Minutes: Yanchep Rail Extension
Community Reference Group

DATE | Monday 14 October 2019
LOCATION | St James Anglican School Boardroom - 2 Graceful Blvd, Alkimos
TIME | 6pm – 8pm

INVITEES | Name | Representing
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Sophie James | Public Transport Authority
Jen Oxlade | Public Transport Authority
Nick Churchill | Public Transport Authority
Sarah Gerritzen | Public Transport Authority
Mark Dickson | City of Wanneroo
Kendra Campbell |
Ashleigh Dix | TLC Landscaping
Chris Howard | Northern Beaches Cycling Club Inc.
Alan Jones |
Paul Kelly |
Wiston Matanda |
Jaimee Millington |
David Mureithi | David's Tendering Services
Lisa Whitty | St James' Anglican School
Renata Zelinova | Quinns Rocks Environmental Group

APOLOGIES | Paul Kelly

RESIGNATIONS |

Agenda

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| 1 | Welcome
- Acknowledgment of Country
- Introductions and round table |
| | Meeting governance
- Apologies and changes in membership – none
- Follow up of unsigned forms
- Confirmation role of the CRG - In line with the Terms of Reference the role of this group is to represent the community and act as a sounding board during planning, construction and delivery. Where appropriate, members should seek feedback from the community and share information learned |
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in this meeting. The role of this group is not to make project decisions, it is focussed around members providing input and spreading information to the local community.

- Actions from last meeting: SJ tried to register Y.HUB on the METRONET capability register but businesses need to register themselves because of required information. SJ was unable to register Y.HUB, but did email them encouraging them to register.
- **ACTION: Check if Y.HUB is on capability register.**
- MD confirmed that City of Wanneroo were re-launching a business newsletter to 6000-7000 businesses on the Australian Businesses Register (ABR) and will provide businesses with information on business support, a business needs survey and local procurement / buy local policy.
- Discussion around membership with one member not in attendance for two meetings in a row. Decision to be made if the member does not attend the third.

### Project overview and progress

**Tender update:** Bids received in August and are now under review by project evaluation team.

- The team are working with two shortlisted proponents who have submitted strong bids.
- The two consortia are METROconnex - Coleman Rail, Clough and Georgiou, and NEWest - CPB Contractors and Downer EDI.
- The PTA expect to announce the successful proponent towards the end of the year. Once appointed, the successful proponent will incorporate ideas from both bids into their final design – this can take a few months.
- The project team will embark on a new round of community consultation once we are ready and have firmed up more information.

**Program update:**

- Forward and site preparation works likely to take place towards end of year.
- Forward works package will include fauna trapping, clearing and preparing the site, and fencing the rail corridor where cleared. There are a lot of conditions that will need to be met during the works.
- Bike shelter capacity at each station includes 10 U-rails and 2 bike shelters (standard capacity of 24 bikes each). There is ability to expand the bike capacity by two additional shelters at each station if required in the future.
- Discussion around the Principal Shared Path (PSP) from Burns Beach to Hester Avenue is a good width. The project team confirms that PSPs are built to Main Roads WA standards and include wide lanes and lighting.
- Confirmation that the PTA Cycling Coordinator to attend the next CRG meeting.
- Recent three shopping centre community roadshow held in August had over 650 engagements with the community who are excited about the project.
- Main areas of interest from the community were:
  - When are works starting? When will the train be operational? What do the precincts around the stations look like? Is there tunnelling along the
alignment, specifically outside Butler.

- SJ confirms there are no tunnels, and the CRG members are encouraged to spread this message as it is a common misconception.
- CRG asked to provide ideas of venues/opportunities for engagement.
  
  Suggested ideas included
  - Joondalup shopping centre
  - Wanneroo show
  - Ocean Keys shopping centre – received lots of endorsement
  - Schools - discussion about RightTrack (PTA education campaign) visiting schools in the future
  - Alkimos Progress Residents Group
  - Butler College
  - Brightwater in Yanchep
  - Butler Train Station
  - Joondalup Basketball association
  - Sporting association
  - **ACTION: Mark Dickson to provide a list of residential groups**

