

Draft Minutes of the WestConnex Community Liaison Forum (WCLF) meeting held at Leichhardt Service Centre on Thursday 1 December 2016

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

Attendees: Paul Jeffery Save Ashfield Park Committee, No WestConnex

(NoW) Public Transport

Sarah Wood WestProtects (WPR)

Peter Hehir Rozelle Against WestConnex (RAW)

Sally Trevena No WestConnex Annandale

Sharon Laura Haberfield resident Jozefa Sobski Haberfield resident

Tom Zelinka No WestConnex Annandale & RAW

Peter Hehir RAW

Jennifer Aaron Leichhardt Against WestConnex (LAW)

Rhea Liebmann WestCONnex Action Group
Alana West No WestConnex Public Transport

Vince Crow Haberfield Association

Christine Allibone-White WestProtects

Chris Woods Local Representation Advisory Committee

(LRAC) member, Inner West Council (IWC)

Rochelle Porteous Rozelle Against WestConnex (RAW)

Cynthia Moore Haberfield resident

Other Attendees: Richard Pearson Administrator, IWC

Phil Sarin Director Planning & Environment, IWC Kendall Banfield Manager WestConnex Unit, IWC Felix Liu Engineer WestConnex Unit, IWC

Helen Tola Manager Customer Service & Corporate Planning,

IWC

Rob Sherry WestConnex Compliance Officer, Department of

Planning & Environment (DP&E)

Stuart Clark Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure,

Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

lan Forbes Regional Operations Officer Metropolitan

Infrastructure, EPA

Andrew Mattes Acting Principal Manager Environment Policy.

Planning & Assessment, Roads & Maritime Services

(RMS)

1. Welcome by Administrator

The Administrator welcomed all to the WCLF meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country



3. Apologies

Apologies were accepted for the absence of:

Ruth Nelson WestCONnex Action Group

Richard Archer RAW
LJ Loch WPR
Christina Valentine LAW
Catherine Gemmell LAW

Richard Walsham Former Marrickville Council WestConnex Advisory

Committee

<u>Item 1 Minutes from 27 October 2016 Meeting & Update on Actionable Items</u>

It was determined that:

- 1. Minutes from the 27 October 2016 WCLF be adopted, subject to minor amendments to show that Cynthia Moore was present at the meeting and that Sharon Laura attends WCLF meeting as a Haberfield resident.
- 2. The update of actionable items be received and noted.

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- The Administrator advised that an Administrator's Minute was being prepared for the Council meeting on 6 December 2016 relating to a Council study on the operational traffic impacts on surrounding streets as a result of WestConnex.
- The Administrator reminded attendees that minutes of meetings between IWC and WestConnex representatives are available on Council's website.
- The Administrator reminded attendees that Council needs to consider how it can work towards minimising impacts on the community regardless of which parts of the project proceed – this includes air quality and traffic impacts.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the 40kph school zone at Campbell Street St Peters and its impact on the safety of children. It was requested that construction details and a map showing Campbell Street pedestrian crossing arrangements be provided. Further, it was requested that Council prepare media release on this subject.
- Concerns were raised about lack of planning in the design of the Norton Street right-hand turn onto City West Link, specifically relating to the installation of the 24-hour lights to assist with traffic travelling east and south, noting there is limited traffic at this location.
- It was suggested that Council 'blitz' everyone who does not obey traffic rules and traffic signs in areas around WestConnex construction sites.
- Concerns were raised about parking pressures created by New M5 construction activities in the area of Barwon Park Road St Peters, next to



Sydney Park.

