



Port River Expressway Road and Rail Bridges
Community Liaison Group
Record of Meeting 14 – Thursday 2 August 2007
City of Port Adelaide Enfield Town Hall, Nile Street, Port Adelaide
Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

PRESENTATION

Marijana Tadic – “Reciprocity”: selected public art design proposal for Port River Expressway Stages 2 & 3.

14.1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees:

Fij Miller (Chair) – DTEI
David Hemmings - Port Adelaide Bicycle Users Group
Adam Montroy – Resident
Mike Goody – City of Port Adelaide Enfield
Kristine Peters - Todd Street Business Chambers
Liz Millington - Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group
Chris Mitchell – Dolphin Explorer
John Ford – Birkenhead Resident
Cath Duncan – Port Adelaide Enfield Chamber of Commerce
Tony Kearney - Resident
Carol Pearce – SA Tall Ships Inc (Falie and One and All)
Amie Horner - DTEI
Karina Loxton - DTEI
David Bartlett - DTEI
Steve Woodrow – DTEI
Matt Allan – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd
Bernie Auricht – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd

Apologies:

John Fitzpatrick - Resident
Lyn Hay - Todd Street Business Chambers
Peter Gold – DTEI
John Croci – City of Port Adelaide Enfield

14.2 Minutes of previous meeting

14.2.1 No minutes tabled from Meeting 13. Amie Horner expressed thanks to Chris Mitchell and John Ford for their support at the Port Adelaide Environment Forum.

14.3 Business Arising

Update of actions:

14.3.1 Bernie Auricht to clarify with John Croci the status of ongoing action: Traffic Management issues associated with the opening of Bedford Street and the new Eastern Bypass.

David Bartlett outlined the traffic management plan for Bedford Street and Perkins Drive. A give-way sign will be located on Bedford Street for eastbound traffic. The junction is designed to allow priority for the movement from Bedford Street onto Perkins Drive (especially for Road



Trains and other heavy vehicles) and the low traffic flow movement on Bedford Street west will have to give way.

14.3.2 David Bartlett to engage the Marine Safety Group on education measures for Inner Harbour marine users and a possible 'Give Way' sign west of PRExy construction site.

David Bartlett said that education measures are ongoing and under development through forms such as a marine workshop and the production of an education document for marine users which includes protocols and procedures for marine behaviours around the PRExy bridges. This document will be distributed to boat owners, licensed operators, sailing clubs and industry associations. Karina Loxton tabled the *Bridge Height and Tide Datum Postcard*.

Chris Mitchell stated that the signage may be a good way to communicate with tugs and other vessels to let them know what to do in situations where there may be a conflict in movement.

14.3.3 Chris Mitchell to provide information to Steve Woodrow and Kristine Peters regarding the potential conflict between the queue space for marine users and with vessels exiting Dock 2 (eg tugs).

David Bartlett said that the clearance zone for the bridges will be 100m rather than 150m as was initially proposed to reduce travel times and free up river space in the Inner Harbour and adjacent to Dock 2.

14.3.4 DTEI to clarify the PR materials with respect to viewing platforms for viewing the opening mechanism and available walkways.

David Bartlett said that the materials have been reviewed (website and brochures) and that the messages are consistent with what will be constructed:

- ramp from wharf level
- a viewing platform
- glass front on bascule structure.

There will be a Port Power flag pole on the viewing platform of the road bridge close to the bascule pier, with interpretive plaques on bridge operation.

14.4 Contractor report

Matt Allan provided an update on construction activities to date:

11.4.1 Rail Bridge –the rail girders now in place with work underway to install the rail. The counterweights are soon to be installed and trial lifts will follow. Road Bridge – the structures are still under construction, the cofferdam is now flooded. The girders will be delivered late September 2007. Approaches – are progressing well. The western and eastern elevated structure spans are beginning to be lifted in with spans now over the water.

Road works: eastern project site – work is underway on landscaping, footpaths and driveways. Intensive work underway on the Francis Street approach to the road bridge – ground conditions here poor. Road works



west – there are design problems and rail interface issues associated with the construction of the intersection of Nelson Street, Semaphore Road and Victoria Road. A design flaw was discovered late in the commencement of the works.

Kristine Peters questioned how the recent floods/high tides affected the work site and whether this would be an issue post-construction.

Bernie Auricht explained that the water was pumped out on the western side of the project site and that this wouldn't be an issue in the future as the detention basin has been designed to cater for 100 year flood events and will manage water run-off from the project site.

