



Port River Expressway Road and Rail Bridges
Community Liaison Group
Record of meeting – Thursday 15 December 2005
Todd Street Business Chambers
Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

5.1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees:

Fij Miller (Chair) - Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI)
Iain Steenson - Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group
Amie Horner - DTEI
Adam Montroy - Birkenhead Resident
Allan Rice - Port Adelaide Sailing Club
Lyn Hay - Todd Street Business Chambers
Mike Goody - CPAE
John Croci - CPAE
Tony Kearney - Port Adelaide Resident
Steve Woodrow - DTEI
Peter Gold – DTEI
David Toms – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd
Bernie Auricht – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd

Apologies:

Cath Duncan - Port Adelaide Enfield Chamber of Commerce
Ian Kuhl – SA Tall Ships Inc (Falie and One and All)
Dr John Fitzpatrick – Largs Bay Resident
Maree Wauchope – DTEI
Kristine Peters – Todd Street Business Chambers
David Bartlett – DTEI
David Hemmings - Port Adelaide Bicycle Users Group

5.2 Minutes of previous meeting – Fij Miller

- 5.2.1 Iain Steenson informed the meeting that an insertion is required in previous minutes.

Previous minutes read: Iain Steenson informed the meeting that some members of the PAREPG and residents of Birkenhead on the west side queried the carbon emission levels projected for vehicles exiting the bridges and from AdBri. Response: David Bartlett informed the meeting that the EPA had completed such studies on current levels.

Minutes to read: As a result of a study conducted to measure carbon emissions in the Birkenhead area, Iain Steenson informed the meeting that some members of the PAREPG and residents of Birkenhead on the west side of the project site queried the possible increase in carbon emission levels in the area as a result of vehicles exiting the bridges following the opening of Stages 2 and 3. Iain questioned whether DTEI were investigating increased carbon emissions as a possible issue arising from Stages 2 & 3 of the project. Response: David Bartlett informed the meeting that information relating to air quality is contained in both the Environmental Report and



Questions on Notice from the 2001 Port River Expressway Report to the Parliamentary Public Works Committee.

5.3 Business Arising
Update of actions:

- 5.3.1 DTEI to report to the CLG on the Naval Exclusion Zone in the Port River. Steve Woodrow informed the meeting that there is an existing 1.5km exclusion zone out from the ASC wharf. This zone is being reviewed and may increase south toward Shiplift. A map outlining the existing exclusion zone was tabled at the meeting. Steve Woodrow is to keep the CLG informed on the outcome of the review.
- 5.3.2 DTEI to provide copies of traffic management presentation delivered at previous meeting by David Bartlett. Copies of the presentation were tabled at the meeting.
- 5.3.3 Abigroup to provide copies of design update presentation delivered at previous meeting. Copies of the presentation were tabled at the meeting.
- 5.3.4 Abigroup and DTEI to report to John Croci at a later stage RE: traffic management issues associated with opening of Bedford Street and the new Eastern Bypass. Abigroup responded that the Eastern Bypass from St Vincent Street to Bedford Street will be open by 24th March, weather permitting. The Eastern Bypass will be fully operational by 14th July 2006, weather permitting. CLG directed that this issue would be an ongoing agenda item.
- 5.3.5 Mike Goody tabled an email received by Council dated 15 December from Michelle Lauriston of ANL House, 306 St Vincent Street; in regard to the speed limit and the build-up of traffic on St Vincent Street. Council will forward a copy of this email to DTEI.
- 5.3.6 Tony Kearney tabled an article in the *Portside Messenger* written by Mr Hiscock, a Port Adelaide resident, regarding the speed limit on St Vincent Street. Mike Goody said that Council representatives would meet with Mr Hiscock.

5.4 Contractor's Update – David Toms

5.4.1 Design update

Current design focus is firstly with piling and water structures and secondly with local road works. 85% completion has now been submitted to SKM (project verifier) and DTEI. This does not include rail signals, traffic management systems or landscaping. 100% design is targeted for completion by the end of February.

5.4.2 Construction Update

- St Vincent Street East will be open before Christmas



- earthworks have commenced on the Eastern Bypass between Francis Street and Bedford Street
- redundant rail has been removed
- the embankments for the bridges are being built
- piling is imminent; the pile frame and barge are in place and the piles have been welded
- works commencing early in 2006 include widening the turning circles on Bedford Street at the Eastern Bypass intersection and verge works on Elder Road at Wills Street and Victoria Road at Elder Road.

Tony Kearney enquired about activity at the Pivot site. RESPONSE: David Toms said that Abigroup was removing rail on the east side and that Pivot was in the process of removing buildings on the west side in preparation for handing over land to Abigroup. 3rd January will see the commencement of earthworks and 9th January will see commencement of the rail upgrade from Eastern Parade and Francis Street on the Grand Trunkway Extension

Tony Kearney enquired about works on the western side of the Port River. RESPONSE: David Toms is awaiting the handover of the land from AdBri, which is expected in February or March. Abigroup have taken possession of the Linke site. Site access is being staggered around existing businesses and their operations – not controlled by Abigroup.

