

**MINUTES OF MEETING – Construction Reference Group (CRG)
Mitchell Freeway Extension Hester Avenue to Romeo Road
Meeting 4**



Date:	19/8/2021	Time:	6.00pm	Location:	MEJV Office – Neerabup Room
Distribution:	Members of the CRG and Main Roads WA webpage				
Attendees:	Brian Baily	Community Member	Jamie Robertson	MEJV – Project Communications Manager	
	Chris Howard	Community Member	Corinna Myers	MEJV – Community Engagement	
	Derek Slater	Community Member	Reinhard Prins	MEJV – Project Director	
	Ellaine Jopling	Community Member	Brian Norris	MEJV – Senior Design Manager	
	Ryan Buckland	Community Member			
	Lionel Nicholson	City of Wanneroo – Manager Infrastructure			
	Catriona Dowding	Main Roads – Aboriginal Engagement			
	Yaqoob Siddiqui	Main Roads – Project Manager			
	Kathryn Paddick	Main Roads – Communications Specialist			
	David Clarkson	Main Roads – Project Director			
Guests					
Apologies:	Russell Willans	Community Member	Clare Tottenham	Community Member	
	Alex Henry	Community Member	Neil Cooper	Community Member	
	Dermot Munro	Community Member	Aaron Livingstone	Project Manager	

NO.	ITEM / DETAILS
1	ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / COMMITMENTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise wall design – presentation during this meeting • Cycling event to celebrate the opening of the extension – under consideration by MRWA • Request for new PSP links to be highlighted – Connections Information Sheet now available on the project website • Presentation on Aboriginal participation in the project – presentation during this meeting
2	PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS
	<p>At each meeting we will record our progress against commitments made in previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will provide you with the information on noise walls – this meeting • We will provide you with information on landscaping design – in progress • We will raise your concerns regarding the placement of trees near the PSP – next CRG • We will consider access arrangements to the National Park in our design - completed • We will visit the retirement village to provide a briefing on the project – completed
3	PROJECT UPDATE
	<p>An update was provided on fauna relocations prior to vegetation clearing. All relocated animals were uninjured at the time of relocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Brown Bandicoot x 58 • Bobtail x 27 • Banjo Frog x 16 • Kangaroo x 6 • Bush Rat x 4 • Hemiergis (skink) x 1 • Ctenotus (Skink) x 1 • Emu x 1 • Quenda x 1 <p>Earth Moving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.2 million tonnes of earth is being moved across the 5.6km worksite. • Approximately 800,000 tonnes of earth is being transported using trucks, via Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard – approximately 25% complete. • There are a variety of methods and equipment being used to move earth including trucks, dozers and scrapers.

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	<p>Wanneroo Road Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation clearing has started on Wanneroo Road and Romeo Road – using the same methodology as elsewhere on the project. The closure of the “unofficial access route” through Romeo Road is complete and Pipidinny Road has been closed by Metronet as a part of the Yanchep Rail Extension. Yanchep Beach Road and Hester Avenue are the two east- west links until Romeo Road is constructed. <p>Noise Wall Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A construction schedule has been prepared and contractors have been appointed. The main design and constructability challenges have been identified and either resolved or are nearing resolution. Noise wall construction has started along Kilkee Street in Ridgewood and will continue north towards Lukin Drive. Engagement with residents along the boundary is well progressed, with residents regularly updated with progress by the project team. <p>Lukin Drive Duplication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The duplication of Lukin Drive east of Connolly Drive will commence this month. The permanent closure of the southbound connection (single lane) on Redington Drive to Lukin Drive occurred on 16 August 2021. <p>Design Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design is at various stages, 70% of design process is complete. All design should be closed out late October 2021.
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4	NOISE WALL DESIGN
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	<p>Noise wall modelling was presented at last meeting and this meeting demonstrated how the modelling has been applied to the design.</p> <p>Acrylic panel colour selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three colours were distributed to members for their review. The smokey grey colour was most preferred, with the green the least preferred. The project isn’t using clear acrylics because of bird strikes. <p>Design Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of noise wall design has now been locked in. In some small areas, the design is still being refined in consultation with Main Roads and impacted residents. This includes noise walls at Lukin Drive and Hester Avenue. There are small sections of noise walls that will be constructed with post and panel (concrete). All other sections will be constructed using eco blocks (limestone appearance) and acrylic panels.
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5	NEW CONNECTIONS
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	<p>In addition to the freeway extension, the Project will be delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Road Access to Alkimos and Eglinton via the new Romeo Road connection
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- 12km of new cycling and pedestrian paths including 5.6kms of new principal shared path (PSP) on the western side of the freeway and an additional 5.25km of shared paths and footpaths on Romeo Road linking Wanneroo Road with Marmion Avenue
- PSP underpasses at Lukin, Butler and Romeo
- New connections will be created into the Neerabup National Park from Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard with dedicated paths on the Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard bridges
- A rest area will be constructed at the new Lukin Drive – Yaberoo Budjara Walking Trail connection
- New parking bays on the eastern side of Wanneroo Road, south of the Ampol Service Station to connect users to the Yaberoo Budjara Walking Trail
- An underpass at Romeo Road to maintain the connection to the Yaberoo Budjara Walking Trail

6 ABORIGINAL PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Supporting the Local Community

- Local Aboriginal employment requirement – at least 5% of the Contractor Total Work Hours are undertaken by Whadjuk Noongar people. As a priority, we will ensure employment and business opportunities are maximised for Whadjuk people.