John Ford said that the pavement on Victoria Road is deteriorating.

ACTION: Matt Allan to follow-up.

Mike Goody questioned the project completion date.

Matt Allan stated that overall completion is expected for pre-Christmas 2007.

11.4.2 Noise Attenuation – there is one resident remaining to consult regarding noise fencing. Crown Law agreements will then be drawn up for residents/owners with installation to follow.

John Ford queried the entitlement of the house opposite the park on the corner of Hargrave Street and Alfred Street with regard to noise fencing.

ACTION: Amie Horner to follow-up.

11.4.3 Public Art – The budget has been increased from \$80,000 to \$120,000 in order to allow the height and size of the piece to be increased as per initial proposal. Soil samples of the site have been taken and engineers have been engaged to design the footings.

14.5 Community Relations Update – Amie Horner

14.5.1 News footage of the rail girder installation was shown.

14.5.2 Presentations/site tours. Amie Horner provided an overview of recent presentations and site tours undertaken by DTEI. These included:

- Institute of Public Works Engineering
- Internal DTEI presentations
- Port Adelaide Environment Forum
- CPAE Elected Members Workshop
- Emergency Services workshop regarding local changes in access
- Marine Behaviours Booklet Workshop

14.5.3 Traffic Management - DTEI recently met with representatives from the road freight industry to discuss the bridge opening regime and inform of changes to the network.

14.5.4 Bridge Opening Regime – the current proposal is for two openings per day on weekdays and three openings per day on weekends, with an additional opening during daylight savings. Several more workshops will be held with key user groups and a recommended regime



will then be submitted for approval and implementation. There are strong linkages with the Birkenhead Bridge and DTEI has held a number of workshops/discussions regarding the future usage/operation of the Birkenhead Bridge.

14.5.5 Communications Strategy – Karina Loxton advised that a comprehensive communications strategy has been developed for the bridge opening regime and project completion to educate user groups and the community on the changes to the local and wider network. Methods proposed include printed materials, fact sheets, flyers, postcards, letterbox drops, print media and an opening celebration/event.

14.6 Community representative reports

CLG members share information and highlight issues on behalf of local organisations and the community regarding the project.

Liz Millington – LMC's Community Liaison Group is currently being developed.

Carol Pearce – LMC is providing a map for the One & All's clients to educate on the relocation of the vessel and access to Dock 2. SA Tall Ships is currently in discussion with CPAE regarding the use of the Community Bus to transport passengers but this is difficult due to the availability of drivers for twilight cruises. SA Tall Ships recently lost a couple of bookings due to the state of Dock 2.

Cath Duncan – recently conducted a tour for 60 Chinese visitors who were excited about the bridges and are looking to invest in the Port.

Adam Montroy – queried the temporary mooring facilities for recreational boat users on both sides of the River (east and west of the northern side of the bridges). Steve Woodrow said that DTEI is currently discussing this issue with LMC. There is a proposal, which is yet to be agreed, to relocate the finger-wharf currently located in Dock 1 north of the bridges for this purpose. Mooring facilities for recreational boat users will form part of the protocols for the PRExy Bridge Opening Regime.

ACTION: Steve Woodrow to keep Adam Montroy updated on this issue.

Tony Kearney – approximately 600 new berths are going into the Inner Harbour for the Newport Quays development, with very few publicly accessible. The LMC CLG is a 25 person committee which will meet every three months. The committee comprises 18-20 invited organisations, 5-6 residents and Fij Miller as the group Chair.

John Ford – now at the final stages of negotiating the Adelaide Brighton Cement EPA license. This is the first time that a community organisation has had influence on the assessment of EPA licenses.

A Classic Boat Festival is being planned for 2009. How much notice needs to be given to DTEI regarding such events?

Amie Horner advised that ARTC have requested three months notice for special events. DTEI would like as much notice as possible. David Bartlett advised that ARTC currently have procedures in place to manage such



events and DTEI/ARTC will work together to determine protocols for special events with regard to the PRExy bridges.

The signage on the Birkenhead Bridge regarding the one-lane closure is not located in the optimum position. Would be beneficial to have signage closer to St Vincent Street to provide motorists with more warning.

ACTION: Abigroup to investigate.

14.7 Other Business:

14.7.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday September 6th

14.8 Meeting closed 7.30pm.