

**Minutes of Meeting with Sydney Motorway Corporation (M4-M5 Link)
held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Wednesday 31 May 2016**

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

Attendees:

- Richard Pearson - Inner West Council Administrator
- Phil Sarin – Director of Environment and Planning (Inner West Council - Ashfield)
- Clare Harley – Director Environment and Community Management (Inner West Council Leichhardt)
- Peter Jones – Project Director M4-M5 Link (Sydney Motorway Corporation)
- Ken Welsh – Strategic Transport Planner (Inner West Council – Leichhardt)
- Neil Strickland – Director Infrastructure Services (Inner West Council - Marrickville)
- Dennis Cliché – Chief Executive Officer (Sydney Motorway Corporation)
- Ken Reynolds – Project Director New M5 (Sydney Motorway Corporation)
- Terry Chapman – Project Director WestConnex Stage 1 (Sydney Motorway Corporation)

1. Welcome by Administrator

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Items discussed

Item 1 Introduction by Inner West Council

- Richard Pearson advised that the Inner West Council will take the approach of the former 3 Councils, i.e. one of opposition to the project because the Community is opposed to it.
- Richard Pearson also requested that WestConnex and its contractors minimise applications to open roads, enter parks, etc. and, where possible to use other powers available to them and the RMS.

Item 2 Project Status

- Dennis Cliche gave a brief introduction to the project, noting that minimising property and open space acquisition has been a priority. Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC) is working closely with TFNSW to provide public transport options.
- Stage 3 – Recent media is well informed. SMC and WestConnex Delivery Authority (WDA) before it, has been working with Urban Growth NSW and Projects Office Board.
- Design of the Rozelle Interchange not completed and there has been no approval, nor any government funding for it.
- Brief discussion about the Arundel St ramps.
- The Infrastructure Australia website includes discussion about Stage 3.
- Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC) aims to simplify the Rozelle interchange / Bays precinct design.

- The former design for the Rozelle Interchange was considered to be sub-optimal. A new concept is anticipated this week.
- The EIS for Stage 3 is scheduled for exhibition in about 9 months.
- ABC News reported last night that the Project cost had increased from \$14.9 B to \$16.8 B.
- The design for Stage 3 is to be finalised late 3rd quarter of 2016. Contamination of the Rozelle Goods Yard to be addressed.
- City of Sydney and IWC requested changes to the active transport arrangements at the St Peters Interchanges, requesting that the cycle/ pedestrian path be on the Sydney park side of Campbell Road.
- Ken Reynolds briefly discussed the works in and around Camdenville Park and the detention basin.

Item 3 WestConnex Works Program

- Contractors will soon be Moving into the tunnelling sites. This includes access via Campbell and Euston Road in Sept/ Oct 2016. Notices are being circulated in the area this week.
- Ken Reynolds discussed the St Peters Landfill. SMC undertook a clean-up of the contamination at the site as early works. This has enabled surrender of the former landfill licence. Remediation is proposed by means of capping rather than taking contaminated material off site.
- Terry Chapman discussed Stage 1b. Noted that there was positive engagement in Ashfield Council and demolition is underway.
- Terry Chapman advised that major tunnelling will commence in July 2016 with the work expected to be opening in 2019.
- Terry Chapman discussed the heritage salvage arrangements which are in place. This includes a photographic survey of all sites. Materials are retrieved and stored in a secure location for reuse in the local area. Some materials, where appropriate, may be incorporated into the built form for the project.
- An Urban Design Panel, including members from Councils, has been established. The Urban Design Plan for Stage 1 was tabled by TC.
- Terry Chapman advised there will be no surface works in Stage 3 as all ramps will be built as part of Stage 1. It was noted that there will be construction traffic.
- Discussion about the spoil disposal strategy for Stage 1B.
- SMC is seeking better coordination and collaboration of the various sub works with the Council.
- Community Centres for each stage to coordinate community information and communications. The St Peters interchange site will also have such a facility.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm