

# Mordialloc Freeway

## Community Reference Group



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Online – Zoom Meeting
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Thursday 27 August – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Jon Garrard, David Cappellari, Peter Wain, Andy Hawkes, Mitchell Blood, Ken Carney, Michael Poulakakis, Frank Pitinga, Margaret Hunter</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Adrian Furner, Daniel Kollmorgen, Luke Minton, Sam Doyle</p> <p>McDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Nicole Ekert</p> <p>Guest speakers: Phil Liston</p> <p>MPs: Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson MP</p> <p>Proxies: Monica Bladie on behalf of the Member for Keysborough, Martin Pakula MP</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>CRG Members: Zoi Penoglou, Shiva Balachander, Beatriz Prieto</p> <p>MPs: N/A</p>
<b>Chair / Secretary:</b>	<p>Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS</p> <p>Assistant: Ai-Lin Chang, RPS</p>
<b>Meeting Contact:</b>	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

### Actions from Meeting #1

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1	Update on moving trees from Braeside Park	MCDDJV	27 August	Closed
2	Landscaping and vegetation design	MCDDJV	27 August	Closed
3	Update on Woodlands Drive signage on Lower Dandenong Road	MCDDJV	27 August	Closed

## Agenda Items – Meeting #2:

#	Description	Presenter
1	<p><b>Introduction and Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicola welcomed the members and recognised Traditional Owners through an Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Nicola provided an overview on her role as the facilitator and acknowledged the challenging conditions that the Group is meeting in and provided an additional refresh about the Group’s ground rules</li> <li>Nicola outlined the purpose and agenda for Meeting 2 and introduced Phil Liston, Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson MP, and Monica Bladie from the office of the Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula MP.</li> </ul> <p>Tim Richardson MP and Monica Bladie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson MP welcomed members to the group and thanked them for their ongoing participation and commitment to the Project, describing members’ input as invaluable</li> <li>Tim Richardson MP stated the Project has seen strong progress in delivery so far and is planned to be delivered by 2021</li> <li>Tim Richardson MP also reaffirmed the state government’s commitment to minimising community disruption as much as possible during the Project’s construction phase and integrating community feedback and insights into the Project’s legacy and design</li> <li>Monica Bladie provided apologies on behalf of the Member for Keysborough and endorsed the Member for Mordialloc’s welcome.</li> </ul> <p>The Project team re-introduced themselves, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adrian Furner (Project Director, MRPV)</li> <li>Daniel Kollmorgen (Senior Project Manager, MRPV)</li> <li>Sam Doyle (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, MRPV)</li> <li>Luke Minton (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor, MRPV)</li> <li>Trevor Cruden (Project Director, Joint Venture)</li> <li>Nicole Ekert (Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Joint Venture)</li> <li>Ai-Lin Chang (Consultant, RPS)</li> </ul> <p>The Members re-introduced themselves to the group, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jon Garrard, Dingley Village Community Association</li> <li>David Cappellari</li> <li>Peter Wain</li> <li>Andy Hawkes</li> <li>Mitchell Blood</li> <li>Ken Carney, Aspendale Gardens Residents Association (AGRA)</li> <li>Michael Poulakakis, Residents Against the Mordialloc Freeway</li> <li>Frank Pitinga, CFA Edithvale</li> <li>Margaret Hunter, Friends of Braeside Park.</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass
2	<p><b>Landscaping and vegetation design presentation</b></p> <p>Phil Liston provided an overview of the Project’s detailed landscaping and vegetation design and current progress.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current landscaping and vegetation design is based on the design that was presented during the Environment Effects Statement (EES)</li> </ul>	Phil Liston

