

Tram Grade Separation Projects

Community Placemaking Reference Group (CPRG) Meeting Notes of Discussion



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Subject: Marion Road and Cross Road Level Crossing Removals - Community Placemaking Reference Group (CPRG) Meeting 3 **Date:** 19/06/2024

Location: Plympton – Glenelg RSL
464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park **Start:** 6:30 pm

Note taker: Lisa Brennecke [Department for Infrastructure and Transport] **Finish:** 8:00 pm

Attendees: CPRG Members:
Robert Bajraszewski, Trent Justin, Sally Anne Nicholson, Jason Quinn, Lyndall Edson Robert, Kelvin Sugars, Marion Wentriro and Kent Williams.

Project Team:
Daniel Thorpe, Sophie Priede, Ross McConnell, Joe Haigh, Adam Hannon, Lyndon Slavin and Lisa Brennecke, Nicole Gilkes (DIT), Neil Welsh (DIT).

Evan Knapp (on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport).

Independent facilitator: Stephanie Hensgen.

Apologies: Anthony Keain (CPRG), Tamara Polley (CPRG), Janie McIntosh (CPRG)

We acknowledge the Kurna Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land we meet on today and recognise their continuing connection to land and waters.

We pay our respects to the diversity of cultures, significance of contributions and to Elders past, present, and emerging.

Items

1 Acknowledgement of Country

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2 Welcome & Introductions

3 Project Update

- The Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance has been formed.
- The Alliance includes construction and design partners as well as consultants working collaboratively with DIT on the project.
- DIT has been working closely with the Alliance's Design and Urban Design teams to work through the general community feedback and feedback, insights and ideas raised at previous CPRG meetings.
- Investigation activities have commenced to help inform design development.
- Construction activities will commence on site in early 2025, with the tramline closure expected to commence in mid-2025.
- Intersection upgrades are also expected to commence in early 2025 and be complete prior to the tramline closure.

4 About the Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance

- The Tram Grade Separation Projects (TGSP) will be undertaken by the recently appointed Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance, together with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

5 Urban Design and Landscape Design Strategy

- Overview of the project site, key elements to note include:
 - Stop 10 will be relocated to the centre of the overpass (above Marion Road) with access to the tram stop from both sides of Marion Road.
 - Mike Turtur Bikeway to be elevated and follow the overpass structure over Marion and Cross Road, fixed off the structure (cantilevered) on the southern side.
 - The Design team noted the development of new open space and the opportunities this creates for the project and community.
- The Alliance acknowledged the vision statement previously developed by the CPRG:

"We envision the spaces under and around the elevated tramline over Marion Road and Cross Road to be open, clean, green, safe and inclusive for locals and those passing through, better connecting us to each other, our homes and the places we visit".

- The Urban Design Principals identified for the project include:
 - Urban Integration and Identity – placemaking through integrating architectural, landscaping and engineering solutions weaved together with voices from the community, First Nations peoples and artists.
 - Access and connectivity – prioritise wayfinding and universal access, promoting the use of alternate modes of transportation including connections to public transport, the Mike Turtur Bikeway and other pedestrian and cyclist movements both surrounding and within the new open space.
 - Community legacy – creating a long-term solution through the design of high-quality, elegant and enduring built form that demonstrates longevity and sustainability. Create spaces to facilitate a sense of shared ownership and stewardship into the future.
 - Resilience and sustainability – Thoughtful urban design that responds to the preexisting and future built & natural environment. Ensuring spaces cater to current requirements while considering the impact of change over time. Embedding resilience and sustainability in the public realm landscaping.
 - Engagement and participation - Capitalise on the value of diverse inputs and perspectives in the design process. Acknowledge how meaningful collaboration leads to a greater sense of ownership, and more authentic activation of public spaces.
- Next steps for urban design:
 - The next step for urban design is creating an identity for the project – simplistically it serves as a connection from the city to the sea and we want to reinforce that through the design.
 - It helps create a network identity but also speaks to the sites being different.
 - There is also connection to the landscape and history of human movements (Traditional custodians and post-colonial development), that are important to people of the Adelaide plains.
 - The Marion Road and Cross Road site is informed by its pre-colonial character as a grassland of Wallaby Grass and dunes and there is an opportunity to reference the ecological feature.
- What we have heard from the CPRG and how the alliance has responded so far:
 - **Precinct 1 (Wattle Terrace)**

CPRG themes and aspirations: Residential, green, safe, open sightlines, reset spaces, artwork, shared-use-path, reflection of vineyard and veteran history of the area.

Project response: The Alliance design includes these elements and there is an opportunity to nod to the history of the area to be recognised through public art.
 - **Precinct 2 (Behind Rawsons Electrical)**

CPRG themes and aspirations: multi-use courts – toilets – bike hoops – green

Project response: The design includes lawn, bike hoops, 3 on 3 courts, and interactive art / play elements. Toilets are not currently proposed here.

- **Precinct 3 (Pleasant Avenue)**

CPRG themes and aspirations: Peaceful, parking (time-limited) – place to convene, water sensitive urban design.

Project response: The design includes these elements with lawn and picnic seating areas to convene, gym equipment and interactive art/play elements. Barbeques are not currently proposed here.

3 Discussion (Concept plan)

The interactive portion of the meeting included discussion around the concept plan. Themes discussed included:

- Vehicle access / local area traffic management
- Parking (both during construction and post construction for commuters/visitors to the area)
- Buses and traffic impacts on main roads
- Open space and safety
- Support of as many trees being retained as possible
- Landscaping, including greening
- Support of Water Sensitive Urban Design, particularly through kerb cut-outs for passive irrigation and vegetated drainage swale
- Design details including the height of the overpass at various points and abutment locations.
- Facilities across the three sites, including urban furniture, play, recreation and fitness elements
- Noise mitigation (during and post construction)
- Screening on the overpass
- Pedestrian and cyclist movements
- Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (PAC) locations
- Accessible/inclusive equipment and access
- Land development – vacant land post construction
- Project timing

4 Next Steps

- The Alliance would like to continue meeting with the CPRG on the next iteration of the design. The next meeting likely to be scheduled in late July / early August 2024.