

Minutes of Meeting

Darlington Upgrade Project Community Liaison Group Meeting 28 September 2017



SUBJECT: Community Liaison Group Meeting
Construction Phase
Meeting 2

Date: 28 September 2017
Start: 6.30pm
Finish: 8.30pm

ATTENDEES:

Matt Saviana (GS), Harold Carn (DPTI), Maria Fantasia (DPTI), Sam White (DPTI), Amie Horner (GS), Raelene Telfer (Marion Council), Zone 1 – Pam Kean (John Arthur's proxy), Alan Brodie (McDonalds), Zone 2 – Darryl Ottewill (away until December), Zone 3 – Irene Stockbridge, John & Cheryl Whalan, Suzi Morphett, Zone 4 – Simon Hope, Phil Sinnott (Squash SA), Tony Kershaw (Clark Rubber), Zone 5 – David Hack (Spectrum Floors), Matt Pearson (Tonsley Hotel)

Task	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome and Apologies	<p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomed the group to the second CLG meeting for the construction phase. <p>Harold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested a review of the format of last week's meeting, this was the group's feedback. <p>Pam Kean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The format was quite busy with a lot of information to take on for a new person. <p>Simon Hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the project team talk about project details, they need to ensure everyone understands what they are talking about. <p>Phil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be helpful to have everyone's contact details. <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminded the group about the information line and project website for any queries or issues with the project. 	<p>ACTION – Provide list of contacts in minutes (Sam White, DPTI).</p>
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes from meeting 1 (14 September) carried over to next meeting (26 October).	ACTION – review Minutes of 1 st meeting.
3. Business Arising - Previous Minutes	To be reviewed next meeting 27 October 2017	ACTION – review previous meeting.
4. Project presentations	<p>Matt Saviana – Project Update Darlington</p> <p>North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern side asphalt works complete (from corner of Ayliffes Road down to Sturt Road. <p>Mid-North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturt Road tie-in works starting, in preparation for Traffic Switch 4A. <p>Mid-South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shotcreting (spray concrete) has started near Mark Oliphant building. Temporary paving in front of Monroe completed this week. 	

- Over 15 000 tonnes of asphalt has been moved into place so far.
- These works are leading up to Traffic Switch 4A.
- Traffic Switch 4A leaflet to be distributed online and by hand this weekend.

South

- Bridge 1 is now painted and nearing completion.
- Bridge 1 to be moved into position by the next CLG meeting (scheduled for 29 October).
- STMPs and equipment start to arrive next week.
- The biggest hurdle for the bridge move is the old Sturt River Bridge.
- There will be normal night shifts during these activities.

Neil Welsh – Flinders Link Project Update

- Design activity is being progressed, DPTI is working hard with GWS to push this along in order to work out planning details and costings.
- The hard part of this project is the curve of the rail line; trains tend to like to go straight and the curve presents a technical challenge for the design team.
- Video - Neil presented the concept animation which was well received as it was able to show people aspects of the project which are too hard to explain in detail with words only (reminder from Harold that it is only an artist's impression).
- Neil mentioned there is a proposal to rename The Tonsley station to the Flinders Rail station, along with the Tonsley rail line to the Flinders line and Clovelly Park station to Tonsley station (in order to be consistent with other rail line and station names).

Raelene Telfer (City of Marion)

- Wanted to let members know that there are plans in the works to eventually create road access to Clovelly Park station through the Tonsley precinct area.

John

- Will Clovelly Park station be upgraded?

Simon

- Can you tell me about Clovelly Park station?

Neil

- There is nothing in the Flinders Link scope to upgrade the station, it will remain the same. We understand that the community and local businesses are pushing to have it added to the scope.

Suzi

- Will there be access out of Sturt Road (From Birch Cr. - underneath Flinders Link Bridge)?

Neil

- This will not be changed by the project. We understand the (parking) issues. Flinders Uni and Councils working together to address.

John

- What station are people (from Tonsley area) expected to go to now? Flinders or Clovelly? Where do u park? There is no (free) parking at the Flinders station and the Clovelly station has parking/accessibility issues?

Suzi

- Won't the people that park at Tonsley station (currently – to go to the city) will simply park at the Clovelly Park station?

Neil

- DPTI and GWS are looking into the parking/accessibility issues as a whole across the entire project and Darlington area.

John

- How do you cross the rail line, before the bridge (just before the current Tonsley station)?
- How long is the rail line incline?
- Is there a possibility of an underpass for pedestrians?

Cheryl

- The walk to Clovelly Park station (from Tonsley station) is actually 700m and 22mins (according to Google). What about the elderly, kids, mums/dads with prams, the removal of the station will have an effect.

Neil

- DPTI and GS are working to create access between Birch Cr and Sturt Rd., there will also be access to cross underneath the Sturt Rd. Flinders Link Bridge.
- The design constraints of the project (due to the incline for the bridge) make it difficult to make crossings close to the bridge.

Harold

- Part of the government's agenda when designing public infrastructure is to try to encourage people to walk.

John

- What are the expected increase in numbers for the rail line (from Flinders Station) as opposed to from Tonsley station?

Cheryl

- Will the frequency of trains increase after the project is completed?

Neil

- At the moment the number is 100 per day (from Tonsley station) – that figure is expected to increase significantly (could be as high as 10 times or 5 times as much).
- Flinders University have additional plans to develop infrastructure around the new station (at Flinders) and as such the train station becomes an essential and enabling part of these projects (i.e. in a sense the project is not just about being for general public transport users, but for Uni students, medical patients/visitors as well as for future facilities in and around the area).
- Yes, the frequency will increase to 20 minute service at peak times (6am-9am/3pm-6pm) with 30 minute services at all other times.

