



Port River Expressway Road and Rail Bridges
Community Liaison Group
Record of meeting – Thursday 16 February 2006

Site Tour – from Birkenhead Tavern
Tour commenced at 5.30 pm

Maree Wauchope welcomed CLG Members to the tour of the western side of the Port River, which would provide an overview of the works in the Port River and the connections on the western side. Specifically, this included the treatment for the Cruickshanks Corner intersection, staging for the road and rail bridge approaches and the closure of Elder Road.

Staging of Construction

David Toms said that there are three main elements to the staging of construction for Stages 2 & 3: road, rail and marine.

Marine

- Foundation piling for the bascule pit is complete on the eastern side. The piles will now be drilled out, filled with concrete and cut off below the water level.
- The steel cofferdam is under construction requiring steel sheets to be driven into the riverbed, with the water then pumped out to allow the bridge crew to work on the bridge.
- There will be an element of piling commencing in April on the eastern side of the pits that will require moving and re-establishing the channel markers.

Road

- Commencing on 20 February, vegetation removal will be undertaken for non-significant and non-indigenous trees at sites 12 and 13 on the Land Usage map that was handed out at the beginning of the tour. The road will ramp from the bridge and then curve to remove the Port Adelaide Landscape Supplies business and a corner of Adelaide Brighton Cement land.
- Within four weeks vegetation clearing of the reserve will be complete.
- One consideration is the settlement of materials on the western embankment, which is being monitored. The eastern embankment has settlement monitoring currently in place to aid design development.
- Abigroup will redevelop the intersection at Cruickshank's Corner, which will be realigned. As part of these works, Swigg, Martin and Walker Streets will become cul-de-sacs, with complimentary landscaping along Victoria Road.
- The widening of Elder Road at Wills Street has been completed to assist with the turning circles for B-Double trucks as precursory work leading up to the eventual closure of Elder Road at Martin Street.
- Once Elder Road is closed only local traffic and visitors will want access on the Birkenhead Hotel side of Semaphore Road. North of the Expressway, Elder Road at sites 5 and 5a on the Land Usage map will be transferred to Adelaide Brighton Cement and LMC respectively.
- The intersection of Wills Street and Victoria Road is the next project to be undertaken. The design layout is still under development. These works will require the removal of 6 Norfolk Island Pines.



Rail

- By 1 March 2006, Abigroup will gain control of the section between points 13 and 14 on the Land Usage Map. This will then allow construction of the rail re-alignment from the bridge staging site to point 4 on the Project Overview map.
- Once the rail is redirected, existing rail from Elder Road, to Cruickshanks Corner, over Nelson Street to Semaphore Road will be removed.

Land Use

David Bartlett and Steve Woodrow outlined the current and future land use for the western bank as per the Land Use map.

- Site 11 is owned by LMC with the exception of the Birkenhead Hotel and 2 residences.
- Site 13 will be transferred to LMC and will incorporate 5a. This will include a service access road and could possibly become public use land.
- Site 14 is currently leased to Adelaide Brighton Cement by LMC. The site is being used as a stockpile.
- Site 5 will become a closed road and is to be transferred to Adelaide Brighton Cement. Site 5 incorporates a shared pedestrian/cycle path that runs under the bridge and connects into the intersection at Victoria Road and Nelson Street.
- Site 12 is owned by Adelaide Brighton Cement

Landscaping

David Bartlett referred to the Land Usage map that represents a conceptual landscape design incorporating trees, screening plants, grasses and the detention basin.

David Bartlett outlined that part of an agreement with the EPA is that water from the western project site is not to be discharged directly into the Port River. A detention basin will be incorporated into a wetlands area that captures stormwater and incorporates bioremediation.

David Toms said that Abigroup is in discussion with Adelaide Brighton Cement to incorporate the PRExy detention basin with the Adelaide Brighton Cement detention basin to create a second wetland.



CLG Meeting - Port Adelaide Sailing Club

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

6.1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees:

Maree Wauchope – DTEI

Iain Steenson - Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection Group

Tony Kearney - Port Adelaide Resident

David Hemmings - Port Adelaide Bicycle Users Group

Cath Duncan – Port Adelaide Enfield Chamber of Commerce

Ian Kuhl – SA Tall Ships Inc (Falie and One and All)

Amie Horner - DTEI

Steve Woodrow – DTEI

David Bartlett - DTEI

Peter Gold – DTEI

David Toms – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd

Bernie Auricht – Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd

Apologies:

Fij Miller (Chair) - Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI)

Lyn Hay - Todd Street Business Chambers

Allan Rice - Port Adelaide Sailing Club

Kristine Peters - Todd Street Business Chambers

John Fitzpatrick

6.2 Minutes of previous meeting – Maree Wauchope.

- 6.2.1 The group passed the record of the previous meeting held on 15 December 2005 as true and correct.

6.3 Business Arising

Update of actions:

- 6.3.1 DTEI to report to the group re: air quality/carbon emissions on western side of project site.

