

# Tram Grade Separation Projects

## Community Placemaking Reference Group (CPRG) Meeting Notes of Discussion



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<b>Subject:</b>	TGSP MAC	<b>Date:</b>	6/12/2023
<b>Location:</b>	Plympton Glenelg RSL	<b>Start:</b>	6pm
<b>Note taker:</b>	Lauren Gardner	<b>Finish:</b>	8:10pm
<b>Attendees:</b>	Robert Bajraszewski, Lyndall Edson, Trent Justin, Anthony Keain, Janie McIntosh, Sally Anne Nicholson, Tamara Polley, Jason Quinn, Kelvin Sugars, Marion Wentrero, Kent Williams, Neil Welsh, Lisa Jeffery, Stephanie Hensgen and Lauren Gardner.		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nicole Gilkes		

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Country throughout South Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land and waters.

We pay our respects to the diversity of cultures; significance of contributions and to Elders past, present, and emerging.

## Items

### 1 Welcome and apologies

- Acknowledgement of Country.
- Members were invited to share why they nominated to be part of the CPRG and what they hope to achieve as part of the CPRG.

#### Reason for nominating /connection to area included:

- Live in area or in close proximity to the project
- Reference group members residing in the area range from new to 35 years.
- Love the area and plan to stay long term.
- Will have houses cleared right up to our property.
- Property owner – retaining and looking after tenancies.
- Love our ‘triangle of Adelaide’.
- Aesthetics of it all – it’s my neighbourhood.
- Connected to clubs, groups, or organisations in the area – RSL and local churches.
- Commute through local streets eg. Herbert Street.
- Cycle to work every day.
- Use tram every day.
- Ease of commute.
- Ease of access to city and Glenelg.

## CPRG Desired Outcomes

Members were asked what they hoped to get out of their involvement in the Reference Group and their reasons for getting involved. Key areas of focus for members were on advocating for improved traffic and car parking, community-focussed design, greening, accessibility and general support for the end outcome.

### Traffic

- Improving the way traffic is managed and how it flows.
- Managing congestion, rat running and traffic flow during construction.
- Learning what to expect during construction.
- Ensuring school traffic is considered.

### Parking

- Parking is an issue in front of units and houses along the tram line, which makes bin collection and access challenging.
- Providing input on opportunities to improve parking.

### Community-focused design

- Interested in pockets of land and how they can be used for local benefit.
- Want to see local community reflected in the design.

### Accessibility

- Spent many years working with children with disabilities and would like to advocate for accessible spaces for everyone.
- Would like to ensure that the design works for everyone including access to the greenway.

### Outcomes

- Exciting that this is coming.
- Hopeful what it will become and ensuring that the outcomes to the local community will make the disruption impacts worthwhile.

### Greening

- Would like to advocate for greening of the area including land surplus to tram line needs such as the old service station.
- Ensuring that green areas are well maintained into the future

## 2 Presentation

- An overview of the project was given by Neil Welsh, Delivery Manager.
- Questions and comments received included:
  - Q. If everything went to plan when will trams be offline?
    - A. Whilst subject to detailed construction planning, it is anticipated that this will be mid 2025.
  - Q. Is the \$400M just for this project?
    - A. Yes, the work on the tram line over South Road will be covered by the Torrens to Darlington project. The funding will also cover some early planning for Morphett Road level crossing (although design and construction of this component would be subject to further funding approvals).
  - Q. Will trams run in the city when network is closed?
    - A. Whilst we are working through the closure details, some of the tram line may be able to be kept open between the Entertainment Centre and just south of the City. Work on this is

still ongoing. The department is also looking to integrate as much maintenance and upgrade work along the whole length of the line into the closure period for efficiency.

Q. Will construction be 24/7?

A. There will likely be some 24/7 works. However, the closure of the line allows the team more flexibility to schedule works during the day. The project will do detailed scheduling to minimise impacts as much as possible and this can include moving between areas to provide respite.

Q. Will there be CCTV?

A. There will be CCTV around the tram stops and key areas such as the lifts and stairs. The process also includes a significant amount of design work to minimise opportunities for crime or anti-social behaviours.

Q. Would be good to do a group walk of the area.

A. The next meeting will involve a group walk.

**Comments:**

- Winter would be an ideal time to close the line to reduce impact to businesses in Glenelg during summer.
  - Potential to set up a Community Reference Group focused on construction later in the engagement process once the design phase is complete.
  - Concerns about using public transport at night and there are lots of anti-social behaviours currently at Tram stop 10 that will need addressing in the design process
  - In 25 years – we need to assume trams will be running 24 hours so longevity of the design will be important.
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- Lisa Jeffery, Engagement Manager presented an overview of the results from community engagement activities to-date, and Stephanie Hensgen provided an overview of the Urban Design Principles and ran through some precedent imagery from other projects.

**ACTION:** Community Engagement What We Heard Document to be provided to CPRG members.

● Questions and comments received included:

Q. Was dog park put forward?

A. Yes, a dog park was put forward by some respondents to the survey.

Q. Will spaces be handed over to Council?

A. Discussions with the Councils involved will be ongoing. Ovingham has been handed over to the two Councils. Glandore is currently maintained by the Department.

