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## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Fairfield Community Liaison Group - Meeting 4

DATE: Thursday 9 October 2008 at 6:15 pm

LOCATION: Cabravale Leisure Centre

Chair: Jim Morris

Minutes: John Murray

Community Representatives: Ken Chapman  
John Medich  
Jan Collie  
Momo Romic  
Tony Fornasier  
Stella Howat

Guests: Sally Sitou  
Stanislaw Jurus  
Cheryl Bosler, Fairfield City Council

ARTC: Prue Hodgson, Community Liaison Manager, ARTC  
Tarmizi Lutffi, Project Manager, ARTC  
Greg Mullens, Project Director, ARTC  
Matt Hurst, Consultant, Planning Urban Futures  
Carlie Faint, EMR (alternate)  
Mel Meredith, Contractor, Arenco  
Chris Kyriacou, Contractor, Seymour Whyte  
Daniel Rose, Gartner Rose  
Mirza Siddiq, Gartner Rose

ICLR: Rowena Lennings, Integrated Analysis Pty Ltd

Council: Cheryl Bosler, Fairfield City Council

Apologies: Marzi De Santi, Fairfield City Council  
Dr Eman Sharobeem  
Dr Thomas Diep  
Martin Hicks, EMR  
Jim Thompson  
Krystyna Cyron  
Janette Hannaford  
Dereck Corney

**1. Welcome, introductions.**

The Chair welcomed meeting attendees and made introductions.

**2. Minutes**

Minutes of previous meeting handed out and read.

Matters arising from Minutes: -

Corrections:-

Minor correction of terminology used in the previous minutes regarding noise requirements in commercial areas.

**3. Approvals**

A brief explanation of the current status of the approvals process regarding the station precinct upgrades was given by Daniel Rose, from Gartner Rose.

Q: - Can the CLG get a copy of the (downward view) draft?

A: - A new version is due out.

Q: - Should the CLG make representations to Council for any concerns?

A: - Concerns should still be presented to the CLG.

Q: - Will the ARTC issue a new plan?

A: - A presentation will be organised.

Q: - Is that a section 96?

A: - No. Station precinct to go through RTA approval

Q: - Meeting on site Tuesday afternoon?

A: - A meeting was held regarding changes in the current plan. Council and RTA requirements have been incorporated. The UDLP will be updated when all parties agree.

An explanation of RTA and Council requirements regarding traffic lights at Cabramatta station was delivered.

Q: - Is this in response to conditions 29 and 30?

A: - Yes. Condition 30C. CLG will be informed.

A representative of Seymour White presented an overview of their responsibilities.

Q: - Will those responsibilities include noise walls?

A: - That is a separate contract.

Q: - Is the cost of the noise walls coming out of the Community amenities?

A: - It is part of the plan.

A representative of Arengo presented an overview of their responsibilities

Q: - What is the total length of the section?

A: - Just over 6 km of track.

#### **4. Community Amenities Offset Plan**

A description was given of Ministerial Conditions attached to the project approval. It was confirmed that all the required plans have been prepared.

There is now an opportunity for the CLG to express opinions and contribute their views to the plan.

Q: - Would the ARTC prefer a submission?

A: - The opportunity for submissions concludes on the 10th. All submissions have to be in by then.

Q: - By tomorrow?

A: - Yes.

#### **Overview of submission from Fairfield Council:**

Council has drafted a submission. Its view is that the Community offset plan should meet impacts above and beyond what was determined by approval. The main issues from Council's point of view are: parking, visual impact of noise walls, loss of business with construction, more public domain works. Council is proposing projects that involve beautification of the area and will conduct more community engagement regarding specific projects.

CLG:- Loss of the cycleway is a major issue with the community.

A:- Cycleway will be reinstated

Q: - As convenient as it is at the moment?

A: - More convenient.

Q: - Landscaping from the creek to the station. After the finish of the project, who will maintain?

A: - The landscape will be established by the contractor. After establishment, RailCorp will maintain.

CLG: - Wattles are to be included in the landscaping. They do not live long.

A: - There is a specific planting pallet with RailCorp. This consists of a selection of native trees.

Q: - Are the noise walls to be the responsibility of RailCorp?

A: - Yes.

Q: - Maintenance of lifts?

A: - RailCorp.

Q: - It is noted that the same target noise levels apply for day and night. Could this be a major issue in the long term? Sound travels at night.

A: - Targeted noise levels are modelled on a worst case scenario. Most increase in peak hour. In practice, there may be less trains at night. Under the conditions of consent, there will be an ongoing monitoring of noise.

Q: - Is there any system that will increase the effectiveness of walls over time?

A: - Noise walls will be built to the best currently available standard. The proposed walls should cover the worst case scenario. If monitoring demonstrates they don't meet the requirements they will need to be replaced or modified.

Q: - Are benchmark numbers available?

A: - For all monitoring points. Previous presentation to the CLG is available.

An explanation of what is meant by "reasonable and feasible" followed.

Q: - Is the contribution to Council \$750,000?

There followed a general discussion about car parking issues around the station.

Q: - The car parking is stopping at 400m from the station on both sides. Could it not go a further 100m?

A: - The current requirements (as per CoA) are for the additional parking to be provided within 400m. The existing plan will give an extra 40 spaces. The community can make representation to Council.

Q: - At 400m either side?

A: - That is a condition of consent.

Q: - The seats are costing \$3,000 each. Is the Government contract buying?

There is only one Unisex toilet facility being installed at the station. Can you put in two?

A: - That was a condition by the council. CLG would suggest a two person Unisex toilet.

A summation of the points raised by the CLG regarding the CAOP was displayed by Prue Hodgson and confirmed by CLG members.

## **5. General Business -**

Q: - Ramp options. CLG member presented a series of photos of 2, 3 and 4 way ramps that take up limited space that are presently used on the Cumberland Highway. Could these designs be utilized at the station?

A: - Any ramp at the station has to meet minimum width of 3 Mtrs. There is no space on the footpath. A ramp will not meet all conditions.

ICLR:- A suggestion to the meeting that an independent opinion of build ability should be sought regarding the issue of a ramp at the station.

Q: - The Chamber of Commerce had a meeting regarding the issue of an escalator at the station. Can we not have an escalator without stairs?

A: - Ingress has to have Fire Safety rating of ½ Hr. Escalators do not meet this rating.

**6. Next Meeting**

A demonstration of the new website [www.ssfl.artc.com.au](http://www.ssfl.artc.com.au) was given by Prue Hodgson.

Q: - Can cards with project contact details be brought to the next meeting?

A: - Yes

Q: - Have all the documents been signed? When is the project starting?

A : - The State and Federal authorities are yet to sign off on some plans. This is targeted for the 18<sup>th</sup> November. Certain works, minor in nature, can be started. Once full approval is given then there will be multiple starting points.

There are problems working next to a live rail corridor. These are major safety issues and no one wants to have an accident or fatality.

Q: - Are the current global financial problems likely to have any impact?

A: - None

**7. Meeting Close**

Meeting closed: 7.50pm

**8. Next Meeting**

When: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 at 6.15pm.