

Tram Grade Separation Projects Alliance Meeting minutes

Marion Road and Cross Road Level Crossing Removals – Community Placemaking Reference Group

Date: 28/08/2024

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Location: Plympton – Glenelg RSL
464 Marion Rd, Plympton Park

Note taker: Sophie P (TGSP Alliance)

Attendees: CPRG Members:

Kelvin S, Jane M, Marion W, Tamara P, Sally-Anne N, Trent J, Anthony K

Project Team:

Daniel T, Adam H, Lyndon S, Isaiah T, Joe H, Sophie P and Nicole G (DIT)

Independent facilitator: Stephanie H

Apologies: Robert B, Jason Q, Lyndall ER, Kent W

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. Opening formalities

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

- Read Acknowledgement of Country.

1.2. Welcome, introductions and apologies

2. Projects update



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- Funding for Morphett Road level crossing removal has now been confirmed and will be delivered as part of the Tram Grade Separation Projects (TGSP) Alliance.
- The TGSP Alliance are working through design packages across all three sites.
- Most Marion Road and Cross Road (MAC) design packages are in the detailed design phase with the main structural and urban design package due for completion in the coming months before progressing to the final design stage (expected late 2024).
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- Establishment of the South Road Tram Overpass site compound will commence in the coming months.
- The TGSP Alliance is continuing to meet with councils to discuss design details including landscaping, local access and urban realm design.
- Early works are ongoing across all sites.

3. Cultural heritage research

Isaiah T (Aboriginal Urban Design) provided an overview of the Kurna cultural mapping undertaken as part of the TGSP, as well as development of cultural themes and narrative.

Isaiah advised investigations were undertaken with local elders and historians to help understand the history of the area. Maps, notes, and journals from early settlers were also used to help obtain information.

Discussion points:

- Group interest in opportunity for Kurna children play elements or representation of Kurna children that can be incorporated into the urban realm/play spaces. An Emu was suggested as it moves through the landscape, with large eggs scattered around the play space with sketching's on the eggs.
- General discussion around the project Kurna artwork and what the symbols mean.
- The group is keen to see information about the Kurna co-design and cultural references in the urban realm space so that people using the spaces can understand the background and purpose.
 - The TGSP Alliance noted this will be provided as part of the project and that we are wanting to involve language to assist in education and experience. QR codes may be used to help communicate information.

4. Working with KYAC

Lyndon S and Adam H explained how the TGSP Alliance is engaging in a co-design process with the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) to develop the 'Journey from the City to Sea' narrative.

Discussion points:

- The TGSP Alliance spoke about the co-design process including:
 - the appointment of KYAC representatives within a working group;
 - engagement of Aboriginal Urban Design, an Aboriginal-owned and operated business, to help facilitate the co-design and social inclusion process that integrates Traditional Owner philosophy;
 - co-design opportunities and overview of the workshop process to implement the co-design process; and

- presentations to the KYAC Board to receive feedback and endorsement of the design direction for the cultural expression that will be embedded in the design.

5. MAC design and urban realm update

The TGSP Alliance presented the updated urban realm design as an interactive discussion around a concept design map, supplemented by concept images of the urban realm.

Discussion points:

- General discussion around the height of trees and shrubs, and the need to balance this with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
 - The TGSP Alliance noted the landscaping will supplement what is already there, and the Alliance will work with councils who have greening strategies in place; and
 - The TGSP Alliance noted we need to factor in provision of light, so trees with open canopies will be a key consideration.
- Group interest in the lift lights remaining on until dawn for safety and CPTED, with the potential of different lighting levels so lighting isn't too bright for the surrounding community.
- Discussion around the size of the converter station and the location. Noting positioning of the station needs to balance operation and maintenance of sight lines.
- General discussion around the Mike Turtur Bikeway alignment and connecting bike paths.
- Group interest in understanding if the urban realm at Marion Road and Cross Road will be duplicated at Morphett Road.
- Group interest in the provision of public toilets to support the urban realm area.
- General discussion around types of bike racks.
- General discussion around the intersection upgrades.
 - Group interest in traffic lights being sequenced to ensure smoother traffic flow.

6. Next steps

- The group is supportive of the work to date and are keen to attend a final meeting in early 2025 to view final design.
- The group is keen to attend construction site tours once major construction commences.