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The landscaping and vegetation design has been guided by several key principles and considerations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ensuring the functionality of the Freeway and shared walking and cycling paths</li> <li>○ minimising visual amenity impacts of the Project's larger structural elements (e.g. noise walls, bridges) to local residents and Freeway users</li> <li>○ enhancing the visual amenity of the new assets using vegetation and canopy</li> <li>○ integrating the new assets into the surrounding environments and community characteristics</li> <li>○ maximising tree canopy where possible</li> <li>○ ensuring and maximising the safety of all freeway and shared walking and cycling path users</li> <li>○ facilitating wildlife connectivity across the Freeway</li> <li>○ adhering to all fire safety and drainage requirements</li> <li>○ maintaining the ecology, waterways and movement of local wildlife.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member asked how long it took for the Project to provide this level of detail. Phil responded the current detailed design has taken approximately 12 months, but further conceptual design work was undertaken as part of the Project's EES</li> <li>• A member asked about the proposed timeline for vegetation and flora plantings Trevor responded that the Project has commissioned landscape contractors and that the tree plantings are expected to be visible and in bloom by Spring 2021</li> <li>• A member asked if the Project could provide further details following the meeting about the landscaping design of the Freeway and areas adjacent to Waterways. Luke responded that MRPV would be happy to meet with CRG members and community members separately regarding this, talking through the interactive map and developing a one-page factsheet for the broader community. The member queried if MRPV could hold a live walk-through with community groups. Luke responded it may not be possible in the near future due to COVID-19 restrictions and construction activities in the area, but it is something that the Project can explore the possibility of facilitating in the future</li> <li>• A member asked about the shared walking and cycling path intersects with major roads along the Freeway alignment and what pedestrian crossing infrastructure would be installed at those intersections. Luke responded that all main pedestrian crossings along the Freeway would be signalised</li> <li>• A member raised concerns that having bare understoreys on the larger bridge structures (i.e. the Waterways bridge) is not visually appealing and noisy</li> <li>• A member raised that continuous vegetation along the Project's alignment would be preferred, noting that in the concept designs shown there were gaps between vegetation. Phil responded that the Project has aimed to provide dense vegetation along the entire Freeway alignment, with lower, middle and upper storey vegetation. Phil also noted that the vegetation design near the Mornington Peninsula Freeway area was created with the intent to include more open space to tie in with the existing landscape</li> <li>• A member asked about the effectiveness of plantings in minimising visual amenity impacts where residents are living directly adjacent to the freeway. Phil responded that while there will be considerations all away along the freeway (e.g. fire safety and security issues along the shared user pathways), the Project team has sought to maximise the width of plant and provide dense canopy. Phil noted the greatest challenge for the Project's landscaping design was juggling visual amenity outcomes with functional and safety requirements</li> <li>• A member asked about how the Project is engaging with residents, particularly those in Waterways and Aspendale Gardens, living adjacent to the freeway on</li> </ul>	



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	<p>plantings and landscape design. Luke responded that MRPV is continuing to meet with residents on an ongoing basis to discuss works and any enquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member asked if the pathway that is under the southern part of Waterways will be permanently closed. Trevor responded that the pathway is temporarily closed, and the access pathway will be re-opened once the Project is finished</li> <li>• Several members stated they appreciated the level of detail of the landscape and vegetation design and believed the outcomes proposed were appropriate and sensitive to local community needs.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola asked members to confirm if they had received the group's proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). All members confirmed their receipt of the ToR</li> <li>• Nicola talked through the group's ToR, including the group's overview, key overarching goals, structure and member selection and operations</li> <li>• Nicola affirmed CRG membership would be for 18 months and members would be required to meet every two months</li> <li>• Nicola reminded members that if they agree to the ToR, they are not permitted to speak to the media on behalf of the CRG and outlined the reasons for membership revocation</li> <li>• No further issues or questions about the ToR were raised by the group</li> <li>• Members confirmed their endorsement of the ToR virtually and the ToR was passed</li> <li>• Luke stated no further actions would be required by members on the ToR</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass
4	<p><b>Previous meeting and actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola confirmed members had received the previous meeting's notes</li> <li>• The Project Team confirmed they will provide the previous meeting notes to the offices of the Member for Mordialloc and the Member for Keysborough</li> <li>• Members did not raise any further comments or issues on the previous meeting's notes.</li> </ul> <p>Action #1 – Update on Braeside Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke and Nicole informed members that the trees at Braeside Park would be moved later in the year, when the soil has dried out and the heavy machinery required could access the area. Luke and Nicole confirmed that the trees will be moved into the wetlands in Summer to create new habitat.</li> </ul> <p>Action #2 – Landscaping and vegetation design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola this action item was addressed in the Landscaping and vegetation design presentation.</li> </ul> <p>Action #3 – Update on Woodlands Drive signage on Lower Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke informed the group that the sign is planned to be removed next week and MRPV is still determining its legacy arrangements. Luke welcomed feedback from the group on the legacy arrangements.</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass
5	<p><b>McConnell Dowell Decmil Joint Venture Project Update</b></p> <p>Nicole and Trevor presented on the current construction progress.</p> <p>Health and Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project has completed 600,000 working hours so far</li> </ul>	Trevor Cruden Nicole Ekert