### Environment update

#### Part 1

- Sarah Gerritzen (Senior Environmental Officer) provides an update on the environmental aspects of the project.
- The project is split into two areas as parts of the alignment had already received partial environmental approval.
- Part 1 is Butler Station to Eglinton (North of Pipidinny Road)
- Part 1 has been approved by WA State Government. Currently awaiting approval from the Environmental Protection Authority on the Alkimos Parks and Recreation Management Plan. We have received comments from Quinns Rock Environmental Group, City of Wanneroo and WA Planning Commission and there was a focus on fauna crossings (linkages to the environment) vegetation health and dieback.
- Federal approvals have not yet been resolved but are close.
- Discussion around underpasses in Part 1 including that it will be an east-west linkage with a width of 2.4m and minimum height of 1.2m. This height should allow for kangaroos to pass through.
- Monitoring will include annual weed, vegetation and dune monitoring, and if required corrective actions can be undertaken.
- As per the EPA, PTA have to offset any significant residual impacts (i.e. Banksia woodlands and Carnaby Cockatoos habitat)
- The forward works package will include fauna trapping and Carnaby Black Cockatoo hollow checking.
- The process will include fauna being trapped for five nights in a row and then that area being cleared within two days of the last trapping night and then the temporary fence installed. This process will be repeated for the length of the rail corridor.
- Native animals will be relocated by a fauna relocation specialist on site, and fencing takes place quickly after clearing to prevent fauna returning to the corridor.
- Threatened Ecological Community include banksia woodlands and
Melaleuca huegelii.
- Water bores will be located at Alkimos, Eglinton and Urban Quarter (Shorehaven) during construction, and used for dust suppression.
- UXO (Unexploded Ordinance) surveys will be undertaken in the Eglinton area. Previous UXO surveys have occurred for the length of the corridor.
- There will be ongoing groundwater monitoring, with no dewatering in Part 2 due to environmental sensitivities. A desktop analysis will be undertaken on draw down levels of groundwater.

Part 2
- Given the sensitivity around the Ningana Bushland, the project wanted to seek approval separately.
- State approvals are on track and are expected to come through February 2020.
- The Commonwealth approval is tied to State Government approvals in an accredited assessment, and will follow State approvals.
- The team is currently working through the offset strategy with the required agencies and is not yet confirmed.
- Main impacts are to high value banksia woodland and fauna movements – investigating whether an underpass or overpass is more appropriate. The solution has to be low maintenance and sustainable longer-term.
- The project is expecting a number of management plans in the area.
- Comment that Yanchep National Park not actively connected by public transport.
- **ACTION:** Speak to Transperth and pass information back about lack of connectivity by busses.

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<td>A: There will be a road over rail bridge that will be built off line and then connected in.</td>
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<td>Q: Are there bridges over the rail line?</td>
<td>A: Yes, the project is building nine road bridges. PTA are in discussions with developers regarding other long term required bridges as more cost effective to build all or partially (supports over the rail) now.</td>
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<td>Q: What is the time line for trains operating?</td>
<td>A: When the Alliance contract is signed, we will have their construction schedule to confirm the completion date.</td>
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<td>Q: Is there a priority for the delivery of the Yanchep Rail Extension or Thornlie-Cockburn Link?</td>
<td>A: No, there is no priority for either. The projects will both be delivered concurrently.</td>
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<td>Q: Will the rail line run across the top of the land?</td>
<td>A: The train line will mainly be built in a cutting (trench), so it will be lower than the current ground level.</td>
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<td>Q: What will you do with the excess sand from the bulk earthworks?</td>
<td>A: The final management plan / approach for excess sand is being developed, which will include some stockpiling. The City of Wanneroo has approved a</td>
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Development Application (DA) for a stockpile near Alkimos Central Station away from residents.

Q: What is happening about Carnabys cockatoos as part of the fauna trapping?  
A: The fauna trapper will check for nesting hollows at trees that are of nesting size. Specialists have to check specific trees for seven days to verify if there is an active nest or fledglings present. If a tree is determined to have an active nest, this tree is demarcated and clearing must not occur within 10m of that tree until verified by a DBCA employee that the nest is no longer being used.

Q: The City of Wanneroo has a strict line with stockpiles because of associated issues including sand and drift, and must have dust minimisation. What has been considered?  
A: The project has a stockpile management plan as part of approved DA. We are looking for sustainable options to use as much excess sand as possible and are in discussions with the City of Wanneroo if they need it elsewhere.

Q: What is happening with topsoil that is cleared, is it kept?  
A: Yes, topsoil is kept and stored until required. We have collected excess seeds already, and they are currently in storage until needed.

Q: What is the size of the offset?  
A: This is not yet confirmed, once finalised we can feedback to this group.  
ACTION: Provide CRG members the offset locations.

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### 5 Next steps
- Ideas for engagement opportunities

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### 6 Other business
- Next CRG meeting likely to be held in February 2020
- Cycling Coordinator will be invited to attend
- Successful Alliance may be on board, and may attend
- Any other topics include contractor, landscaping and noise walls

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### 7 Meeting close

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### Actions from previous meeting

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