

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

Reference Group:	Torrens to Darlington Community Reference Group (Southern Tunnel)
Meeting No:	3
Date:	Wednesday, 5 May 2021
Time:	6:30PM – 8:30PM
Location:	Edwardstown Football Club, Function Room 2, South Plympton

Attendees	Position
Mark Douglas	Facilitator
Tara Hage (TH)	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport (Presenter)
Michael Ahern	Mitcham Plains Action Group
Martin Angus	Local Resident
Tanya Firth	Local Resident
Anne Jantzen	SRISAG Representative
Sasha Mason	City of Marion
Gordon Evans (Proxy)	Local Resident
Don Palmer	Elected Member - City of Unley
Elisabeth Papanikolaou	Elected Member – City of West Torrens
Michelle Schofield (Proxy)	Local Resident
Tegan Stehbens	Local Resident
John Sanderson	Elected Member – City of Mitcham
Stephanie Hensgen	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Nancie-Lee Robinson	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Taylah Slattery	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Apologies	
Phillip Boehm	SRISAG Representative
Iris Iwanicki	Local Resident
Andrea McDougall	Local Resident Gordon Evans – Melrose Park

## 1. Opening Formalities

### 1.1. Welcome and Apologies

### 1.2. Work Health and Safety

- Some concern about strong varnish smell within the facility and impact on attendee health. DIT representatives to raise directly with the management.

## 2. Items for Discussion

### 2.1. Previous meeting actions / Notes of Discussion

- No comment on the April Notes of Discussion

### 2.2. Project Assessment Report (PAR) Overview (Tara Hage)

- A Project Assessment Report (PAR) is a comprehensive document that outlines:
  - The proposed project design
  - An assessment of the anticipated changes to the existing environment – both positive and negative
  - How we have considered input and views of the community and stakeholders

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- Proposed approach to avoid, minimise or manage negative effects of the project and opportunities and measures to improve environmental outcomes during both construction and operation.
- The outcomes influence the design development and construction approach.
- Community input to the PAR is an important part of its development.
- The PAR considers construction needs such as construction lay down areas, construction impacts, traffic management.
- The PAR identifies opportunities to incorporate improvements to the existing environment such as increasing tree canopy and city shaping strategies such as greening.
- Technical topics and disciplines contained in the PAR include:
  - Aboriginal Heritage
  - Air Quality
    - Consideration given to changes in truck and car fleet such as electric vehicles and impact to air quality.
  - Contamination
  - Ecology (Flora and Fauna)
    - A vegetation survey has been undertaken.
    - Looking at what trees are significant, opportunities to enhance habitat and how to minimise impacts.
  - Geology and Soils
    - Approximately 200 bores have been drilled to inform the Reference Design.
    - These investigations help identify tunnel depths and how spoil is managed, reused and/or stored.
  - Groundwater (both levels and quality)
  - Ground movement
    - Geotechnical investigations help understand constraints and impacts to tunnel design and construction.
  - Greenhouse gas emissions
    - Consideration given to both construction and operation stages.
    - Identifies the long term project footprint to achieve state strategic targets.
    - Consideration given to tunnel air flow management via fans. There are a lot of opportunities to learn from interstate tunnel projects.
  - Landscape and visual amenity
    - Many of these strategies will feed into the City Shaping Strategy.
    - This section will provide an understanding how the infrastructure sits in the landscape.
  - Land use and planning
    - Consideration of how the project influences the existing land use including residential and business land uses.
  - Noise and vibration
    - Understanding noise considerations starts with collection of baseline data via noise loggers.
  - Non-Aboriginal Heritage
    - Identifies local, state and contributory heritage along the corridor and identifies ways the design can minimise impacts.
  - Social and economic
    - Includes health, sense of place, connections, how people use the space, land acquisition, demographics, cultural connections, sensitive land uses, schools and social capital.
    - Links in with land use planning and many of the other topics already discussed.
    - Identifies benefits and dis-benefit to businesses.
  - Surface water (quality and drainage)
    - Identifies existing drainage lines and water courses.
    - Identifies opportunities to improve water quality, flow and catchment.
  - Traffic and transport management
    - Identifies how the project can maintain free-flowing traffic during both construction and operation.
    - Highlights public transport changes during construction and as part of the motorway operation.
    - Looks at all modes of transport including walking and cycling.
    - Identifies ways to manage impacts during construction.
- All topics interlink as it's an environment of people and place, mitigations are addressed in multiple topics.

**Questions from the floor:**

- Comment was made around the likelihood of contamination present at the former Hills site and if there is additional information.
- Does the contamination impact the project? Collecting data from bore holes is predominately used to help understand how to manage spoil, where to take it during construction, opportunities for re-use and determine how to treat it.
- The department is working closely with the EPA to meet requirements and there is a working group in place.
- Concern was raised towards where does community health, opportunities for wellbeing, exercise and vulnerability fit into the PAR.
- Discussed that only one topic, social and economic, talks to community issues and this doesn't feel weighted. From a community perspective can't find 'us'.
- It was suggested that community health be added to the social and economic chapter heading or be a standalone topic.
- When will the PAR be ready? Discussion around if it was preferred to release reports as they become available or consolidate into one report at the end of the year.
- Preference is to release reports as they become available and to create dialogue opportunities to feed back in prior to the final report.
- Uncertainty is a common word used by the community.
- Likely that the people don't appreciate that the design isn't known. Concept design released at the end of 2020 through to PAR and Reference Design at the end of the reference design phase is a big jump.
- Suggestion to create a traffic light report to demonstrate where the department have met, have succeeded or have not met guidelines.
- PAR is not regulatory, which gives the department some flexibility to meet the community's needs in relation to what is included in the document.
- Likely that community priorities such as vibration and ground movement will change as the project progresses.
- Concern around the impacts and integration with Gallipoli Underpass and Emerson crossing.
- PAR to include information about how the public was consulted.

