

North-South Corridor Program Torrens to Darlington Business Reference Group Meeting Notes of Discussion

Reference Group:	Torrens to Darlington Business Reference Group (Northern Tunnel)
Meeting No:	2
Date:	Thursday, 15 April 2021
Time:	6:30PM – 8:30PM
Location:	West Adelaide Football Club, 57 Milner Road, Richmond

Attendees	Position
Mark Douglas	Facilitator
Tara Hage (TH)	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport (Presenter)
Daniel Bennett (DB)	Jensen PLUS (Presenter)
James Franzon	Hilton Hotel
Ron Goldfinch	Safe Fire Electrical
Charles Mountain	RAA
Claudio Barone (Proxy)	City of West Torrens
Arthur Patiniotis	State Surveys
Kym Wundersitz	City of Charles Sturt
Tyla Clayson	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Stephanie Hensgen	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Steve Sibonis	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Taylah Slattery	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport (Note taker)
Apologies	
Sue Curran	City of West Torrens
Evan Knapp	SA Freight Council
Corey McKenzie	CJM Electrical Services
Michael McKeown	Jensen PLUS
George Mocatta	Railway Terrace Development
Angela Orchard	Axiom Projects SA
Shane Wingard	Renewal SA

1. Opening formalities

1.1. Welcome and apologies

- The Facilitator welcomed members to the meeting. Brief round table introductions of members in attendance.

1.2. Probity / Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- N/A

1.3. Work health and safety

- No work health and safety concerns were raised.

2. Items for discussion

2.1. Previous meeting actions

- Nil

2.2. Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Two key changes to the ToR have been made based on feedback from reference group members:
 - Clarification around 'Speaking to the Media'.
 - Addition of the department and T2D Project Delivery Team responsibility.
- Reference group members agreed with the amendments.

2.3. City Shaping Program Overview

- What is City Shaping?
 - Embodies an approach to achieve outcomes that combines transport, with a focus on people, places and programs, considers social cultural and economic context of the communities along NSC, great Adelaide and region.
 - Thinking about and planning for the future.
 - Greening, place-making, urban renewal.
 - Local Scale.
 - Economic development.
 - Focus on business.
 - Local economic opportunity.
 - Corridor renewal and revitalisation opportunities.
- City Shaping comprises three levels:
- Strategy:
 - Align with state objectives and strategic plans.
 - Strategy to inform future planning.
 - Sustainability, greening, business – high level.
- Corridor:
 - Masterplan of the corridor.
 - Joined thinking to stitch the corridor together.
 - Benefit from better connectivity and integration.
- Place:
 - Understanding sense of place.
 - Place based opportunities such as east west connection.
 - Implementation plan.
 - Neighbourhoods and communities will interact with South Road.
- The City Shaping Strategy will inform part of the final business case.
- Public exhibition and consultation of the City Shaping Strategy will occur towards the end of 2021.
- Focus is to start at a local level to understand opportunities and values.

2.4. Activity 1 – Local opportunities

- Activity asked members to identify:
 - 3 things they value about the environment and want to preserve.
 - 3 things they see as an opportunity.
- Areas of value and preservation included:
 - East-west connection.
 - Maintaining access to businesses.
 - Retain existing functional connection.
 - Thebarton Theatre (heritage value).
 - Visibility and street exposure.
- Local opportunities included:
 - Creating landmarks and wayfinding through public art.
 - Charging stations along the corridor.
 - Connection between precincts and public transport.
 - Cycling accessibility, possibility for a separated corridor e.g. at grade section.
 - Improvements to Linear Park.
 - Improving north-south connectivity for active transport, making it a more pleasant and safe journey.
 - Innovative solutions to improve pedestrian connectivity and access, the width of South Road is a barrier.
 - Mixed use development depending on traffic volumes.
 - Opportunity for Councils to look at land use and rezoning. The City Shaping Strategy has no firm boundary, will depend on opportunity and demand.
 - Public Transport to be improved, opportunity to have a tram down the middle of South Road and implement electric buses.
 - Rail access to the airport, however patronage may be low when compared to Sydney Airport rail service.
 - Reduced traffic volume at surface level, perception to be more accessible increasing cliental and opportunity for businesses to benefit from.
 - Reduce the impacts of noise and pollution.
 - There has historically have been a lack of investment, opportunity to make South Road look more alive and appealing to people.

2.5. Activity 2 – Vision

- Opportunity to provide input into the strategic priorities when it comes to City Shaping, and making some decisions.
- 25 flash cards have been developed using common themes identified from discussions had at the first reference group meetings.
- Activity asked members to equally distribute and prioritise themes into three categories (high, medium and low).
- Further analysis of priorities will be explored in a detailed report.
- The common themes that arose as a high priority for the group were:
 - Improving east-west connectivity.
 - Universal access.
 - Improving freight access.
 - Encouraging new businesses along the corridor.
 - Improving access to local businesses.
- The corridor is an important transport and access corridor, not a biodiversity corridor, unrealistic to expect that. Additionally, who will be responsible for maintaining new vegetation?
- Providing more housing won't work well in some sections. There may be some opportunities at tunnel sections with reduced surface level traffic volume.

- Some themes listed as a low priority are not on the radar of members and the community they are representing. Members instead ranked the themes mentioned and discussed with others to enable an accurate representation of the broader community's priorities.
- Themes such as Water Sensitive Urban Design and connecting open space were listed as lower priorities as these should already be considered in the project. For example, Council incorporate and consider Water Sensitive Urban Design in their projects.

2.6. Wrap up

- Good spread of values and opportunities identified through a business lens.
- Currently preparing City Shaping Strategy for input into the final business case including vision and guiding principles.
- Outcomes from these sessions to be used by project team to identify high level initiatives and priorities.
- Other opportunities arising in May/June for reference groups to be involved in the strategy. The Strategy will go on consultation to the wider community at the end of 2021. Information gathered is fed back into the Reference Design, Project Assessment Report and City Shaping Strategy and influences what is negotiable.

2.7. Next Meeting

- Thursday 13 May 2021

ACTION: Inform members of the topics/themes to be discussed at each meeting.

2.8. Other Business

- Comment made for T2D Project to be more improved than Torrens to Torrens (T2T) i.e. more greening.
- How much room and space is available to improve amenity, e.g. Gallipoli Project had more space alongside the corridor than the T2T Project.
- Satellite connection in the tunnels will be maintained, has not been an issue for tunnels in other parts of the world.