David Bartlett tabled a report on 'Air Quality/Carbon Emissions Information'. David Bartlett outlined that projected comparisons of air quality at 'year 2020 without the expressway' and 'year 2020 with the expressway' show that whilst particulate emissions increase from 0.2 to 0.3 with the project at Semaphore Road (see Table 8.1), carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide decrease by 9.4 and 0.1 respectively.

David Bartlett will arrange for a copy of the Environmental Report to be provided to the CLG.

David Hemmings enquired why particulate emissions would increase if nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide emissions were to decrease? DTEI to respond via email.

- 6.3.2 Abigroup and DTEI to report to Councillor John Croci at a later stage re: traffic management issues associated with opening of Bedford



Street and the new Eastern Bypass. CLG directed that this would be an ongoing agenda item.

6.3.3 Copy of community complaint regarding the speed limit and the build-up of traffic on St Vincent Street was received by DTEI.

6.3.4 6.3.4 A Council representative and DTEI representatives met with Mr Hiscock in relation to St Vincent St traffic management issues.

6.4 Contractor's Update – David Toms

6.4.1 Design update

Abigroup is currently working through a complex design process. 85% design completion will remain in place for the next month.

6.4.2 Construction update

- Work continues on the piling at the eastern bank of the project site; and will continue for a further 6 months.
- Landscaping consultants are now in consultation with Abigroup and DTEI.
- Work has started at Elder and Wills Streets and within the next month green zone work and clearing will proceed.
- The embankment for the expressway is in place.
- Construction of the Eastern Bypass will be complete in one month.
- Rail removal has begun as part of the Grand Trunkway Extension.
- Local company Samaras has won the contract to supply steel to Abigroup.
- Abigroup continues to seek local sub-contractors and suppliers where possible.
- Approximately \$25 million has been injected into local industry, with only 50% of works completed.

6.4.3 Dolphins

A research grant has been awarded to a PhD student to monitor the dolphins with respect to the PRExy construction. Hydrophonic testing is being undertaken to monitor:

- noise levels during piling
- background noise levels
- comparative noise levels when the bubble curtain is on and off.

The dolphins are curious. Most mornings dolphins enter the piling site and then move to Outer Harbor when piling commences.

6.5 Community Involvement Update

6.5.1 Website Update

Amie Horner reported that the website is now live and that there will be a permanent hot link on the DTEI home page.



6.5.2 Distribution of information

A mail-out to the distribution zone as per the PRExy contract occurred between 6-8 February. The mail-out comprised the December Community Update, a notice to resident regarding 'Local road works at the intersection of Victoria Road and Wills Street', and the Port River Expressway project brochure. To date, response has been slow with 6 enquiries regarding the works and removal of trees and 2 complaints regarding the removal of trees. These complaints and enquiries have been documented, finalised and forwarded to DTEI for their records.

6.6 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.

6.6.1 Promotional opportunities:

Ian Kuhl – the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron 'Commercial Boat Show' will be held soon. The PRExy display may be used at this event. The contact for this event is David Harries. In May a Museums Day will be held at the Port. John Ford is the contact for this event, with DTEI to contact if the displays are free to be used.

David Hemmings – an 'Adelaide Fringe' event will be held on March 5 on Queens Wharf (this is also a market day). The PRExy display could be used there.

Tony Kearney – another tall ship will be docking at Port Adelaide for a week, this could be a promotional opportunity.

Maree Wauchope – representation in the next edition of the Port Adelaide Enfield Council magazine, "Pen to Paper".

Tony Kearney – requested a diagram representing a cross section of the bridge, especially below the water level, to assist CLG members in conveying information about construction. DTEI to forward this information onto Tony.

6.7 Other Business:

6.7.1 Project Signage – Maree Wauchope and Amie Horner are currently working with graphic designers to produce the signs. It is proposed that 5 signs will be produced for various locations around Port Adelaide and the project boundary.

Media Release – Maree Wauchope said that DTEI will be distributing a media release that will convey the progress of Stages 2 & 3 of the Port River Expressway project, the LeFevre Peninsula Transport Corridor Project and the progress of developments at Outer Harbor.



Hawk Eye – Maree Wauchope said that Hawk Eye Aerial Photographers recently took aerial photographs of developments at Outer Harbor for possible use with the above media release.

Guest Speaker – The meeting discussed options for the next guest speaker including: a representative from DTEI's Infrastructure Division to outline activities at Outer Harbor; a Newport Quays representative; presentation from Mike Bossley; Abigroup dolphin researcher, Melissa Pitts; Steve Woodrow to deliver a presentation on the LeFevre Peninsula Transport Corridor project; or Flinders Ports representative, John Woods. The CLG requested that John Woods, Flinders Ports be approached to present at the next meeting, with the Aviation Museum as the next possible meeting place.

Next Meeting Thursday 30 March, venue to be announced, 5.30pm.

6.8 Meeting closed 7.25pm.