
MINUTES OF MEETING

Fairfield Community Liaison Group - Meeting 5

DATE:	Thursday 29 October 2008 at 6:15 pm
LOCATION:	Cabravale Leisure Centre
Chair:	Jim Morris
Minutes:	John Murray
Community Representatives:	Ken Chapman John Medich Jan Collie Krystyna Cyron Momo Romic Dereck Corney Tony Fornasier Janette Hannaford Stella Howat
Guests:	Sally Sitou
ARTC:	Prue Hodgson, Community Liaison Manager, ARTC Greg Mullens, Project Director, ARTC Matt Hurst, Consultant, Planning Urban Futures Chris Kyriacou, Contractor, Seymour Whyte Rahmy Hanna, Seymour Whyte Daniel Rose, Gartner Rose Zani Buvevsui, Arenco
ICLR:	Donna Bevan, Connect Consulting
Council:	Cheryl Bosler
Apologies:	Greg Mullens, ARTC Martin Hicks, EMR

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: - None

Corrections:- None

3. Contractor Overviews

An explanation of the current status of the respective areas of responsibilities was given by the following contractors.

Gartner Rose – Station upgrades

An update of the current situation was delivered. They are working through site specifications. No construction work will be started for at least the next couple of weeks.

Seymour Whyte – Rahmy

An update of the current situation was given.

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Responsibilities and update of the current status. Going ahead with planning.

Q: - What arrangements will be in place for drop off and pickups at the station?

A: - There will be an attempt to create more parking on the Railway Rd side. The 5 minute drop off will be left in place. The plan is to minimise disruptions as much as possible.

Q: - Will the walkway and lift be affected?

A: - Current access will not be affected.

Q: - The ticket office will be demolished. Is council aware?

A: - Planning with the council is in progress.

Q: - Tenants (shops) along the route will be made aware of the changes?

A: - Community communications will be responsible for letterbox drops etc.

4. Station arrangements at Cabramatta – Matt Hurst

An update of the current plans for the station was delivered. A joint meeting was held with the council. The council is supporting the RTA regarding the length of the cycleway on the street.

Roundabouts will be constructed at intersections replacing traffic lights. Fisher St may be changed to a roundabout.

Slides showing design updates were presented.

Q: - Will the dish drain at the intersection be replaced?

A: - A replacement drain is not planned but if council requires it will be replaced.

Q: - If the crossing on the roundabout is moved will the car spaces go?

A: - This option is not being built by the project. If council and RTA proceed that is their option.

Q: - Does the new pedestrian stopping still allow right hand access to the car park laneway?

A: - Yes.

Q: - Do the traffic lights on the corner stay?

A: - Yes.

Q: - Do you realise the volume of traffic in the laneway?

A:- It is only an access to the car park and shops. There is no congestion problem.

Q: - Pedestrians will be stopped at the lights?

A: - 45 seconds and 18 seconds for pedestrians to cross. There will be even time for pedestrians and cars. Pedestrians are a congestion concern.

Q: - With the new signalled pedestrian crossing, will shop signage be affected?

A: - There is nothing in the plan to stop shops displaying signage.

Robert Simpson (Architect) will be asked to review the issues of station design regarding the ramp. He will be asked to present his views to the CLG and questions may be asked when he does.

Q: - The 4 disabled spaces planned are part of the overall number of spaces. Not "Kiss and Ride"?

A: - They will be part of the allocated parking. If council decides differently they can decide allocation of car park spaces.

Q: - Can the bus stop area be compliant for Taxi, Bus and Kiss and Ride?

A: - Yes. It will be compliant.

Q: - Will there be planter boxes on the corner opposite the station?

A: - Yes. They are a softer treatment.

Q: - Will the lights be reconfigured?

A: - Yes

Q: - Will the proposed car parking affect the pedestrian crossing?

A: - Pedestrians will come down the laneway.

Q: - Is the drainage system to be improved at the new intersection. There is an issue with pooling of water in heavy downfall?

A: - New drainage will be put in.

Q: - What about the car parking under Cabramatta Rd?

A: - New rail lines will go over the old car parks.

5. General Business -

Q: - Will there be no ramp constructed at Villawood?

A: - No.

Q: - A ramp would be desirable.

A: - This is a Railcorp issue.

Q: - At Carramar. Will there be a widening of the line?

A: - The tunnel will be slightly longer.

Q: - Heavy rain puts the horseshoe curves under Prospect Rd under water. Is it possible to rearrange the road with council while the project is in construction?

A: - The road is not being made any worse by the construction so there have been no plans to change the access.

Q: - Who does one talk to?

A: - Council may close the road. They may also put in centre median strips or speed humps.

Q: - In the Sunday paper there was an article regarding the new rail. There is no info given to the public. Can a flyer be put out to the press?

A: - The media is not interested. Part of the community plan. Notices have been issued.

Q: - Which local papers.

A: - A number of local papers were listed.

Q: - People are not aware of the freight line outside of the CLG contacts.

A: - The community is not participating in the meetings.

Q: - Are the minutes free to be distributed outside of the CLG?

A: - Yes. They are available outside of the CLG.

Q: - Horsley Drive bridge. Has work started?

A: - Not work that is part of this project.

Q: - The CLG is part of the community information. The members of the CLG need to inform the wider community.

A: - The web site is available and minutes will be in the site.

Q: - The Community Offset Plan was drafted. What is the current status?

A: - The submissions have been presented. It is now with the Federal Department.

Q: - The new version will be presented to the CLG?

A: - Once the Minister has made a decision, the CLG will be notified.

Q: - When does the ARTC hope to start construction?

A: - Hoping to start late November.

6. Next Meeting

When: Wednesday, 10th December 2008 at Sunnybrook Conference Centre, Warwick Farm for a combined CLG

Prue Hodgson.

Q: - Are Wednesday meetings suitable?

A: - As long as they are consistent.

A timetable will be distributed at the next meeting.

7. Meeting Close

Meeting closed: 7.30pm