

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



Subject:	Torrens to Darlington Community Reference Group (Northern Tunnel)
Meeting No:	1
Date:	Thursday, 4 March 2021
Time:	6:30PM – 8:30PM
Location:	West Adelaide Football Club, 57 Milner Road, Richmond

Attendees	Position
Mark Douglas	Independent Chair
Susan Baker	Presenter; North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office
Tyla Clayson	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Steve Sibonis	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Paul Alexandrides	City of Charles Sturt
Tom Bastians	Local Resident
Catherine Cashen	Local Resident / SRIWAG Representative
Mandy Doolan	Local Resident/ SRIWAG Representative
Peter Del Fante	Local Resident
Alexandros Filipatos	Local Resident
Suzy Hill	Save the Thebby Group
David Marshall	Local Resident / Local Business Owner
Graham Nitschke	Elected Member – City of West Torrens
Ian Pilkington	Local Resident
Joanne Reid	Local Resident
Sibylle Taylor	Local Resident / SRIWAG Representative
Apologies	
N/A	

1. Opening Formalities

1.1. Welcome and Apologies

- The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.3. Introductions

- A high level overview of the format for the reference group session was given.
- Each member was invited to introduce themselves, state who they were representing, the purpose for joining and their expectations of the reference group process.
- Reference group members include local residents, community representatives and Councillors of the local area.
- Reference group members were primarily there to gain a better understanding of the project and represent their local community and neighbourhood.
- Key points of interest raised by members included:
 - Connection to the community and City Shaping
 - Representing the community
 - Design input/understanding
 - Construction impacts
 - Access and traffic
 - Environmental impacts
 - Heritage
 - Pedestrian and cycling.
- Expectations of the reference group sessions were discussed and included:
 - Provide information about impacts to the community and residential houses.
 - The department to take local knowledge into consideration.
 - Sessions to provide a conduit of information.
 - A channel to discuss the communities concerns and add value to minimise disruption.
 - Views and concerns to be taken into consideration.
 - Meaningful engagement to be conducted to shape and influence the outcome.
 - To be listened to and justification be given to issues raised.
 - Goal based and productive discussions.
 - Understand and be involved with what may affect the community on a day-to-day basis.
 - Reflect and provide useful and meaningful feedback.
 - To be listened to by the department.
 - Transparency and the opportunity to represent businesses in the community.

- Providing insight from a business perspective.

1.4. Work Health and Safety

- The Chair highlighted the importance of safety within the department.
- Provided an opportunity for anybody to raise a safety moment to the group to reflect on and build awareness.
- Making sure you seek support if the information being shared causes distress. Members should be comfortable to remove themselves and take a break if needed if there is a conversation you don't want to be a part of.
- COVID and ensuring social distance – attendees to raise any concerns around COVID or any other aspects of safety.
- The item will continue to remain on the agenda for future meetings.

1.5. Project Overview

- The department presented a high level overview of the project and works to date using information that is publicly available. This presentation will be made available for general community access on the project web-site.
- The aim is to bring reference group members up to a level of understanding to enable meaningful and insightful discussions to be had around the project.
- The T2D section is a 10.5km stretch, it is one of the most complex infrastructure projects the State has delivered.
- T2D will complete the North-South Corridor which is a 78km corridor running from Noarlunga to Gawler.
- The first section of the corridor began in 2007.
- One of the projects biggest challenges is that the corridor is heavily urbanised along the full 10.5km length.
- The strategic project objectives include:
 - Improving the efficiency, safety and productivity of traffic movement within Metropolitan Adelaide
 - Improving community connectivity
 - Improving urban amenity
 - Identifying and improving key transport movements including Airport, Port and Anzac Highway crossing. Traffic modelling is used to forecast how we are using the network.
- Key stages of the project are:
 - Business Case
 - Early Enabling works – Ground investigations and Utility Service Relocations
 - Reference Design
 - Approvals
 - Procurement.
- The project team are aiming to produce three outputs during 2021:
 - Project Assessment Report
 - Reference Design

- City Shaping Strategy.
- A high level overview of activities undertaken thus far includes:
 - Established a T2D project website
 - Project announcement
 - Doorknocked approximately 700 properties along South Road
 - Project updates emailed to our mailing list
 - 5 'Join the Conversation' sessions
 - Established reference groups
 - Over 3,800 subscribers have joined the T2D mailing list.
- The first initial concept design of the Hybrid+ option was announced in early November. This option involves:
 - A two-stage approach
 - Two tunnels (southern and northern tunnel)
 - Lowered and surfaced motorway.
- A Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) will be used to bore the tunnels.
- More detail about the TBM depth will be determined throughout the development of the design.
- The Hybrid+ option will look to improve the surface connectivity e.g. East to West
- Input from the reference groups, geotechnical investigations, ground monitoring, traffic network and other data is gathered to inform the design.
- \$5.4 Billion of funding has been confirmed by the state and federal government. There is a genuine commitment to complete the corridor.
- Upon completion of the Final Business Case, Infrastructure SA and Infrastructure Australia will conduct a formal review.
- The project will assess existing utilities, some may need to be relocated prior to construction to minimise disruption and make way for the corridor.
- The Reference Design is currently being developed. The Reference Design can be explained as gradual funnelling of the design process and is continuously being improved and refined.
- The Reference Design will inform the Detailed Design and delivery of the project.
- The Detailed Design will provide further opportunities to improve and refine the design while delivering the intent of the project.
- The department will be in a better position to determine property acquisition when the Reference Design is complete.
- The department's commitment is to make as much information available to the public as possible.

