

Mordialloc Freeway

Community Reference Group



Meeting:	Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group
Location:	Online – Zoom Meeting
Date and Time:	Thursday 24 June – 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Attendees:	<p>CRG Members: Jon Garrard, Peter Wain, Margaret Hunter, Ken Carney, Frank Pitinga, Michael Poulakakis, David Cappellari, Mitchell Blood</p> <p>MRPV Representatives: Adrian Furner, Luke Minton, Sam Doyle, Joshua Lim</p> <p>MCDDJV: Nicole Ekert, Trevor Cruden</p> <p>MPs: Tim Richardson, Member for Mordialloc</p>
Apologies:	MPs: Martin Pakula MP, Meng Heang Tak MP
Chair / Secretary:	<p>Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS</p> <p>Assistant: Laura Browning, RPS</p>
Meeting Contact:	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

Actions from Meeting #6

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Provide information about the location of the bird hide being installed in Braeside Park	MCDDJV	Thursday 24 June	Closed
2.	Provide a one-page summary document on the partnership developments	MRPV	Tuesday 11 May	Closed
3.	Provide information about a possible site tour during one of the remaining three CRG meetings	MRPV	Thursday 24 June	Closed

Agenda items – Meeting #7

#	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 refreshed the group on the meeting’s house rules Nicola outlined the purpose and agenda for Meeting 7. 	Nicola Wass
2	<p>Updates on Actions from Meeting #6</p> <p>Luke provided an update on the questions and actions from Meeting 6</p> <p>Meeting 6 Action #1 – Provide information about the location of the bird hide being installed in Braeside Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update was provided to the CRG during the meeting with information to be shared in a construction update and online once the hides are installed <p>Meeting 6 Action #2 - Provide a one-page summary document on the partnership developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on partnerships for the pedestrian underpass mural was provided to the CRG during this meeting <p>Meeting 6 Action #3 - Provide information about a possible site tour for members during one of the remaining three CRG meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update was provided to the CRG during this meeting. 	Nicola Wass
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"> Two members relayed that the community is excited by how the Lower Dandenong Road and Woodlands Drive works are progressing One member also noted that the community enjoyed seeing the bridge lift video on Facebook A member reiterated that the community would like to see a dog park between Waterways and Aspendale Gardens A member communicated that Parks Victoria are experiencing increased visitors at Braeside Park, and they are monitoring visitor numbers using the Freeway underpass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam asked about exact numbers of visitors and the member estimated Braeside Park has a total of 1.5 million visitors per year Tim Richardson MP relayed that he presented an update on the Project’s social procurement numbers to the Planning and Environment ministers and they were blown away by the hours and percentages the Project has achieved. <p>What have we been doing?</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor presented aerial drone video footage of the full Project alignment and talked through key construction progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key notes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the asphalt has been laid and noise walls installation has started, with a continuous ribbon of infrastructure now flowing from the Dingley Bypass to Centre Dandenong Road 	Nicola Wass Trevor Cruden Nicole Ekert

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All swales along Old Dandenong Road have been planted out ▪ A vegetation area has been set aside for a Community Planting Day in late-July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole confirmed that the Mordialloc Freeway Project has sponsored the purchase of two new bird hide kits for the Braeside Park wetlands, with the Dingley Village Men’s Shed commissioned to assemble the hides. The MCDDJV contractors constructed the concrete pads for the bird hides and the concrete footings are now in place, with the hides due to be installed soon • Nicole introduced the plans for the Community Planting Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event will happen in two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Student Planting Day will be held on Friday 30 July, including attendance from 30 Year 10 students from Parkdale Secondary School and 30 Grade 4 students from Dingley Village Primary. ▪ A Community Planting Day will take place on Saturday 31 July and is open to anyone from the community, with CRG members encouraged to promote the event with their networks. <p>High level construction lookahead</p> <p>Trevor provided an update on upcoming disruptions, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise wall installation along the whole alignment • Asphalting to continue along the whole alignment until it is completed later in the year. The project is laying between 1000 and 2000 tonnes of asphalt per day • The installation of Freeway signage, traffic detector loops and final asphaltting will be the final activities to take place later in the year. 	
4	<p>Noise wall design</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian expressed that there is an opportunity to enhance the aesthetics of the noise wall transitions to the bridges in some areas along the Freeway. The Urban Design Review Panel has been approached to provide feedback on the proposal • Adrian noted that this discussion is highly preliminary • Adrian presented some of the current ideas being explored and asked the CRG for their feedback as representatives of the community, including whether or not they would support changes to the visual amenity. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member relayed that he has received feedback from the community over the duration of the project that they would like to see the colours of the infrastructure match the landscape, so it blends into the existing background. The member suggested colours like dark green are explored to match vegetation, and that bright primary colours be avoided. The member noted that this would lessen the impact of the infrastructure on community members who live or walk nearby • Several members registered their agreement with this feedback • A member added that they would like to see community members who live near the structure be considered as the main stakeholders impacted by this decision, rather than motorists • As a group, the CRG agreed they are happy for this topic to be explored further by the Project. 	Adrian Furner



