

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

Reference Group:	Torrens to Darlington Community Reference Group (Northern Tunnel)
Meeting No:	7
Date:	Thursday, 2 September 2021
Time:	6:30PM – 8:30PM
Location:	West Adelaide Football Club, 57 Milner Road Richmond

Attendees	Position
Mark Douglas	Facilitator
Matthew Morrissey	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
Nicole Walsh	North-South Corridor Program Delivery Office; Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Cr Paul Alexandrides	Elected Member – City of Charles Sturt
Peter Del Fante	Local Resident
Gregg Ryan <i>proxy</i>	
Sharon Bartsch <i>proxy</i>	
Alex Filipatos	Local Resident
Suzy Hill	Save the Thebby Group
Cr Graham Nitschke	Elected Member – City of West Torrens
Ian Pilkington	Local Resident <i>online</i>
Joanne Reid	Local Resident
Apologies	
Tom Bastians	Local Resident
Catherine Cashen	Local Resident / SRIWAG Representative <i>proxy Gregg Ryan</i>
Mandy Doolan	Local Resident / SRIWAG Representative <i>proxy Sharon Bartsch</i>
David Marshall	Local Resident / Local Business Owner
Sibylle Taylor	Local Resident

## 1. Opening Formalities

### 1.1. Welcome and Apologies

### 1.2. Work Health and Safety

- Think about what you want the Department to consider regarding greening?
- No requirement to wear masks unless you are up moving around the room.

## 2. Items for Discussion

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

- True and accurate record, no feedback provided.
- Note, all community reference group members live North of Sir Donald Bradman Drive except Ian.

## 2.2. Door knocking campaign

- The project team have recently begun doorknocking around Glandore, Everard Park and Black Forest.
- The purpose of the door knocking is to raise project awareness, answer questions, and gather contact details to enable us to contact people that are impacted directly when we have the information.
- We have also letterbox dropped project contact cards to capture contact details.
- We will be starting doorknocking in the northern tunnel end from September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- A reference group member advised the group that she had received a Sorry We Missed You card from the project team.
- Work has started at the southern end for relocating services. This has been reported on in the media this week. Works will soon commence on disconnecting Optus cables and SA Water in Clovelly Park.
- Relocation of gas and water services in the southern end to begin late this year to early next year.
- How well briefed are your door knockers? Our doorknockers are well briefed. At this point we are really building awareness about the project, as soon as we have finalised and have sign off for sections of the reference design, we can let impacted people know.
- Until the Minister has signed off there can't be any acquisition and at this point the reference design is still in development.
- What are people's response when door knockers aren't able to provide very much information? Concerns about resident reactions. There is some frustration from residents but they are being advised that we will be able to inform them in the next two months. In the area door knocked the project awareness is high, however the next section north of Anzac Highway may not be the same.
- Are we applying lessons learnt from the Southern end? Yes. For the process of land acquisition and impacted residents we will be setting up meetings to go through the design.
- What do we say to the residents who want be acquired? Only properties required for the project are able to be acquired.
- Will there be any compensation for renters who are impacted? How does the compensation happen? Compensation, if any, is on a case by case basis. Acquired property owners get a letter, telling them to contact the property team, who will talk to owners, the owner will talk to the tenants.
- What things can you do to help people/what's in the toolbox to help those being acquired? There is a fact sheet outlining the 10 step property acquisition process on the T2D website.
- Do we put contact card and Sorry We Missed You card in no junk mail letterboxes? Yes

## 2.3. Wider arterial road network update - Traffic Modelling

A presentation was made on traffic modelling findings in response to questions on notice from the Reference Groups relating to South Road Stage 1 vs Stage 2, northbound vs southbound, the two adjoining north-south arterial roads of Goodwood and Marion roads, and Cross Road (including the proportion of heavy vehicles).

- Anzac to River Torrens slide - where is this assessment made, what point on South Road? Two road corridors, North South corridor continuing other traffic underground coming up and back down. Independent sections, vertical and horizontal, jump off at intersections.
- Combined traffic volume all up is 65,000 each way
- More people going into the tunnel but less road users on the surface level.
- Is this an over estimation due to T2T statistics? Taking census information – 30 year growth plan, modelling all different areas, business, schools, point of destinations. Running a modelling is very complicated, DIT have been refining it is not 100 percent perfect but is very comprehensive.
- Has the modelling thought of freight movements from SE freeway to Cross Road? Cross Road assessment is currently happening.
- Concerns for Cross Road, Portrush Road users are very vocal - shifting burden to Cross Road. It won't push more trucks to this road.
- From a drivers perspective, to move over 3 lanes to turn right into Cross Road is dangerous, project to consider safety issues.

- Once the Darlington project was completed, did people use Marion Road more than South Road? Thinks traffic has increased on Marion Road.

#### 2.4. City Shaping Strategy – draft principles and directions

The draft principles and directions for the City Shaping Strategy were presented to the group, which were developed following the April 2021 City Shaping Workshop. Comments from the group were sought as well as ideas about opportunities in local neighbourhoods.

What else should be included in the definition of city shaping?