2. Items for Discussion

2.1 How are we going to work together

- Intent of the reference group is to contribute on behalf of organisations and others to build and shape the design and social impact, economic and business impact.

- The group discussed their expectations from the reference group and the behaviours expected of members: These included:
 - Respectful discussion allowing others time to voice their concerns.
 - Don't dominate conversation, allow others to contribute.
 - Don't put others down, voice that you have an alternate view.
 - Ask meaningful questions.
 - Express your opinion but keep it at a volume that is respectful.
 - Be honest if an answer cannot be given, honesty brings trust.
 - Relay conversation back to their community to continue respect around transparency.
 - Show integrity and do not talk on behalf of others.
 - Avoid offence.

2.2 Administration

- Group members were asked to provide consent to have their names placed on to the website so that the wider community can view the membership of each group to facilitate information sharing.
- Group members were asked to provide consent for photos taken at reference group sessions to be used publicly by the department e.g. social media, website etc. Those members who did not consent to be photographed could be omitted or blurred in any photos taken.

2.3 The Project – Community feedback

- Group members were given the opportunity to raise key issues and concerns. The following key themes were commonly raised, with the bullet points reflecting specifically stated concerns:

Design Alignment

- Location of on and off ramps to align with surface level destinations.
- Explanation of location and logistics of the project including the reasoning for the location of portal near River Torrens alignment (northern end of northern tunnel).
- Ensure the surface roads blend in with the remainder of the corridor.
- Interest in understanding more about Tunnel Boring Machines in future meetings.
- Need to integrate Public Transport into the project.
- Positive perception of the project outcome and Hybrid+ option.

Connectivity and Access

- Road surface and location of intersections.
- Richmond Road and connection to the airport.
- A tunnel from George to Sir Donald Bradman would allow for improved functionality within the suburb.

- East - west connectivity to be improved not compromised.
- Continued access across the road at the Brickworks.
- There is no east - west connectivity between Grange Road and Ashwin Parade.

Local Area Considerations

- Concern towards increased traffic in local streets, mindful of dead end streets such as Darebin Street and Burt Avenue.
- Consideration to be given towards rat running and how this can be mitigated.
- Opportunity to open and improve connectivity between local roads.
- Access to Mile End Common (green area), no local connectivity.
- No turning lights at Everard Avenue, a big issue for local road access.
- On and off-street parking issues.
- Maintain ease of access, in particular local access.
- Current noise levels and impacts from vibrations has increased at some properties due to current traffic volumes.
- Observation around current bottleneck at Brickworks down to Darlington.
- Concerns were raised about possible construction impacts near the Cemetery and the River Torrens.

City Shaping (including Urban Design and Landscaping)

- Tunnelling will enhance City Shaping opportunities through reduced traffic at the surface level and opportunities to improve amenity.
- Important to bring out the character of the area.
- Follow through and deliver on streetscape commitments, previous commitments on other projects haven't been followed through.
- South of West Thebarton Road at surface level doesn't leave much room for open spaces.
- Utilise landscaping to soften the area and harsh infrastructure.
- Mix of high quality retail and commercial development.
- Ensure the precinct is built in to all plans and development including enhance greening.
- Commit and deliver greening and ensure consistency of greening along the corridor.
- Ensure South Road is a green active corridor with traffic calming measures, bike paths, and pedestrian access.
- Taking advantage of cycling opportunities across the entire project and give consideration towards safety.
- Consideration to be given to the integration of the cycling Greenway Path.
- Consideration to be given to areas located further back from South Road.

- Heritage
 - Ensure the preservation and enhancement of character and heritage within the corridor. Including the World War 2 Bunker which the Magicians group now utilise every month.
 - Protection of local heritage at Richmond Primary School site.
 - Retaining land and amenity around Thebarton Theatre including lowered noise levels.
- Land Acquisition
 - It was preferred that residents be given the option to rehouse within the precinct if their homes are acquired as part of the project.
 - Key destinations of interest include Thebarton Community Centre and the Bowling Club.
- Local Community Considerations
 - Discussion around property depreciation, particularly those properties located on streets that will lose access points.
 - Impact of project on those people who remain.
 - Need to mitigate traffic impacts to the local area during the construction phase.
 - Concerns around residing next to a highway or a barrier/wall.
 - Timely information to be provided to both community and businesses around social and economic impacts.

2.4 Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Members to review the ToR and provide any comment to the project team.
- Draft ToR should not be circulated outside the reference group, until the final is endorsed at the next meeting and published on-line.
- Anything of substantial nature, please share via email prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Review the ToR prior to the next meeting for comment.

2.5 Other Business

- It was requested that the presentation be shared with the group members post the meeting.
- Richmond Road Planning Study was undertaken, it was queried if there were any future plans to progress the study.

ACTION: Follow up status of Richmond Road Planning Study.

ACTION: Make presentation available to group members.

2.6 Next Meeting

- Future meeting dates will be shared with the group once this has been confirmed.

ACTION: Communicate future meeting dates for the year