

**MINUTES OF MEETING – Construction Reference Group (CRG)  
Mitchell Freeway Extension Hester Ave to Romeo Road  
Meeting 5**



<b>Date:</b>	28/10/2021	<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	<b>Location:</b>	MEJV Office – Neerabup Room
<b>Distribution:</b>	Members of the CRG and Main Roads WA webpage				
<b>Attendees:</b>	Brian Baily	Community Member	Jamie Robertson	MEJV – Project Communications Manager	
	Derek Slater	Community Member	Corinna Myers	MEJV – Community Engagement	
	Ellaine Jopling	Community Member	Graeme Peffers	MEJV – Construction Manager	
	Neil Cooper	Community Member	Brian Norris	MEJV – Senior Design Manager	
	Peter Tomsett	City of Wanneroo	Ben Sims	Main Roads – Project Manager	
	Harminder Singh	City of Wanneroo	Kathryn Paddick	Main Roads – Communications Specialist	
<b>Guests</b>	None				

<b>Apologies:</b>	Russell Willans	Community Member	Ryan Buckland	Community Member
	Alex Henry	Community Member	Aaron Livingstone	Project Manager
	Dermot Munro	Community Member		

NO.	ITEM / DETAILS
1	<b>ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING / COMMITMENTS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with management at <i>The Rise</i> regarding distribution of communications – Completed.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Explore the option of the future train station car park being used to provide temporary access to Neerabup National Park – The area is going to be used for future housing rather than train station parking.</i></li> <li>• <i>Use of Aboriginal names for bridges – Main Roads is developing a strategy to name/rename pedestrian bridges along Mitchell Freeway using Aboriginal names. We are looking to include the new bridges at Butler Boulevard and Lukin Drive in this strategy.</i></li> <li>• <i>Priority exit lane for cyclists at the intersection of Romeo Road and Marmion Avenue – Yes, there are a priority exit lanes for cyclists at this intersection.</i></li> </ul>
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2	<b>PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS</b>
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	<p>At each meeting we will record our progress against commitments made in previous meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will provide you with the information on noise walls - delivered</li> <li>• We will provide you with information on landscaping design - delivered</li> <li>• We will raise your concerns regarding the placement of trees near the PSP - delivered</li> <li>• We will consider access arrangements to the national park in our design - delivered</li> <li>• We will provide briefings to the retirement village – delivered</li> </ul>
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3	<b>PROJECT UPDATE</b>
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	<p><b>Civil Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage has started on the main alignment.</li> <li>• Ground levels are approaching finish earthwork level along the main alignment.</li> <li>• Works on Romeo Road alignment continuing.</li> <li>• Freeway ramps are taking shape.</li> <li>• Preparation works for pavements will start in November.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interchanges and Bridges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of the three bridges has started – Butler Boulevard, Lukin Drive and the rail bridge near Manasota Approach.</li> <li>• Current focus on preparing and pouring bridge and wall foundations.</li> <li>• The project will minimise impact on train passenger services by using Public Transport Authority extended maintenance windows to complete the works. Next opportunity is 30 January – 4 February 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noise Wall Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise wall construction is now underway. Blocks are currently being laid at the rear of Kilkee Street through to Lukin Drive (Ridgewood).</li> </ul>
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- Footings are being poured at the rear of Tobemory, Finglas and Claremorris Parkway (Butler) with block laying to start prior to Christmas.
- Engagement with residents along the boundary is well progressed. This includes face-to-face engagement and noise wall progress email updates from the project team.

**Truck Movements**

- Truck movements between Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard, via Connolly Drive have significantly decreased.
- A new site entry and exit will be established with direct access to the existing Mitchell Freeway to reduce local road use.
- There is a potential opportunity is to use earth from Metronet’s Yanchep Rail Extension, and we are in the planning phase.
- We have received feedback from the community regarding dust on local roads. In response we increased sweeping (daily), introduced a wheel wash, rumble strip and increased enforcement of tarp use on trucks.