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict protocols are in place to protect the safety of the construction workforce, including enhanced industrial cleaning arrangements, provision of personal protective equipment and measures to reduce staff contact</li> <li>• Brought in 2.5 million tonnes of material so far, with around half a million tonnes remaining. The remaining material will be delivered by the end of September and following this, the number of trucks on the road for the Project is expected to decrease</li> <li>• 51 major services have been moved, with 9 services left to protect or relocate</li> <li>• 1.2kms of the Project's 9km alignment will be asphalted in the coming months.</li> </ul> <p>Construction update:</p> <p>Zone 1: Dingley Bypass to Centre Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks to build the foundations of the Freeway and asphaltting is continuing and progressing well despite some recent wet weather</li> <li>• Works to pour concrete for the bridging structure over the former landfill are continuing and progressing well</li> <li>• Works for the Old Dingley drain have been completed</li> <li>• The retaining walls at Old Dandenong Road have been completed and works to install piles for the bridge has commenced</li> <li>• The work to install the piles for the bridge on the northside of Centre Dandenong Road is complete.</li> </ul> <p>Zone 2: Centre Dandenong Road to Lower Dandenong Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to continue building the bridge and complete earthworks on the southside of Centre Dandenong Road are progressing well</li> <li>• The retaining wall on the south side of Lower Dandenong Road has been completed and works to install piles for the bridge has commenced</li> <li>• Utilities are being relocated so further works can begin in the area.</li> </ul> <p>Zone 3: Lower Dandenong Road to Park Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks to build the foundations of the Freeway is continuing with some sections ready for asphalt to be laid</li> <li>• The base, walls and roof of the pedestrian underpass have been built and works to build the Freeway foundations over it will continue.</li> </ul> <p>Zone 4: Park Way to Governor Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks to build the bridge abutments at Governor Road is complete</li> <li>• Governor Road is now closed between Bate Drive and Burdekin Boulevard to build the new turning lanes needed to enter and exit the Freeway, install drainage, lay new asphalt and complete temporary line marking</li> <li>• The piling rig for the centre median was mobilised and construction for the centre median is expected to be completed by the end of September</li> <li>• The road will re-open at 5am on Monday 5 October.</li> </ul> <p>Zone 5: Governor Road to Springvale Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to bring in materials to build the abutment at Bowen Parkway will be completed in the next few weeks</li> <li>• Around 60% of the piles needed for the twin bridges over the Waterways wetlands have been installed</li> </ul> <p>Zone 6: Springvale Road to Thames Promenade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to bring in materials to build the abutments on the north and south sides of Springvale Road is progressing well.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monica asked when works to construct the entry and exit ramps at Chelsea Heights will begin. Trevor responded these works are planned for late 2020.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Community information and sharing</b></p> <p>Luke provided an overview of the Project's new digital interactive maps that were published on MRPV's website this week.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The maps provide key information around the design of the Freeway with artist's impressions, construction (when and where it's occurring and any other disruption information) and sharing photos of what has been built to date</li> <li>The maps are linked to MRPV's website and the Big Build website</li> <li>The website link is <a href="https://mrpv.ucapp.com.au/mordialloc-freeway/">https://mrpv.ucapp.com.au/mordialloc-freeway/</a></li> <li>General community enquiries can be directed to the Project's information phone line (1800 105 105) to ensure the enquiry is allocated to the right person.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A member asked if this was the first MRPV or Big Build project utilising interactive map technology. Luke responded that several MRPV and Big Build Projects are using the maps, but it can be intensive to resource and develop</li> <li>A member asked about how the Project was able to obtain drone footage of the wetlands. Luke responded that the drone footage supplier has the relevant permissions to film the works. The supplier works closely with key stakeholders to arrange appropriate times to undertake drone photography and videography and ensure there is no risk to the operations of Moorabbin Airport</li> <li>A member commended the level of information provided within the interactive map.</li> </ul>	Luke Minton
7	<p><b>Potential partnership and legacy opportunities</b></p> <p>Sam presented to the group about the partnerships strategy and future partnership and legacy opportunities between the Project and local community groups.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam outlined potential partnership opportunities during construction, including educational opportunities, participation in local events, in-kind support and fundraising/volunteering opportunities</li> <li>Sam outlined ongoing Project legacy opportunities including open space development, signage, cultural opportunities and partnership opportunities</li> <li>Sam stated that the Project would like to work with the community on future legacy options for the Woodlands Drive sign</li> <li>Sam noted that not every partnership and legacy opportunity will be possible, and are likely to be influenced and subject to the requirements of key stakeholders, including local Council and Department of Transport</li> <li>Sam noted that this presentation is designed to start the conversation and that members can provide ideas in between meetings and at the next CRG.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A member requested that MRPV circulate the slide deck to help guide members' discussion with their local networks. Sam agreed to share the notes in the slides</li> <li>Monica asked whether water fountains would be installed along the Project's shared walking and cycling path. Trevor responded five water fountains would be installed, alongside a bike repair station and seating along the path</li> <li>A member queried the possibility of maximising the open space between the Freeway and the sporting fields on Howard Road. Luke responded that the</li> </ul>	Sam Doyle