- Concerns were raised that RMS and SMC are 'playing off against each other' in relation to Easton Park being used for WestConnex. There is also a concern about the relationship between RMS and SMC, noting that SMC are reluctant to deal with WestConnex-related issues that fall outside project boundaries. IWC to seek clarification, in writing, from the SMC that Easton Park is off the agenda.
- Rochelle Porteous raised three matters and for the Administrator's consideration:
 - The engagement of specialist consultants for assessment of M4-M5 Link details at the preliminary design stage and EIS stage
 - A response to a number of queries raised recent in e-mail correspondence to the Administrator
 - Questions for the Administrator to forward to Premier Baird for a response
- The Administrator agreed to consider including funding for specialist consultants to assess Stage 3 in the Minute to the next Council meeting and agreed to respond to the email queries and pass on the questions to the Premier.
- Concerns were raised about deletion of the New M5 exit ramps at Annandale/Camperdown and its broader traffic impacts on the Inner West (possibly increasing traffic pressures around the St Peters and Rozelle interchanges), along with calls for a legal opinion on this matter to determine if this change affects the validity of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 approvals. Administrator advised that this matter would be referred to the IWC General Counsel for advice in terms of any further potential action.
- Concerns were raised in relation to M4 East construction impacts on Ashfield and Haberfield residents.
- Attendees advised that an online petition received 2,100 signatures relating to concerns about the St Peters interchange and the serious traffic impacts across the region from the entire project.
- The Administrator encouraged WCLF members to consider submitting an expression of interest to take part in the new WestConnex Community Reference Group. To this point only 2 groups had submitted nominations.
- A concern was expressed about the WestConnex Community Reference Group's Terms of Reference – in particular, that the Group has an advisory role only.

Refer to Actionable Items 1 to 8 listed below.

Item 2, 3 & 4 Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3 Update Report



It was determined that the report be received and noted.

Stage 1 Update Report

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised about the significant traffic impacts that resulted from the recent temporary closure of Ramsay Street Haberfield, which included incorrect signage and sighting of a bus that had lost its way. It is understood there was a SMC debrief on the issues arising from this closure.
- Concerns were raised about time and cost over-runs from the extensive service infrastructure relocation works that have been undertaken in the vicinity of Reg Coady Reserve.
- Concerns were raised about concrete being poured along Dobroyd Canal and Haberfield residents continually enduring out-of-hours work and noise.
- Concerns were raised about Council undertaking footway works on Martin Street Haberfield, adding to extensive WestConnex-related footway trenching that has made footways hazardous for pedestrians. There has been an instance where WestConnex-related footway trenching has resulted in a water pipe leak. It was noted that in most instances, trenches along footpaths would be filled as a temporary measure until they were 'made good' by Council in the future. In some places, filled trenches were creating footpath safety issues.
- Concerns were raised about the impacts of WestConnex works on Haberfield businesses, and that consideration be given to some form of compensation or other mitigation to local businesses affected by the works.
- Concerns were raised about Council possibly sharing the cost of upgrading Council's Cove Street Depot at Haberfield for use as an employee car park for WestConnex.

Refer to Actionable Items 9 to 12 listed below.

Stage 2 Update Report

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- Concerns were raised in relation to the demolition of houses and other buildings along Campbell Street/Road St Peters being undertaken with no notice to nearby residents. A particular concern is potential health impacts from asbestos. Attendees noted that further demolitions were to be undertaken in January 2017.
- Concerns were raised in relation to commencement of tunnel works at the Princes Highway St Peters and lack of detail provided to affected residents.
 WCLF members seek more proactive notification by SMC on these kinds of works.



- Concerns were raised in relation to the recently-announced changes to the M4-M5 Link, particularly deletion of the Annandale/Camperdown traffic portal. This would put more traffic 'pressure' on the St Peter's and Rozelle interchanges.
- A request was made that Council continue to monitor the New M5 salvage program and the distribution of heritage items.

Refer to Actionable Items 13 & 14 listed below.

Stage 3 Update Report

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- In the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Rozelle Rail Yards, there
 is a need to acknowledge aboriginal heritage, the overall heritage importance of
 this site, native flora/fauna, asbestos and acid sulphate soils.
- Questions were raised as to why the rail lines were being removed, the role of the EPA in the clearing of the Rozelle Railyards site, and that Work Safe is unable to be involved with these works.
- Concerns were raised about the need for SMC to monitor asbestos, particularly airborne particles. The DP&E Compliance Officer informed the meeting that asbestos was being handled according to management plans.
- A request was made to increase the compliance presence for the Rail Yards cleanup, as well as increased compliance for WestConnex Stages 2 and Stage 3.
- There were calls for flashing lights to be installed at all investigative drilling sites to avoid the potential for vehicles colliding with drilling equipment at night.
- The 21-day exhibition period for the Rail Yards REF was not considered sufficient, and it was requested that Council seek an extension of time.