Q. Will existing footpaths be included?

A. Where footpaths on the other side of the road are impacted by the project, they will be included as part of the design (eg. if relocation of a pram ramp is required). However, if footpaths are not impacted and are outside of the project footprint, they will remain as they are currently.

Q. Is there going to be a lift and stairs each side of Marion Road?

A. There will be stairs and a lift on each side of Marion Road.

Q. Is a park and ride being considered?

A. No. Whilst there may be some car parking for local use, there is no intention to construct a formal park and ride that would generally attract commuters from a longer distance away.

Q. How well utilised are the recreation facilities at Ovingham?

A. Very well utilised – as are the other, more passive, open spaces such as lawned or landscaped spaces. Participants are encouraged to have a look at Ovingham if they are in the area.

Q. Have Marion and West Torrens councils been engaged with?

A. Yes. Engagement with the councils has been ongoing and will continue.

**Comments:**

- Potential to have car parks with kerb holes in them so that stormwater feeds gardens and trees.

### 3 Group Discussion

#### Group Discussion 1 – Users – who are we creating this space for?

A discussion was held in three small groups to identify the current and future users of the space to ensure that the end design meets their needs as much as practicable. The following users were identified:

- Families and community
- Residents
- Locals with no backyard
- Different cultures and demographics (all generations, multicultural)
- Catholic Church and Uniting Church congregation
- Recreation/active space
- Walking/cycling to CBD and Glenelg
- Skateboarders
- Commuters – tram users
- Walking/cycling (all ages/skill level)
- Accessible - gophers, wheelchairs, walkers
- School students – St John’s, Plympton Primary School, Plympton International
- Businesses eg. Highway Inn, Aldi, Coles – people, staff, customers
- Seniors – Vermont Retirement Village
- Villawood development – new residents
- Dogs and dog owners.

#### Group Discussion 2 – Describe in a few sentences a vision for the space

A discussion was held in three small groups to identify a potential vision for the space that reflects how the space should look and feel. The vision will be used to guide the design process and ultimate use of the space.

**ACTION** Develop a vision statement to be agreed upon at next meeting.

A summary of the vision elements identified by the three groups is provided below:

**Usable and relevant**

- Letting users of the tram get on with their lives whilst those below live their lives. Usable. Relevant to the local community. Multi-user focused. All generations, cultures, mobilities.

**Multi-purpose destination**

- Multi-purpose spaces. Well-used. Busy. A destination – not just transit. Somewhere to go for increasing population. Family community spaces. Recreation and play. Leisure eg. pop up cafes.

**Connected**

- Connect communities across the line. Connect to shops, hotel, schools, places of worship, tram. Relieve parking. Connect three key zones. Wayfinding. Easy to connect to people eg. ‘meet you at...’

**Green**

- Clean. Green. Counteract urban heat. Green canopy. Vertical gardens. Water sensitive urban design. A refuge. Sustainable.

**Calm**

- Somewhere calming for people to rest and relax with their community.

**Open and safe**

- Open, safe. Activated. Safe. Somewhere open and safe to spend time and commute.

**Appealing**

- Aesthetically appealing art. Include recognition of indigenous, WW2 nurses and soldiers. Sensitive lighting. Anti-graffiti. Not too radical public art. Minimal impact on residents.

**4 Ideas for the area**

Participants were invited to identify three ideas that they would like to see included in the design of this space. Items identified are detailed below.

<p><b>Meeting places</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating</li> <li>• Piazza - meeting places</li> </ul> <p><b>Relaxation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relax/play</li> <li>• Relax/sit</li> <li>• Reflective area for de-stressing after work</li> <li>• Chill space</li> </ul>	<p><b>Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking underneath</li> <li>• Parking that can be repurposed out of peak for community events</li> </ul> <p><b>Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community gathering space</li> <li>• Community connection</li> </ul>	<p><b>Green space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenway</li> <li>• Minimise hard surfaces</li> <li>• Lawn and tree canopy</li> <li>• Adequate shading and rest space for city to beach</li> <li>• Recreational spot – City to beach break</li> <li>• Green</li> <li>• Vertical gardens</li> <li>• Nature garden</li> <li>• Garden/nature space</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eco-sensitive design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Sensitive Urban Design</li> <li>• Counteract urban heat with eco design</li> <li>• Parking bounded by rain garden for runoff</li> </ul>	<p><b>Artwork</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artwork</li> <li>• Murals</li> <li>• Aesthetically appealing artwork on pillars</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family/children activated space</li> <li>• Basketball/multipurpose court</li> <li>• Multi use area – skate park/basketball/bike area</li> <li>• Water play area</li> <li>• Fountains, water, spouts</li> <li>• Dog park</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible to all – prams, disability</li> <li>• Scooters, bikes, and prams</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting – no dark nooks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus bay to allow steady traffic flow</li> <li>• Overpass on Pleasant Ave (Stop 10)</li> </ul>

## 5 Thank you and Close

- **ACTION** Details of next meeting to be confirmed – Agreed on a 6:30pm start.
- **ACTION** Engagement team to send email to CPRG members with Terms of Reference, original What We Heard document and presentation.
- Thanked the CPRG members for making themselves available and attending the first meeting.