Minutes: Thornlie-Cockburn Link (West) Community Reference Group

DATE       Wednesday 6 November 2019
LOCATION   Perth Market City – 280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale
TIME       6pm – 8pm

INVITEES   Name                      Representing
Steve MacKenzie                        Public Transport Authority
Jen Oxlade                              Public Transport Authority
Nic Belfrage                            Public Transport Authority
Colin Stedman                           Public Transport Authority
Chris Schooling                        City of Canning
Jillian Woolmar                        City of Cockburn
Zaaren Dhanboora                       
Alec Frith                             
Christine Hulley                       
Curtis Mckinley                        
Patricia Skinner                       
Senthilatiban Vembaiyan                
Todd Wood                              
Robert Stanton                         

APOLOGIES  Name                      Representing
Etienne Brits                           City of Canning
Dragan Koncar                          City of Cockburn
Kathy Pritchard                        
Scott Kivelhan                          

Agenda

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Lead</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Welcome</td>
<td>PTA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Acknowledgement of Country</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• The group did quick re-introductions. Chris Schooling was attending on behalf of Etienne Brits - City of Canning. Jillian Woolmar was attending on behalf of Dragan Koncar - City of Cockburn. Kathy Pritchard and Scott Kivelhan were apologies. Ms Pritchard advised that she could no longer continue as a CRG member due to personal reasons.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## 2 Project overview and progress

- Thornlie-Cockburn Link Project Manager Nic Belfrage advised that the project team was in the final weeks of its Alliance Development phase and that its commercial evaluation of the two tenderers was well underway. The technical evaluation is complete and both proponents performed well and were relatively similar in their designs.
- The Alliance contract will be awarded later this year, then 4-6 months of detailed design will follow. Major construction is expected to start in 2020.
- In the meantime, site preparations and clearing will take place (subject to the necessary environmental approvals). Also, there will be about 70 service relocations involving utilities like Western Power, ATCO Gas and Water Corporation.
- The work for the Thornlie-Cockburn Link’s new track will take place within the existing 40-metre wide rail corridor.
- Thornlie-Cockburn Link Communications and Engagement Officer Steve Mackenzie said that project team had been busy on the community engagement front in recent months.
- There were a total of 512 personal community engagements from the shopping centre information stalls:
  - 31/8 – Forest Lakes (170)
  - 7/9 – Thornlie Shopping Centre (82)
  - 14/9 – Livingston Market Place (145)
  - 21/9 – Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre (115)
- The PTA’s METRONET team was at the Perth Royal Show and the Railfest at Bassendean; and there was a Thornlie-Cockburn Link information display at the Canning Show, which had 161 personal community engagements.
- The Thornlie-Cockburn Link project team will do a another series of shopping centre information sessions in the New Year. Venues suggested by the CRG for consideration included:
  - Southern River Shopping Centre
  - The Vale Shopping Centre
  - The Lakes Shopping Centre
  - Carousel Shopping Centre

### Actions outstanding from last meeting

**ACTION:** LandCorp and MRWA – find out more details about Control Areas and what is the involvement of these departments.

**ACTION:** PTA will arrange for a MRWA representative to attend a future CRG meeting to provide specialist commentary on relevant traffic management.

**ACTION:** Antisocial behaviour – PTA will arrange a presentation by subject matter experts for the CRG.
### Project environmental overview

- Thornlie-Cockburn Link Environmental Manager Colin Stedman provided an overview of the project’s environmental issues and responsibilities.

- Environmental management responsibilities include:
  - Maintaining compliance with approval conditions
  - PTA’s Alliance partner develop their own management plans to meet the requirements of the approval conditions and the contract
  - Review and approval of plans
  - PTA’s Alliance is responsible to manage its works in accordance with the approved plans
  - Monitoring Alliance (inspections, meetings and audits) and reports annually on compliance to Department of Water and Environment Regulation.

- Environmental studies include:
  - Flora and fauna surveys
  - Groundwater investigations
  - Noise and vibration studies
  - Contamination investigations
  - Aboriginal heritage surveys
  - Dieback survey
  - Carter’s freshwater mussel survey.

- A full flora and fauna survey has been done for the project. The Alliance will undertake landscaping around the stations, which will be done at the back end of the construction.

- Environmental approvals are progressing.

**State Approval** - Environment Protection Authority assessment under the state *Environmental Protection Act 1986* – conditionally approved in September 2019, via Ministerial Statement 1114.

**Commonwealth Approval** - Department of Environment and Energy currently assessing under the *Environmental Protection and biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

- The EPA identified the following key environmental factors as being relevant to the proposal:
  - Flora and vegetation;
  - Terrestrial fauna;
  - Contamination;
  - Wetlands; and
  - Social surroundings (noise).

- Vegetation Clearing:
  - 27.7 ha of vegetation clearing – 21 ha of this in degraded or completely degraded condition. 6.7 ha of this in degraded or better condition
  - 24.7 ha within Bush Forever sites - 3.8 ha of this has remnant vegetation in degraded or better condition of which 3.4 ha is proposed to be cleared.

- There are a number of ‘restricted activity zones’ along the rail alignment where certain activities are not permitted. These areas include the Canning River, Tom Bateman Reserve etc. Excluded activities in these areas include:
- Storage of dangerous chemicals
- Discharge of stormwater or groundwater
- Refuelling or maintenance of vehicles
- Wastewater treatment systems
- Use of landscaping material that include organic matter
- Concrete wash down
- Project management plans include:
  - Construction Environmental Management Plan
  - Compliance Assessment Plan
  - Site Management Plan for Ranford Road Station (contamination)
  - Dewatering Management Plans
  - Noise and Vibration Management Plans – construction and operation
  - Offsets Strategy
  - Monitor sensitive areas within 50 metres of the project boundary for indirect impacts.
- Noise walls will be built and ballast matting installed under the freight and passenger rail to reduce vibration impacts. The project’s commitment is to not to make the noise and vibrations any worse.
- Environmental offsets are applied when significant impacts remain after avoidance, minimisations and rehabilitation options have been exhausted. Offsets options in order of preference are (1) land acquisition, (2) on-ground management of existing reserves and (3) research.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>4</th>
<th>Questions/feedback</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• It was mentioned that ‘green belts’ of dedicated environmental areas, are used in the UK and other parts of Europe.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• New paths will integrate with the existing pathways as much as possible and provide connectivity to the proposed new stations. However, it will not be possible to have connected pathways for the full length of the rail alignment. The path connections will be implemented towards the end of the construction program.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Pedestrian access will be maintained into Market City when the Ranford Road Bridge is modified. A new bridge will be built and the old bridge demolished sequentially, so as not to disrupt pedestrian/ traffic flow.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5</th>
<th>Other business</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>• The next meeting will be held in February/March 2020 at Perth Market City – 280 Bannister Road, Canning Vale.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>6</th>
<th>Meeting close</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The meeting closed at 7.30pm.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>