Refer to Actionable Items 15 to 19 listed below.

Item 5 Compliance Update

Rob Sherry, the DP&E's WestConnex Compliance Officer provided a brief compliance update.

Andrew Mattes, RMS air quality specialist, discussed WestConnex-related air quality issues with WCLF members.

EPA representatives Stuart Clark and Ian Forbes gave a brief explanation of EPA's role in monitoring air, noise and water impacts from WestConnex construction activities.

It was determined that this information be received and noted.

Key points of discussion of WestConnex-related air quality issues included:



- RMS monitors both 'roadside' and 'ambient' air quality in both cases, this
 includes diesel particulates.
- In recent years in Sydney there has been an overall decrease in traffic-related air pollution even though the number of vehicles has increased – this is due primarily to fuel efficiency improvements.
- The impact on drivers from air pollution within tunnels is the primary factor in determining pollution limits.
- There is an air quality monitoring station near City West Link in Rozelle (located in Callan Park) that could be used to assist in monitoring WestConnex air impacts.
- Concern was expressed about general increases in vehicle ownership in Sydney and the impact of this when added to total emissions from WestConnex.
- Concern was expressed about the three unfiltered exhaust stacks proposed for Rozelle and general health impacts on residents from motorways.
- Concern was expressed about the location and height of the Stage 2 stacks at St Peters.
- Concern was expressed about deletion of the Camperdown/Annandale interchange for the M4-M5 Link and the impact of this change on traffic and air pollution levels around the St Peters and Rozelle interchanges.
- Concern was expressed about impacts on Ashfield and Haberfield residents from the proposed 'double stacks', and impacts of traffic noise on surrounding areas.
- The WCLF would like the RMS's air quality expert to attend a future meeting to give more information on air quality impacts in relation to modelled traffic data.

Refer to Actionable Items 20 & 21 listed below.

Summary of Actionable Items

The following actionable items were an outcome of the above discussions at the meeting.

General Actions

- 1. Council to request SMC to provide definitive timeframes on the labelling of trucks to assist with monitoring compliance with use of approved truck routes.
 - Current situation: Council staff will request SMC to provide this information.
- 2. In partnership with St Peters Primary School, Council to write to RMS to seek confirmation that a 40km/hr school zone will be implemented along Campbell Street, St Peters. Council to provide a map showing proposed Campbell Street



pedestrian crossing treatments at the next WCLF meeting and to consider a media release on this subject.

Current situation: Council staff to contact St Peters school principal shortly to discuss. Administrator has already written to SMC CEO on this matter (see Action Item 3). A media release on this subject will be prepared subject to the SMC/RMS response. A Campbell Street map will be provided at the next WCLF meeting.

- 3. Council to write to Dennis Cliche, Chief Executive Officer of SMC, on the following matters:
 - 40kph school zone on Campbell Street for St Peters Primary School
 - Seeking confirmation that Easton Park will not be affected by WestConnex
 - Raising concerns about the road closures/diversions at and around Ramsay Street Haberfield specifically relating to the lack of notification, traffic impacts and the quality of management of a recent weekend closure/diversion.
 - Pedestrian pathway through Reg Coady Reserve local residents have raised concerns about the poor condition of the surface of the path and the fact that there is little in the way of night-time lighting.
 - Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for clean-up of Rozelle Rail Yard specifically relating to concerns around clean-up activities, disturbance of buried asbestos and conservation of aboriginal and rail heritage items – would not be given due consideration.

Current situation: Administrator wrote to the SMC CEO on these matters on 6 December 2016 and is awaiting a response.

4. Council to reinstate the original RAW banner outside the Sackville Hotel on Darling Street, Rozelle.

Current situation: Council staff are liaising with Peter Hehir to install banner in an appropriate high-visibility location.