**Lukin Drive**

- The duplication of Lukin Drive east of Connolly Drive has commenced.
- Kerbs have been removed and areas prepared for the duplication and turning lanes.
- Following exhaustive tree assessments, 10 trees will be retained in the centre of the road. This is a great sustainability outcome for the project – the original plan was to remove all trees.

**Look Ahead**

Focus on Main Alignment

- Noise wall construction continuing.
- Pavements on the main alignment.
- Drainage will be installed.
- Bridge works continuing.
- Site breaks for Christmas between 23 December 2021 and 3 January 2022 (inclusive).

**Design Update**

- The project has received most design packages reflecting 100% design.
- Public Art is currently being worked on by Maggie Baxter, who is collating expressions of interest from Aboriginal artists.

**4 PUBLIC ART**

**Process**

1. Public Art Coordinator appointed
2. Art opportunities identified
3. Artists invited to submit concepts (we are at this stage)

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- 4. Selection and artist commissioning
- 5. Installation

**Opportunities**

Bridge abutment walls at Lukin Drive and Butler Boulevard Bridges

- Artwork inspired by the flora of Neerabup National Park

Butler Boulevard Principal Shared Path Underpass

- Artwork inspired by Whadjuk Noongar history & culture
- Reserved for a Noongar Artist

Lukin Drive PSP Underpass

- Artwork inspired by fauna of Neerabup National Park or local history
- Collaboration with local school children

<b>5</b>	<b>LANDSCAPING</b>
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Design Objectives

- Road safety
- Pedestrian, cyclist, and driver experience
- Biodiversity (native and endemic)
- Seasonal colour
- Self-sustaining

Design Considerations

- Dry planted
- Soil type
- Hardy reliable plants
- Fire
- Low maintenance
- Propagation

Criteria

- Vegetation Cover: a minimum 50% projected foliage cover (excluding any weeds) over 100sqm, with no bare areas > 2sqm.
- Species Diversity: at least 5 species of shrubs or ground covers occur within 100sqm area.
- Weeds: Less than 5% foliage cover within any 100sqm area.