**2.3. Activity – High priorities**

- Individual exercise asking members to think about what topics matters most to you? What areas are you most interested to know more about as part of the Project Assessment Report development?
- The four topics that had the most interest were:
  - Air quality
  - Land use and planning
  - Social and economic
  - Traffic and transport management
- Group exercise to answer the below questions for the topic they were placed in:
  - What are the key issues to be explored and what is important within these topics?
  - How would you like to see information communicated back to you and your community?
- The activity was not to prioritise, but rather what the individual would like to hear about. Each of the topics would continue to be part of the PAR even if they were not of interest to the group.

<b>Social and economic / Community health</b>	<p><b><i>What are the key issues to be explored and what is important within these topics?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-being of the whole community rather than personal level.</li> <li>• Maintaining local amenities including shops cafes, schools.</li> <li>• How to use and interact with the space.</li> <li>• What makes a community a 'community'?</li> <li>• Nature of communities and connectedness, each community is unique.</li> <li>• Understanding how different communities integrate with the existing environment.</li> <li>• Holistic assessment of community health - appreciation of human health and amenity.</li> <li>• Glandore Oval and Black Forest Village are of value to the community.</li> <li>• East-west connections.</li> <li>• Value of homes, social capital impact to suburb value based on project</li> <li>• Building connections with businesses and community.</li> <li>• Impact to community well-being such as worry and vulnerability.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for businesses but also consider less foot traffic.</li> <li>• If a business is impacted how to get them to stay in the same community e.g. incentives.</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic &amp; transport management</b>	<p><b><i>What are the key issues to be explored and what is important within these topics?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic management during construction of the tunnels, what are the impacts to other roads such as Beckman Street, East Avenue.</li> <li>• Where is construction freight going to go including those collecting and transporting spoil.</li> <li>• Uncertainty of the alignment and why those decisions have been made.</li> <li>• If portal is before Emerson, trucks that come down Cross Road can access the tunnels and vice versa.</li> <li>• Access off the tunnel for residents, what is the access? Access will only be at each end of the tunnel. It is about finding a balance between traffic flow and appropriate amount of on and off points.</li> <li>• How do we get across?</li> <li>• Communication of scenarios, e.g. Castle Plaza to Barossa. Opportunity to look at how these travel scenarios are communicated.</li> <li>• Communicate travel movements to destinations and comparison of route time.</li> <li>• East-west local traffic connectivity including pedestrians, other than at the exit points.</li> </ul>
<b>Land use and Planning</b>	<p><b><i>What are the key issues to be explored and what is important within these topics?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public space and usage.</li> <li>• Some open space to be retained for after construction.</li> <li>• Green space on both sides of the walls e.g. move the wall closer to the road to allow greening on both sides.</li> <li>• Tree canopy to be increased.</li> <li>• Control urban development- no high rise similar to Unley Road – land use planning may not be covered to that extent but rather how people move and how to facilitate that movement.</li> <li>• Description around what the current zoning is, project does not have control over the existing zoning, and other departments may change that in future.</li> <li>• Retain schooling and education needs, if a school would be impacted how would it be mitigated?</li> <li>• Public transport during construction and operation.</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cyclist movements.</li> </ul>
<b>Air quality</b>	<p><b><i>What are the key issues to be explored and what is important within these topics?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns raised about post-construction impacts.</li> <li>• More consideration given to air quality in areas where children are including green space and schools.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>How would you like to see information communicated back to you and your community?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project team to be at locations where the community can come and speak with them such as at Castle Plaza and Brickworks.</li> <li>• Potential to have pop ups for smaller communities.</li> <li>• Information to be fed to the community as it becomes available rather than at completion as a large report.</li> <li>• Undertake a survey to canvas the wider community.</li> <li>• Community radio station promotion and information – CoastFM.</li> <li>• Reference group members to consistently go back to each group represented to continue dialogue.</li> </ul>	

#### 2.4. Wrap up

- When consulting out in the community, ensure representatives from the department have clear messaging. It was raised that the community felt they were given different answers depending on who they spoke with.
- Call out community pain points and discuss the objections to reduce uncertainty.

- Suggestion to turn the meeting activity (exercise) into a survey and promote via the website and community action groups. Survey to list 15 PAR topics and ask participants to provide their postcode and select the top four topics that interest them.
- How will the department manage messaging as the project progresses and community priorities change?
- It was raised that certain outcomes may not yet be known, however suggestion was to select areas of interest and explain how to achieve them e.g. to achieve air quality, this needs to be done, and these guidelines need to be met.
- Suggestion to create a public social contract demonstrating what the department commits too.
- Release more updates to the wider community such as update on the reference group meetings.
- Confusion regarding how some businesses (such as the childcare centre and car wash) have been approved ahead of the project commencement. It was clarified that approvals for these developments were given some years ago.

## 2.5. Next meeting

- Wednesday 2 June 2021
- Proposed Reference Group Themes for 2021:
  - **June** / Reference Design - Road, intersection and ramp layout and tunnels and portals
  - **July** / Traffic modelling, service relocations, southern laydown area and existing structures
  - **August** / City Shaping principles and strategy testing
  - **September** / Technical and social report outcomes
  - **October** / What we have heard: findings of community engagement and how we are responding to them
  - **November** / Update on Reference Design, City Shaping and project effects and opportunities
  - **December** / Recap of process and next steps

*Themes are subject to change based on project timing, outcomes and community areas of interest*