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	<p>Project has moved the Freeway alignment as far west as possible. Luke advised the query should be directed to the local Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member asked why Council did not attend that evening's CRG meeting. Luke responded that the Project meets with Council regularly. The meeting notes and an invite will be issued for the next meeting</li> <li>• Several members stated their preference for outdoor fitness equipment to be included in the Project's open space.</li> <li>• A member asked if MRPV and Council had discussions regarding the redevelopment of Chadwick Reserve. Luke responded that the Project primarily discusses the Freeway works, however the Project can elevate community voices and preferences on outdoor equipment to Council. Nicole also noted that the Project has held early discussions with Council on installing exercise stations along the Freeway's shared walking and cycling path</li> <li>• A member noted there are multiple community groups within Braeside Park and previously Friends of Braeside Park had approached MRPV to provide in-kind support. The member acknowledged the several groups within Braeside Park need to come together to form a collective view on MRPV potential partnership and legacy opportunities. Sam responded that MRPV is open to working with all groups in Braeside Park.</li> <li>• Sam committed to providing an ongoing standing item in the CRG on potential partnerships and legacy opportunities.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member raised they would like to see further detail on the Freeway lighting, including an understanding of community safety and impacts to vegetation. Luke agreed to provide further information on this.</li> <li>• A member raised they would like to receive more information on the ongoing maintenance of the Freeway following the project's completion</li> <li>• Adrian urged members to consult with their networks on legacy opportunities prior to the next meeting, to help support the Project meet delivery lead times.</li> </ul> <p>Member for Mordialloc, Tim Richardson MP thanked members for attending the meeting and that he was looking forward to sharing the outcomes of the group and Project milestones with the broader community.</p> <p>Monica Bladie from the office of the Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula MP thanked members for their input and stated their feedback was critical in understanding community sentiment and sensitivities and dispelling fears about the Project.</p>	Nicola Wass
9	<p><b>Next Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress update</li> <li>• Lighting and community safety update</li> <li>• Potential partnership and legacy opportunities</li> </ul>	Nicola Wass

## 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	Open

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
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 September	Open
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 October 2020	Open

Next meeting: Thursday 22 October 2020