5	<p>End of works community event</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke noted that the Project is going to hold an end of works event for the community to thank them for their patience during construction and to give them a sneak peek of the Freeway before it opens to traffic • Luke asked the CRG to consider any ideas for what they or their network think would contribute to a successful event and to send their ideas to Luke by 8 July. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member noted that it will be hard for them to discuss possible ideas with their community without a rough date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam confirmed that at this stage no date is in place, and they are looking for broader ideas that can be applied at any time – e.g. letting MRPV know which community groups they want included, themes for the event or what activities the community would most like in an event • A member expressed that Friends of Braeside Park have previously prepared information and activities for a similar occasion and would like to be involved in this event • Several members supported the idea that an event could support or highlight local groups and businesses • A member asked whether Luke has an idea for a venue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke responded that they are interested in setting the venue up on the Freeway itself and are considering Aspendale Gardens and Dingley Village as possible sites • A member suggested using the full length of the Freeway for the event through an activity like a bike ride or walk along the freeway, with opportunity to include the shared walking and cycling path and other associated attractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A member suggested connecting with Bikes Victoria to leverage their newsletter and membership audience for an event like this. 	Luke Minton
6	<p>Pedestrian underpass mural</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam provided an update on the pedestrian underpass mural • The Project has secured agreement to have the piece of artwork there, and is involving Parks Victoria, Friends of Braeside Park and local Traditional Owner groups • Sam is talking to the City of Kingston arts committee about potential local artists who are right for the job. Artist proposals are currently being considered and the selected artist/s will go through an approvals process • Sam noted that he is excited by the proposals he has seen so far. 	Sam Doyle
7	<p>Other business</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola asked the group to register their preference for how the next meeting will be conducted, between being fully online, fully in-person or a hybrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The majority of members prefer to meet face-to-face ○ One member noted that he had technical issues during this online meeting and subsequently felt left out of the meeting ○ One member added that he found the hybrid set up for last meeting to be difficult and regularly couldn't hear what was being discussed in the room ○ Nicola confirmed that the next meeting will be in person if restrictions allow 	Nicola Wass

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke asked the group if they would be interested in participating in a site tour in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CRG agreed that they would be excited to do a site tour ○ Adrian suggested that a bus tour be included as part of the site tour ○ Luke will liaise with the group to lock in a time for August. Luke advised that it is likely to be on a Sunday afternoon • A member asked if there is a scheduled end date for the project yet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam confirmed the project will conclude and the Freeway opened before Christmas but there is no exact date scheduled for opening • A member asked if some of the overhead power lines across the Project are expected to stay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor confirmed that the lines over Old Dandenong Road and south of Springvale Road are permanent fixtures and they can't go underground because there isn't enough room. This is because they can affect other underground services if they are too close to them • A member asked if road closures will continue after the Springvale Road beam lifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam confirmed that there will be more night closures across local roads following this lift ○ Adrian added that the next road closure is scheduled for late July on the Mornington Freeway, and there may be others later in the project for final touches like gantry signs, asphaltting and line marking. 	
8	<p>Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members did not request a presentation topic for the next meeting 	Nicola Wass

Actions from Meeting #7 –

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Provide an update on the noise wall visuals opportunity.	MCDDJV/ MRPV		
2.	Provide an update on organisation of the End of Works community event.	MRPV		

Next meeting: Thursday 26 August*

*Timing subject to change

