affected properties for any potential damage before works start. This is included in our Environmental Management Plan. - Tim asked if there will be piling towards Old Dandenong Road or the Dingley Village area. - Howard said piling is required wherever there are bridges and also towards former landfill. - Paul asked if they will all be driven piles or only where there is Potential Acid Sulphate Soils (PASS)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chris said only driven piles will be used. The amount of noise created is affected by the solidity of ground. The soils here are silty so we expect there to be less noise and the piles should go in quickly. - Scott asked what determines how deep you go. - Howard said that for bridge pilings, you want to hit rock, but do not need to hit bedrock. - Scott asked if the on and off ramps have piles. - Chris said piles are only required for bridges, of which there are six. - Tim asked if it includes the Mordialloc Bridge over the wetlands. - Howard confirmed it does. - Scott asked if it is over the whole wetlands area. - Howard said that it is. - Scott asked whether the material that comes of the ground from piling is going to be dumped. I'm concerned about soils staying on site, but also don't want them to be dumped elsewhere. - Howard noted that construction is guided by EPA, an independent auditor, and our consultants regarding any soil disturbances. - Chris said that PASS is not a risk if it does not oxidise. Our license to operate relies on the fact that we handle this appropriately. - Scott asked about subcontractors using caution. - Chris said that Tonkin and Taylor specialise in contaminated soils and it is their area of expertise. - Ken asked how soils are removed. - Chris said that an EPA-licenced contractor will take it to a licenced facility where it is cleaned and added to a waste tracking register. We then need to prove to the EPA it has been done in accordance with regulations to continue operating. - Brendan noted that the intention of the construction program is to avoid contacting PASS. - Daniel commented that the solution avoids it and having to take it away is a contingency plan. - Scott said that the community would like to know how much the freeway will cost. - Daniel said that as the contract has not been awarded and as such there is no figure. The announced number is \$375 million. We can't award the contract until the completion of the EES. The contract has to include the outcomes of the EES. - Scott asked if the contract was awarded to the cheapest tenderer. - Daniel reiterated that the contract has not been awarded but will be awarded to the tenderer that provides the best value for money. - Paul commented that when EastLink opened there was a great introduction to the community with classic cars and an Iron Man race. It helped to soften the launch. - Brendan said that MRPV will look to partner with social enterprises and local involvement later in the project. - Paul asked when the construction program will be prepared. - Howard said it may be available in the fourth quarter of this year, or early 2020. - Daniel noted that the contract has not been awarded, the construction program can't be finalised. - Brendan agreed, saying there are many factors to consider before we proceed, including EES and Federal approvals. - Luke said that the Communications and Engagement plan can be revisited to provide a broad overview of upcoming activities. - Ken asked about the EES timeline. - Luke said that the IAC has thirty 30 days to provide their assessment to the Minister for Planning. The Minister has 30 days to provide a report to the Federal Minister, who has 30 days to review. - Ken asked what their concerns might be. - Brendan said the Federal Minister is concerned with matters of national and environmental significance, such as impacts on Ramsar wetlands, impacts to nationally protected bird species (there are three in this area), reduced impacts to habitats and connectivity, and nationally important vegetation. - Ken asked if any major approval delays could develop at a federal level and impact plans. - Brendan and Daniel said MRPV believes there are no major flaws, but there might be recommendations to improve outcomes for the project. - Tim asked if the road could be opened in parts. - Daniel said it can't be opened in parts as the bridge construction will happen concurrently.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tom asked what positive things the project is doing. - Daniel said that 5000 trees will be planted, which is more than will be removed and that tyres may be recycled and integrated into the walking and cycling path pavement. - Paul commented that it helps to create jobs and reduce congestion. - Brendan said the project is aiming for an excellent rating from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia – which is not typically done on road projects in Victoria. - Howard commented that social procurement is a big part of the project. - Brendan added that there's an option for a recycled water pipe that is being discussed with City of Kingston and South East Water. - Scott said that the positive impacts will go a long way to get residents on side for the project.
7	<p>Next Agenda:</p> <p>What would you like to know or discuss?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Margaret suggested Melbourne Water do a presentation on water quality and testing. - Paul asked if there was any additional design work to be discussed. - Brendan said that it will depend on the recommendations of the report. - Paul asked when the report would be released. - Daniel said it was likely to be in mid-June. - Tim asked if the Federal election will have any impacts on the project. - Luke commented that the Federal Government currently in caretaker, but there are no impacts expected for the project. - Daniel said it's possible there is a change in local member, but it is unlikely to impact the project. - Ken asked if it's possible to involve schools to visit the site and wetlands. - Luke said that MRPV is interested in looking to educate children and partner with schools. - Brendan commented that it works well for other projects and MRPV would do something similar.
	<p>Next agenda - Thursday, 30 May 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to CRG - Introductory presentation by MPRV about infrastructure and sustainability rating - Joint Venture presentation - Review of how the previous CRG group has gone and hand over the baton to term 2 CRG

Actions for – Meeting #7

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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	MRPV	Upon contract award	In Progress
3	Contractor and MPRV to meet before next CRG meeting	MRPV	May CRG	In Progress
4	Produce an approval timeline	MRPV	With minutes	In Progress
5	Produce a high-level construction program	MRPV / Joint Venture	May CRG	In Progress