- Transport, heritage, environment, connections, the focus should be on people and building community and places, (cohesion), use ecology over environment.
- Recommendation for the project to have a look at the University College of London who have new knowledge of city shaping. Helen Pineo - the focus is around achieving good health and wellbeing and includes sustainability, inclusiveness and equity, including small scale and inter-connectivity
- Movement in communities and businesses. Embrace sensible planning into east west connection and more movements. How do people move and connect in their communities. Do not want to kill all the business along the corridor.
- Safety could come into creating safe journeys.
- What does it mean by resilient places? This isn't about just putting in trees and moving on, it is about working closely with councils asking what their program is and what they want. Making a community not just a road project. Resilience talking about longevity and amenity.

#### 2.5. City Shaping Strategy – potential ideas for discussion

This was a workshop session for members to contribute ideas on local opportunities on greening, pedestrian and cycling, sport, art and local traffic improvements etc in the neighbourhoods along the southern tunnel alignment.

##### Greening

- Heritage – Thebarton theatre, Queen of Angels, ews, Richmond Primary School – greening around sites
- Kesmond Park
- Along NSC from West Thebarton/Ashwin to Manton/Grange (end of T2T)
- Boulevard to Richmond Oval via Keswick Creek, Albert Street or Frederick Street
- Kesmond Reserve (Everard Avenue)
- James Congdon 'corner'
- James Congdon 'corner', with skate and or BMX park, stormwater ponds (Keswick Creek)
- Along NSC between Sir Donald Bradman Drive and James Congdon Drive (potential for park, at James Congdon 'corner')
- Richmond Primary School (around)
- Milner Road adjacent to Richmond Oval
- Falcon Avenue
- Dove Street Reserve (upgrade)
- Along NSC between Henley Beach Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive (trees in median)

##### Pedestrian access

- More footbridges than T2T
- Across River Torrens, behind Brickworks Shopping Centre
- Across NSC at Ashley Street
- Across NSC at Tarragon and Cumings

##### Cycling access

- Link the Glenelg tram line bike lane (west side bike lane)
- Strong community support for (access to) cycling
- Back streets for cycling access, with e-bike hubs established (RAA support). Must include / connect with overpass over NSC
- Poor safety along Henley Beach Road, due to parked cars and buses (and traffic volumes?)
- Introduce parallel cycle route via Norma Street and Victoria Lane (not attractive to potential users)
- Improve connectivity of cycle (shared) path via old City to Glenelg rail reserve, i.e. from Moss/Ritchie to Deacon, and Deacon to James Congdon, including access with South Road

- Cycling only overpass – make east-west access possible
- North-south cycle route via Holland-Phillips-Dew from River Torrens (Entertainment Centre) to Henley Beach Road.
- Crossing over James Congdon and Railway Terrace (and the freight and passenger rail corridors?) to access the Parklands
- (Upgrade) Sir Donald Bradman Drive Bikeway

#### **Community, Sport & Heritage**

- Kaurna recognition at River Torrens
- Lighting of historical buildings, Thebarton Theatre, Queen of Angels Church and Thebarton Municipal Offices
- Kings Reserve is important to the community
- WWII memorial (bunker) at Ashley Street corner
- West Thebarton Hotel
- Richmond Oval – open up to the community
- Upgrade facilities at Richmond Oval, such as tennis courts
- Soccer at Kings Reserve

#### **Local traffic (what type of shortcuts, some road will become busier)**

- East west cross over on Barwell Avenue and Everard Street – Ashford hospital up the road
- Ashwin is busy
- Bagot/Brooker
- Davenport
- Victoria-Ballara-Claremont between Henley Beach Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive, to avoid South Road
- Railway Terrace (congestion) increase
- Milner Road residential development to increase traffic
- Opportunity to restrict access to/from South Road

#### **Common themes**

- Side or local streets for bike access (unclear if this is a request from cyclists for a safer, quieter, more aesthetic journey, or if is from drivers wishing to have cyclists off of arterials)
- Additional trees in parks and other areas of open space
- More trees along arterial corridors with minimal trees
- Connectivity across the North South Corridor, particularly for cyclists
- Parking only really raised around Black Forest Primary School
- Public transport, particularly how bus services will operate either along the surface corridor, or across the corridor.

#### **2.6. Wrap up**

- More certainty about the design by the end of the year.
- If the project are connecting spaces we need to think about the community bus and mobile library.
- The location and size of the portals are a concern and the impact they will have? We would like confirmed details of portals – location and size. Advised we are waiting for the reference design to provide this detail. The project team showed potential sites on maps at previous engagement sessions.
- The map that has been published does this resolve airport access? This is still in progress.
- Cycling from the west, opportunity to include a cycle lane along the overpass over South Road. RAA are looking to build e-bike from the west heading into the city.
- Is there a contingency plan for traffic management during construction? T2T project - caused buses to go down a street that was too narrow. The project needs to think about bus routes for contingency. Traffic modelling is underway – including modelling what happens during construction and local areas traffic management modelling.
- Can the tunnel be built under the River Torrens? This would undo T2T work. Is the project planning for this in the Cross Road Section with the upcoming Grade Separation Cross Road Project?
- Is the social pinpoint map online still available for comment? Yes.

**2.7. Next meeting**

- Thursday 14 October 2021 (Note this has since changed to Thursday 21 October)
- The focus for next meeting will be a project update.

**ACTION: Once the Darlington project was completed did people use Marion Road more than South Road?**