5.5 Community Involvement Update

- 5.5.1 Media announcement – view news footage from Nov 23 start of works announcement. CLG reviewed the media coverage received from the start of works announcement. Approximately 50 guests attended the ceremony.
- 5.5.2 Website Update – Amie Horner reported that there is a delay in approvals for the FAQs to be posted on the site. Approvals will be received early January. CLG members will be emailed once approvals are received. Pictures from the opening announcement, the current brochure and CLG meetings have all been uploaded.
- 5.5.3 Review effectiveness of CLG – Fij Miller queried the effectiveness of the CLG and sought positive and negative feedback in relation to: enhancing the effectiveness of the CLG; suggestions for meeting places; and suggestions for guest speakers.

Tony Kearney suggested a walk around the western section of the project site to illustrate where the new construction will occur and how the traffic management will change. This will also allow CLG members to recognise opportunities for the group to influence. OUTCOME: The CLG agreed that the next meeting would incorporate a walk through the western construction zone.

Steve Woodrow suggested the use of the Linke office for a meeting place. RESPONSE: Abigroup were not aware of the current condition



of the offices but would be happy to use as a meeting place if appropriate.

Fij Miller suggested a guest speaker from the Newport Quays development and a tour of the Port River aboard a tourist boat as ideas for upcoming meetings.

Lyn Hay suggested that an effective way to communicate to the Port Adelaide Enfield area is through "Timeout", the WABEC magazine. This would be an opportunity to promote the CLG. The magazine could feature a profile on CLG members.

Fij Miller said that there are approval restrictions and limitations on information conveyed to the general public regarding PRExy. As DTEI is currently operating under a pre-election climate, approvals for written materials have a longer lead-time as materials are also approved through the Minister's office.

Lyn Hay said that opportunities such as the recent WABEC function are good PR for the project in a broader development sense.

Tony Kearney asked what Abigroup expect of the CLG. RESPONSE: David Toms said that CLG input on public art and public furniture will be valuable and that these opportunities will occur as designs are completed and construction proceeds. Steve Woodrow also suggested that the CLG role as champions of the project is vital.

5.6 Community representative reports

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

5.6.1 Design and Construct Contracts

Fij Miller outlined the process for Design and Construct Contracts as it was felt that this form of contract was not fully understood. It was emphasised that this process works well as it allows for flexibility in refining the design and that there is influence, in some areas, on the outcome of these contracts.

Peter Gold said that the initial planning for PRExy was done by DTEI and that the detailed design was now being done by Abigroup.

David Toms said that within the Design and Construct delivery method the Contractor has more influence at the beginning of the project. There are also cost saving advantages as there is no need for redesign and allows for a timely delivery process. The Client and Contractor form an Alliance Contract allowing information sharing earlier in the project.

David Toms said that within the Design and Construct contract for PRExy, Abigroup incrementally design sections of the project and



progressively start construction on each section at approval (from DTEI) stage. Consequently, detail on all aspects of the project is not available yet since the design is progressively done and construction closely follows.

5.6.2 Information and issues that arose:

Adam Montroy – spoke in relation to the construction at the Victoria Road, Semaphore Road and Nelson Street intersection; queried traffic flow down Victoria Road and whether traffic is forced onto the new bridges. RESPONSE: David Toms said that there will be a right-hand turn onto Semaphore Road and the Birkenhead Bridge. David Toms said that this area will feature the most significant landscaping and have the greatest impact of the local community. With the next CLG meeting involving a walk-around the western side of the river, this will become clearer.

Allan Rice – queried the construction process with regard to dolphins and noise. RESPONSE: Abigroup outlined the use of the bubble curtain and the dolphin study that is being conducted by a PhD student. Bernie Auricht said that as part of the Abigroup induction process, all employees are made aware of the procedure to stop work if dolphins are sighted at the work area and that any affect on dolphins is to be reported to DTEI immediately.

Several CLG members rose environmental and compliance issues in relation to current dredging activities to deepen the Outer Harbor shipping channel. Steve Woodrow explained that the environmental controls and monitoring for this project are equally as stringent as those on the Port River Expressway project, as stipulated by the EPA. Steve Woodrow suggested that the Project Director of the Infrastructure Division (DTEI), Lino Di Lernia, present to the CLG regarding the work at Outer Harbor at a future meeting.

Iain Steenson – suggested Mike Bossley as a possible guest speaker for a future meeting, to speak to the CLG about the Port River dolphins with respect to PRExy construction.

5.7

Other Business:

Next Meeting Thursday 16 February, venue to be announced, 5.30pm. The meeting will incorporate a walk through the western side of the project site.

5.9

Meeting closed 7.30pm.