Creating future prosperity

- Aboriginal employment target – at least 10% of Mitchell Extension JV’s Total Project Work Hours undertaken by Aboriginal Persons.

Acknowledging and sharing culture

- There is a commitment to cultural awareness training to be delivered on the project, with the goal of promoting a culturally aware, sensitive and inclusive workplace. We are also encouraging and supporting community activities and initiatives that share culture. This includes the creation of a yarning circle at Quinns Rocks Primary School using plants and timber salvaged from the project.

Performance to date

- 11 Aboriginal businesses engaged with \$415,960 spent with Aboriginal businesses. 14 Aboriginal people have been employed and 2,919 (7.2%) of total project hours worked by Aboriginal employees.

7 COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGEMENT

The project’s Communications Manager presented an overview of activities to date.

External facing activities:

- Responding to enquiries and complaints
- Continuing engagement with residents on the boundary – approximately 137 households
- Notifications regarding vibration impacts, changes to Redington Drive, traffic management, Wanneroo Road and Lukin Drive works
- Property surveys continuing
- Yarning Circle constructed and launched

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	<p>Internal facing activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented three toolboxes on vibration management and dust management • Review and input into noise wall designs • Provision of feedback from residents to design and construction teams • Coordination meetings with Main Roads • Maintenance of spreadsheets to support noise wall construction • Focus on achieving sustainability goals <p>The rectification of the fault on the PSP near Burns Beach was noted and Main Roads was thanked for the prompt repair.</p>
8	OTHER BUSINESS
	CRG members were invited to provide additional feedback and ask any additional questions.
Q1	Do the freeway bridges function for cars only?
A1	Bridges at Butler Boulevard and Lukin Drive include paths for cyclists and pedestrians
Q2	How high will the walls be at The Rise? Is there a map to give to the residents?
A2	<p>We send updates to the Manager at The Rise who distributes these to residents. The updates include wall heights that are relevant to specific properties.</p> <p>Action: MEJV to send noise wall map and heights to Rise management and photo of yarning circle.</p>
Q3	What will happen for residents that have structures connected to their fence if they have to be removed?
A3	Changes to existing fences, including the removal of structures will be negotiated with impacted property owners / tenants on a case-by-case basis.
Q4	Is there potential parking for the empty block on Lukin Drive to provide car parking for access to the national park?
A4	Action: MRWA to explore the idea and provide an update at the next meeting.
Q5	Will there be dedicated cycling / pedestrian paths on the Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard bridges?
A5	Yes, the two bridges will have dedicated paths to encourage safe access into the national park.
Q6	Can the freeway bridges be given Aboriginal names and the PSP rest areas have signage relating to the local heritage areas of significance.
A6	Action: MRWA to explore opportunities and report back.
Q7	Will the noise travelling northwards from Hester Avenue reduce with noise wall construction?

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A7	The noise modelling determines the location and height of the walls. Sirens and vehicle noises will continue to be audible as the noise walls will not remove noise – they are designed to keep the noise to acceptable limits.
Q8	How can The Rise receive Construction Updates?
A8	There is an agreement with The Rise’s management that communications will be sent to the manager and distribution will be managed by them. Residents with emails can subscribe to email updates on the project webpage. Action: MEJV to confirm information is being distributed to residents and cc. CRG member into correspondence.
Q9	What are the external communication channels the project are using?
A9	The primary methods are letterbox drops, face to face conversations, emails, phone calls, MRWA website, social media, and 24/7 call centre for enquiries by phone and email.
Q10	What did the project do to repurpose the grass trees? It was noted some were stored on the ground after removal.
A10	We contacted local councils, groups and businesses to salvage the grass trees. Not all the trees were taken. Four schools received trees and two companies removed trees to sell to the community.
Q11	What are the yellow construction man figures for?
A11	It is a warning to the construction workforce to look up – there are overhead powerlines above.
Q12	Are there connections between the freeway and Butler Train station PSP?
A12	The new PSP will connect to the existing path at Manasota Approach that runs through to Butler Train Station.
Q13	Can there be a priority exit (green lane) for cyclists at the intersection of Romeo Road and Marmion Avenue?
A13	The intersection has already been constructed so the opportunities might be limited. Action: MEJV to review opportunities prior to line marking.
Q14	What is the timeline for duplication of Wanneroo Road?
A14	This will open at same time as the freeway extension - mid 2023
9	NEXT MEETING

NO.	ITEM / DETAILS
	<p>Members were asked if there are topics they would like to discuss at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landscaping urban design• Public art including commissions• Review of the Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan. <p>The date of next meeting aiming for late October 2021. The meeting closed at 7.22 pm</p>