5. Council to seek clarification about WestConnex-related actions in and around Easton Park, and to seek an assurance from the NSW Government that Easton Park will not be affected by WestConnex.

Current situation: Administrator has written to SMC CEO on this matter (see Action Item 3).

6. Council to write to the NSW Premier forwarding questions tabled by Rochelle Porteous at the meeting.

Current situation: Administrator wrote to the Premier on this matter on 6 December 2016.

7. Council to commit to engaging specialists consultants as part of its assessment of M4-M5 Link concept plans and the EIS.

Current situation: Council allocated up to \$250,000 for this at its 6 December 2016 meeting.



8. Council to seek advice from its General Counsel on the potential for a legal challenge of Stages 1 & 2 due to altered traffic arrangements for WestConnex Stage 3.

Current situation: This advice has been sought and will be considered shortly.

Stage 1

- Council to find out the outcomes from a debrief meeting between SMC and RMS in relation to M4 East road closures and provide an update to the next WCLF meeting.
 - Current situation: Council staff will seek this information and report it to the next WCLF meeting.
- 10. Council to investigate issues related to pouring of concrete along Dobroyd Canal and report back to the next meeting.
 - Current situation: Council staff will investigate this matter and report any findings to the next WCLF meeting.
- 11. Council to provide an update on issues relating to Reg Coady Reserve, including the option of providing employee car parking at Council's Cove Street Depot instead of within Reg Coady Reserve.
 - Current situation: Council staff will provide an update on this item to the next WCLF meeting.
- 12. Council to request information from the EPA on the extent of noise and vibration impacts on residents from WestConnex-related works.
 - Current situation: Council staff will request this information from EPA and will report findings to the next WCLF meeting.

Stage 2

13. Council to request that SMC be more proactive in its notification of works, ensuring affected residents are provided with more timely and detailed information.

Current situation: Council staff will notify SMC of this concern.

14. Council to monitor progress of the New M5 heritage salvage process.

Current situation: Council staff to investigate progress and report this to the next WCLF meeting.

Stage 3

15. Council to include in its submission on the Rozelle Rail Yards REF a request that SMC considers the retention/maintenance of existing rail infrastructure, an independent survey of aboriginal and artefacts and a study of native flora and fauna on the site.



Current situation: Council's submission on the REF includes a list of issues raised on this matter at the 1 December 2016 WCLF meeting.

16. Council to inform RMS of residents' road safety concerns at investigative drilling sites, suggesting use of flashing lights to avoid collisions with drilling equipment.

Current situation: Council staff will shortly notify RMS of this concern.

17. Council to request an extension of time to the submission period for the Rozelle Rail Yards REF and to request access to the Rail Yards site.

Current situation: Council has written to SMC requesting an extension of the exhibition period from 21 to 42 days and a site visit by Council staff (see Action Item 3). SMC staff have indicated verbally that late submissions are usually considered, provided they are not excessively late. However, no formal extension has been granted. SMC staff have also indicated verbally that they are willing to arrange a site visit involving Council staff at the earliest opportunity.

18. Jennifer Aaron to forward to Council information on the rail tracks within the Rozelle Rail Yards site and Council to consider taking legal action in relation to their removal.

Current situation: Council staff are awaiting information and when received, will obtain advice on possible legal action.

19. The DP&E's WestConnex Compliance Officer to investigate potentially unauthorised activities on the Rozelle Rail Yards site and report back on this at the next WCLF meeting.

Current situation: The DP&E Compliance Officer will report back on this item to the next WCLF meeting.

Compliance Update

20. Council staff to provide to the next WCLF meeting a map showing the location of all WestConnex exhaust stacks and where this information can be found in the EIS.

Current situation: This information will be provided to the next WCLF meeting.

21. RMS's air quality expert to attend a future WCLF meeting to discuss air quality impacts in relation to information on future traffic levels from Council's proposed study on WestConnex-related traffic impacts on local streets.

Current situation: Council staff to arrange this after completion of Council's traffic impact study.

The Meeting concluded at: 8.45pm

Next Meeting 10am-12:30pm Thursday 2 February 2017