Simon

- Are the new trains electric?

Neil.

- Yes.

Simon

- Wanted to say he really liked the pedestrian/cycle path.

Pam

- Is there parking (free) at Flinders station?

Neil

- No essentially.

John

- Will Birch Cr connect to Alloweenaa? (to get access to Tonsley District).
- So you can put stairs in next to rail line on the bridge but you can't make some over the rail line (near Tonsley) to access the parks and amenities?
- Is it a single track?

Neil

- Accessibility and safety issues near the rail incline make a crossing in this area unsuitable.
- Yes it will be a single track.

Harold

- We can't answer yet whether Birch Cr will connect to Alloween. DPTI do not have control of these (local) roads they are Marion Council land. Raelene will be able to explain this further; as she is an elected council member, we can support her bid to have access roads to the station.

Raelene

- You will eventually be able to get through to Clovelly Park station through the Tonsley Precinct site.
- Tonsley Masterplan to be released soon containing maps, design, etc.

John

- DPTI have more power than the council though.

Harold

- No, people have more power, they can lobby.

John

- We are concerned we are being boxed in, fences and walls everywhere, houses built on contaminated land.

Simon

- Is it possible to build a bridge over the rail line for pedestrian access (before Sturt Road bridge)?

Harold

- The incline needed for the rail bridge prevents an overpass, whilst underpasses are undesirable due to human social/behaviour issues.

John

- Station 6 on South Road Tramway had a U-turn (similar to the Sturt Road Flinders Link rail bridge), can this design be implemented at Flinders Link? (for a u-turn under Sturt St. bridge).

Raelene

- No work or plans for that is in place
- Engineers looked at it (the tram bridge on South Road) but are not going ahead with this design.

John

- Some bus stops allow buses to pull out in front of traffic. Does Bus Stop 6 allow this?

Neil

- Consultation has commenced about this.

Suzi

- Public consultation with locals does not seem to be happening, we should be notified sooner about the closure of Tonsley station.

Neil

- 10th October is the date of the start of the Tonsley station closure consultation process.
- Most public feedback to date has been very positive
- We are aiming to deliver the first operational trains in the first quarter of 2019 (in conjunction with the first University semester Feb/March).
- The project will support the local community and is a good development for the area.

Phil

- Can you tell us an expected timeframe for the project?

Neil

- Trains are to be operational by the first quarter of 2019.

Suzi

- St Marys who want to go to town, currently go to Tonsley Station

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was the last newsletter released? <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August, with the next one out in December. <p>John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the 1300 number available on weekends? Birch Street access issues often happen on weekends. <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes the number is staffed on weekends. <p>Cheryl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking on our street has been improved with new line markings and policing. <p>John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I handed over photos showing how you can't get into Birch Cr. When coming from Blackwood, with only one lane you can't get in or out. <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately we cannot control driver behaviour, our communications stress better driver behaviour. <p>Raelene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested getting Council traffic inspectors out to the site. <p>Cheryl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The street being policed has helped a lot, we felt isolated in the past but now we have forum to come and have a discussion. <p>Tony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm worried along with other businesses in the area about devaluation due to the project and losing traffic going past. Can we see a timeline of the projects expected completion? Also a diagram of the expected changes to this area re: the bridge over Tonsley? We want to know how much traffic we are expected to lose. <p>David</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have grave concerns for the long-term impacts at the Northern end of the project. <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will soon have interactive traffic maps which highlight to road users up to 30 different routes you could take during the traffic restrictions. <p>Matt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These maps are being reviewed and are approximately 1 month away. <p>Suzi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have concerns about the Birch Cr. Traffic lights and future access to shops in the area. Also, there was no mention of the closing of Maple Ave last Friday (29/9/17), though we received a notification about it on Monday (works were conducted by ATLAS). <p>Suzi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the traffic switch will alternate routes be managed by traffic controllers? If the suggested detour is Marion Road and Sturt Road, I expect everyone will use Sturt Road. <p>Simon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potholes have all been fixed now. <p>Pam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A3 Concept Plan to use to show people when explaining the project. <p>Phil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good presentation on Flinders Link. Are we able to have a long term plan for the project with dates, timetables and action items? 	<p>ACTION – GWS to provide A3 concept plan (Amie)</p> <p>ACTION – GWS to provide project timetable (Amie)</p> <p>ACTION – Amie to provide A3 size Concept Plan.</p>
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	<p>Matt Saviana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. Dates and timetables are currently being finalised. <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will make sure this table is ready for next meeting. <p>Simon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I mentioned that yellow line marking at St. Marys was getting very bad and noticed it was not put in the minutes. <p>Suzi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The yellow line marking is much better and has a slowing effect. <p>Harold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The yellow lines have copped a hammering from trucks in the last few weeks; workers have reported that it does slow people down. • This will be looked at in coming weeks. <p>Simon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be a public viewing area to watch the bridge move? <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes we will working this out in coming weeks, distributing a flyer to a catchment area of 2000 people to notify of this event. <p>Suzi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the big road shutdown on the 28th, what access will locals have to their houses? What about emergency vehicles? <p>Amie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic controllers will be there on site to direct locals. <p>Phil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will we receive calendar invites for the upcoming CLG meetings? <p>Sam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will send them out this week. 	<p>ACTION – send out CLG meeting invites</p>
6. Meeting closed and next meeting	Meeting closed: 8:30pm Next meeting Thursday 26 October 2017, 6:30pm	