

North-South Corridor Darlington Upgrade



MEETING	Darlington Upgrade Project - Community Liaison Group Meeting	
DATE	Thursday 25 June 2015	
VENUE	Darlington Upgrade Site Office, Level 2 Mark Oliphant Building, 5 Laffer Drive, Bedford Park	
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>CLG Members: Arthur Zelkas Daryl Ottewill Marty Gauvin Kat Vogt Reynold David Roy Watkins John Cole (Friend of Roy Watkins) David Anderson (Proxy for John Arthur) Lindy Taeuber Mayor Glenn Spear</p>	<p>DPTI: Harold Carn Amie Horner Tyla Clayson</p> <p>Facilitator: Kristine Peters</p>
APOLOGIES	Bruce Cussans, Joel Sutton, John Arthur, Marion Themeliotis, Matthew Simmons, Raelene Telfer	
GUESTS	Sam Duluk (State Member for Davenport)	
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Wednesday 29 April 2015	
AGENDA	<p>Welcome / Introductions / apologies Review actions from 29 April 2015 meeting record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPTI to meet with Bruce Cussans once design for Marion Road/Sturt Road intersection has been completed to discuss any potential land acquisition requirements • DPTI to contact non-attending members to determine whether they wish to continue their membership on the group • CLG members to email Amie with details of any potential new members for consideration • Group membership (changed or otherwise) to be discussed at one of the next meetings • DPTI will send out a schedule of meeting dates with the minutes, and advise the university so that the doors can be 	



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	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION / NAME
1.	Welcome / Introductions / Meeting apologies	DPTI welcomed group members and the new facilitator Kristine Peters. Group members introduced themselves to Sam Duluk MP for Davenport.	
2.	Review actions from 29 April 2015 meeting record	<p>DPTI to meet with Bruce Cussans once design for Marion Road/Sturt Road intersection has been completed to discuss any potential land acquisition requirements.</p> <p>DPTI advised that a concept design for the upgrade of the intersection Marion Road and Sturt Road Intersection is currently being finalised and engagement and communications regarding the upgrade will be undertaken in the near future. This will include a meeting with Bruce.</p> <p>DPTI to contact non-attending members to determine whether they wish to continue their membership on the group CLOSED</p> <p>CLG members to email Amie with details of any potential new members for consideration DPTI advised that no emails were received and it was agreed that the existing group membership would remain as it were.</p> <p>Group membership (changed or otherwise) to be discussed at one of the next meetings. CLOSED</p> <p>DPTI will send out a schedule of meeting dates with the minutes, and advise the university so that the doors can be kept open later CLOSED</p> <p>DPTI advised that the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year was emailed to the group on 22 June 2015. DPTI requested that July's meeting be changed to Thursday 23 July instead of the 30 July as some DPTI staff will be unavailable on 30 July. The group agreed that this was fine. Mayor Spear advised that he may not be able to attend some meetings due to other commitments. This</p>	Remain on action list

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		was noted by DPTI.	
3.	Project Update	<p>DPTI advised that the project team are currently in the procurement phase. An Expression of Interest (EOI) for the construction of the project was released to the construction industry in late March and closed in late April. Submissions were then evaluated by the department and consortia short-listed from three to two. A 12 week Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) phase is now being undertaken and it is expected that a Design and Construct (D&C) Contract will be awarded in late 2015. Works are then expected to commence in late 2015.</p> <p>Q: When will the contractor be announced? A: It is expected that the contract will be awarded in November/December this year.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the next steps for the project in terms of design development and concerns raised around what progress has occurred since the last meeting that members were unaware of. Significant concerns were raised from CLG members that their concerns and comments will not be taken on board and the design will not change. They requested that DPTI consult with them prior to the final design being released so they are able to share their concerns.</p> <p>Q: Will there be a design between now and December that we can view and comment on? A: We expect to be in a position to engage on the design in September, following the Competitive ECI procurement phase.</p> <p>The group reiterated that they want an assurance that they won't be given a plan in September that they are no longer able to comment on because it is finalised. DPTI advised that the design will not be finalised until late in 2015 so there is ample time for further</p>	



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review and comment.

A group member stated their frustration as they have been expressing their concerns in relation to the local access issues at Bedford Park south (removal of right turns onto Main South Road) and nothing has been done.

DPTI advised that a lot of work is occurring in the background to investigate possible solutions to the issue. We are aware that it is a significant issue for the project; we need a little time to be able to come up with potential solutions to the problem.

Throughout the upcoming procurement process, one of the challenges for contractors is coming up with a solution to this issue. DPTI has developed a list of Functional Requirements for the project which guide its design and development. This includes Essential, Highly Desirable and Desirable requirements.

A group member asked which category local access aligned with and strongly suggested it should fall into the Essential category.

DPTI advised that it falls within the Highly Desirable category. The only items in the Essential category are the provision of a non-stop motorway.

Group members requested that the Functional Requirements be tabled at the next meeting.

A group member raised concerns around the removal of the right turn from Sturt Road onto Main South Road (northbound) and the resultant impacts on Shepherds Hill Road. He stated that it will be difficult for property owners living on that section of the road to get out of their driveways and suggested that the on-road bike lane that was previously on the western side of the road be reinstated. This will allow a safe area for these property owners to reverse out into etc.