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6	<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGEMENT</b>
	<p>External Facing activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to enquiries and complaints.</li> <li>• Continuing engagement with residents on the boundary – approximately 137 households – monthly updates regarding noise wall progress.</li> <li>• Notifications regarding vibration impacts, dust management, traffic management and Lukin Drive works.</li> <li>• Deployment of display at Butler Central Shopping Centre.</li> </ul> <p>Internal Facing activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented four toolboxes including project communications, vibration management and dust management.</li> <li>• Review and input into noise wall designs.</li> <li>• Provision of feedback from residents to design and construction teams.</li> <li>• Coordination meetings with Main Roads.</li> <li>• Maintenance of spreadsheets to support noise wall construction activities.</li> <li>• Contribution to achieving project’s sustainability goals.</li> </ul> <p>Evidence of Influence on project decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation with residents on Myrlea Trail regarding noise wall location at their request.</li> <li>• Removal of Claremorris Parkway access point in response to community feedback.</li> <li>• Removal of Access Point next to accommodation facility in response to request.</li> <li>• Specialised risk assessment and management of works in proximity to accommodation facility.</li> <li>• Variation of design to remove noise wall in favour of architectural treatment to protect trees in response to community concern.</li> <li>• Engagement with residents on Lindeman Heights regarding wall preferences.</li> <li>• Relocation of grass trees to local schools.</li> <li>• Consultation with City of Wanneroo regarding preservation of trees on Lukin Drive resulted in preservation of 10 trees.</li> <li>• Feedback from businesses on Wanneroo Road regarding changes to business access requiring further design consideration.</li> </ul> <p>Review of Project Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Communications Evaluation Form was distributed to members to complete</li> </ul> <p>Why evaluate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand what has worked well.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand what didn't work well and could have been improved.</li> <li>To better understand your expectations for future works.</li> <li>To improve how we engage with the community in delivery of infrastructure projects.</li> </ul>
7	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	CRG members were invited to provide additional feedback and ask any additional questions.
Q1	Why were the trees on Wanneroo Road cleared that were flagged with pink tape?
A1	<p>These trees were marked to alert the construction team that their removal status was subject to finalising the road design and required review by the environmental team. They were identified to check if they could be saved. Wanneroo Road is being duplicated from south of Romeo Road to Trian Road, with construction predominately on the western side of Wanneroo Road. Unfortunately, the majority of the trees on the western side of Wanneroo Road needed to be cleared to allow for the road construction. The plan is to keep trees on the eastern side of Wanneroo Road. The proposed noise wall adjacent to Risto Close (also known as Trajonovich Lane) is unlikely to be built resulting in the retention of these trees.</p>
Q2	Is Romeo Road open to the public?
A2	<p>No. Earthworks have now started on the extension and duplication of Romeo Road, meaning it is an active construction site. It is available to local traffic only i.e., the two properties with driveway access. It was suggested that as we approach school holidays that all local schools are notified of this road closure to keep the young community informed and clear of the working area.</p> <p><b>Action: MEJV to notify local schools of Romeo Road closure.</b></p>
Q3	What is the update of the PTA bridge construction on Romeo Road?
A3	Anticipated timeframe is for construction in early 2022.
Q4	When will the noise wall be built at The Rise? Residents don't want to incur additional costs for noise wall works. They are experiencing noise impacts, and concerned about losing their fences, alterations to their fences and impacts to their structures. Some residents have spent considerable funds to make their backyards liveable and do not wish to incur extra expense. Would you be able to provide peace of mind to village residents who are already being impacted with the noise and dust in respect to this matter please?
A4	<p>MEJV Communications &amp; Stakeholder Engagement Manager provides updates to The Rise Manager, who distributes these letters to the residents. The methodology should allow for the existing fence to remain in place. The existing retaining wall on the boundary will remain in place and the noise wall be built behind it.</p> <p><b>Action: MEJV to include in their next email update to the residents, an explanation about how side fences will be extended to meet the noise wall, for those wishing to remove their existing fence.</b></p>
Q5	Are there any CRG participants interested to nominate for Public Art? No nominations have been received; email was sent on 18 <sup>th</sup> October.

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A5	Invitation to participants to catch up after meeting to express their interest – no interest received.
Q6	How did you select the primary school for public art participation?
A6	The project has an established relationship with Quinns Rock Primary School (they were a recipient of relocated native plants). The school contacted MEJV asking about public art involvement for their students. Conversations with this school are well progressed and this school's catchment area includes the suburbs adjacent to the project.
Q7	Will public art be discussed with NEWest (Metronet) about their public art scope?
A7	Metronet are still in the tender phase for artists. MEJV are more advanced in this scope of the project. Once the (MEJV's) public art concepts are received, Main Roads will share them with Metronet.
Q8	Do you mostly consider plants that will survive in the alkaline soil conditions for Landscape and Urban design?
A8	Plants are chosen to replicate species in the National park and include self-propagating, low fire risk, frangible, and non-frangible, with some species flowering to create seasonal colour. If you have an interest in revegetation landscape design, please let us know. Some species were changed in design for commercial properties at Butler Brighton Business Park and those not considered suitable by the City of Wanneroo.
Q9	On review of the communications and engagement pie graph, the volume of dust complaints are surprising given the volume of rainfall this winter. Interested to know what the summer months will look like?
A9	The project has been addressing complaints of material being dragged onto the roads by the truck movements. With the dry conditions approaching dust suppression on site and hydromulch will be used to minimise dust.
Q10	What is the plan for access to the quarry and into the PTA depot? Were there any other options explored?
A10	Traffic should improve once the freeway is built with vehicular movements spread across three more interchanges. The additional roundabout to the east of Hester Avenue freeway interchange provides safer access for the PTA.
<b>8</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	<p>Members were asked if there are topics they would like to discuss at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise wall update</li> <li>• Project update</li> </ul> <p>The date of next meeting is aimed for quarter 1 of 2022. The meeting closed at 7.17 pm</p>