Functional Requirements to be tabled at the next meeting

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DPTI advised that this suggestion had previously been recorded and has been added to the community issue design register.

DPTI advised that this right turn represents a relatively low movement and removing it provides improved intersection performance for the remaining traffic. The majority of traffic leaving University Drive already turn right onto Sturt Road to use Shepherds Hill Road as do all bus movements that come out of University Drive. Subsequently, we do not foresee any additional access issues being created as a result of the removal of the right turn and the subsequent slight increase in traffic on Shepherds Hill Road.

A group member asked traffic flow improvements at Flinders Drive due to the project.

A group member highlighted that McDonalds will be the only food place in Bedford Park. It is important that right hand access is put in place because this would be the only suburb with no access to the single food source.

A group member asked whether any thought had been given to the Southern Expressway going over Main South Road as this would appear to remove the local access issues. DPTI advised that this could be an option.

DPTI advised that, of the 373 pieces of feedback received during the recent consultation period for the alternative scheme, almost 30% related to local access. DPTI is fully aware that these issues are of significant concern to the local community and stakeholders and is taking it very seriously. The 30% figure also included other local access matters such as the closure of Maple Avenue at Sturt Road and the removal of the right turn from Sturt Road to Main South Road (northbound).

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	<p>A group member asked why there was no access to the North-South corridor south of the Reynella Interchange. DPTI advised that this was a frequently asked question on the Southern Expressway Duplication project and would forward information in response to the query.</p>	<p>DPTI to send David Anderson information in response to his query re: access to the North-South corridor.</p>
4.	<p>Round Table</p> <p>Q: Would there be car parking options in the area where DPTI have acquired properties? Surely you don't need all of this land for the project design? A: All of this land is required. A significant water main needs to be relocated from the centre of Main South Road to this area.</p> <p>A group member advised that they had heard that the City of Marion Council have significant concerns regarding the impacts of the project on the Warriparinga area. On the original plans Warriparinga wasn't impacted. There was discussion as to why Marion Council are not on the Community Liaison Group (CLG). DPTI advised that the City of Marion is represented on the CLG but haven't been in attendance at the last several meetings. This is also the case for the City of Onkaparinga. Group members agreed that it was very important for all three councils to be in attendance at every meeting.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the comments from property owners/residents prior to the meeting regarding CLG members not providing information from the meetings to their respective areas/groups. A member suggested that a letterbox drop could be undertaken by CLG members to notify the area of solutions/outcomes from the meetings. DPTI advised that meeting minutes are posted onto the project website once they have been accepted by the group. A group member suggested that the drop-in area be made more friendly and inviting. DPTI advised that the security screens which are in the drop in centre are a security requirement which came as a result</p>	

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of threats made against the project team mid last year. Flowers have been provided along with a table and TV with animation playing however we will look at any other options to made the area more inviting.

A group member asked DPTI to explain what 30% means when you talk about completion of the design. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

A group member stated that the four items he believes should be in the functional requirements as highly desirable include:

- North-bound local access from Bedford Park South
- Flinders Drive extension to be available for use by all traffic, not just public transport (this is in the current design – as released in March 2015)
- Direct access from Main South Road (northbound) onto Flinders Drive and then onto Main South Road (southbound)
- Retaining the existing access road from Flinders Drive into the Bedford Park area

DPTI advised that, as per discussions earlier in the meeting, the functional requirements will be provided at the next meeting.

A group member stated that there should be communication to CLG members when there is no meeting due to cancellation.

DPTI suggested that perhaps there should not be a cancellation policy going forward. It was agreed by all that meetings would not be cancelled, regardless of the number of apologies.

A group member highlighted that it is up to everyone to attend these meetings and to not always send a proxy as same discussions will start happening which isn't fair on everyone else who have attended

DPTI to advise what 30% of the design means at the next meeting.

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the meetings.

Mayor Spear stated that he had been advised by a member of his staff that the correspondence from the City of Mitcham to the project team regarding the alternative scheme had not been answered. DPTI responded that the email had been answered and a copy would be forwarded to Mayor Spear.

A group member stated that they have had trouble trying to contact the project team on the InfoLine number. DPTI advised that the phone is staffed all the time – perhaps calls were being directed to the incorrect number. An email confirming the number will be sent through to all CLG members.

A group member highlighted their concern around the lack of communication from the property team regarding acquisition of their property. DPTI recorded the details of the property and the concern and will follow up with the property team.

It was agreed that an update on property acquisition should be provided at the next meeting.

A group member advised that they object with the new access road through the Francis Street Reserve and that DPTI should look at another option at the end of Malcolm Street as there is a flat piece of turf. End of Wentworth Avenue is also not an option as members live on Wentworth Avenue. DPTI advised that all options are on the table.

Mayor Spear declared a conflict of interest if property acquisition at Glandore is discussed as part of the wider North-South Corridor project as he owns a property in this location. He will need to step out of any discussions relating to this matter.

DPTI to forward email to Mayor Spear

DPTI to email CLG members to confirm InfoLine number.

DPTI to follow up property acquisition concerns with property team

DPTI to update on Property Acquisition process next meeting.

DPTI to investigate possibility of road link through Malcom Street.

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5.	Next meeting	Next meeting confirmed for 6pm on 23 July 2015. It was agreed that minutes will be sent out within two weeks of the meeting . Arthur and Roy accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2015.	
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