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| **Date** | Tuesday 29 October 2019 | **Meeting No** | 15 |
| **Chair** | Jeni Coutts | **Time** | 7.30am – 9.00am |
| **Location** | Gallery Four, The Olsen | **Minutes** | Alana Clarke |

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| **Members** |  |
| *Present*   * Jeni Coutts [**Chair**] * Malcolm Ninnis, local resident * Jonathan Forbes, local resident * Jane Hanna, City of Stonnington * Nic Thomas, local resident * Tennessee Leeuwenburg, local resident * Ruth Speedy, Toorak Road South Yarra Business Association * Tom Howgate, local resident | *Apologies*   * Kathy Dalton, local resident * James Robinson, local resident * Paul Bellette, Café Republic * Christopher Blain, South Yarra Village Residents Group * Gillian Fraser, local resident * Graham Hoy, South Yarra Residents Association * Joy Manners, local resident |
| **In attendance** |  |
| *Present*   * Steve Denton, CYP * Remy Fowler, CYP * Jordan Turner CYP * Camila Eviston, CYP * Dean Valentic, RIA * Tom Betts, RIA * Andrew Roberts, RIA | * Ian Slater, RIA * Matilda Tonkin, RPV * Dusk Johnston, RPV * Sharon Campbell, RPV * Tim Fullerton, RPV * Trent Bridgement, RPV * Alana Clarke [**Secretariat**] |

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| 1. | Welcome and introduction |
|  | Welcome from Jeni Coutts (Chair).  Matters arising:   * The Community Reference Group (CRG) discussed the Outstanding Actions and Issues Register. |
| 2. | Presentation from project contractors |
|  | Presentation by Steve Denton (CYP) and Dean Valentic (RIA) on current and upcoming works.  Presentation by Tom Betts (RIA) on community engagement, traffic and transport.  Presentation by Camila Eviston (CYP) and Tom Betts (RIA) on environmental management.  Presentation by Trent Bridgement (RPV) on project scoping and community consultation on design elements  Matters arising:   * Nic Thomas asked whether the William Street bridge parts would be delivered overnight. RIA confirmed it intends to deliver most parts overnight to avoid disrupting Toorak Road traffic during the day. * The CRG discussed the design of the William Street bridge. RIA confirmed the artists’ impression of the bridge design will be made available on the Metro Tunnel website. RIA confirmed the bridge will have a number of traffic calming measures. RIA confirmed the bridge will be used by local construction traffic from December 2019. * Ruth Speedy raised Lovers Walk reinstatement. RIA confirmed Lovers Walk will be reinstated and confirmed this will include new areas for greenery and planting. RIA confirmed that some trees cannot be replanted due to proximity to the rail corridor but clarified it is investigating lower-lying plant options to increase soft and green areas. RIA confirmed the reinstatement will include upgraded lighting and CCTV. * Tom Howgate raised substation locations. RPV confirmed power requirements in the precinct, including locations and other design elements are still being determined and confirmed it will continue to consult with key stakeholders in the future. * Ruth Speedy asked whether trucks would operate on Toorak Road during the spring racing carnival which starts on the weekend. RIA confirmed night time truck movements on Toorak Road will take place however these will not be significant during November 2019. RIA confirmed there is a scheduled break in works over the Melbourne Cup weekend. * The Chair raised dust suppression measures for hot and windy days. CYP confirmed it is actively planning to implement additional dust suppression on hot and windy days and confirmed it has reiterated the importance of dust suppression to those on site. * Malcolm Ninnis raised dewatering. RIA confirmed the dewatering process is likely to conclude in coming months as it reaches target levels. RIA confirmed it has encountered better ground conditions than anticipated. * The CRG discussed community consultation on the William Street and Osborne Street bridge designs.   + Nic Thomas asked who was consulted in the early stages of bridge design. RPV confirmed it undertook an extensive consultation process as part of the Environmental Effects Statement process, including with the South Yarra Traders Association, Chapel Street Traders Association, and the City of Stonnington. Local community members were encouraged during this process to provide their feedback. The City of Stonnington were invited to give feedback on behalf of the community from a high level about project design decisions. Jonathan Forbes commented he does not believe the City of Stonnington effectively represents the views of directly impacted residents and called for directly impacted residents to be consulted with separately. RPV confirmed the project team continues to rely on the City of Stonnington as a representative of local residents and encouraged Jonathan to raise his concerns about representation with the council.   + The CRG discussed the rationale for reinstating the Osborne Street bridge, including whether the need to provide vehicle access to the South Yarra Siding Reserve remained. RPV confirmed the project will be installing the bridge as it provides an important alternate pedestrian and cycling access point to the Siding Reserve.   + Tennessee Leeuwenburg raised online community submissions to the RIA development plan and raised that he did not receive a response to his submission, despite a project undertaking to respond to all detailed submissions. RIA acknowledged Tennessee’s feedback and apologised for the oversight. RIA committed to investigate what had occurred.   + Jonathan Forbes asked what project decisions have changed based on community feedback. RPV confirmed a number of project decisions have changed based on community feedback. Specific to the Eastern Portal precinct, RPV confirmed it did not initially intend to reinstate Lovers Walk. This was changed based on strong community desire to reinstate, including widening the path.   + The CRG members stated they felt more information was required about the decision-making process for the bridge designs as what was provided was unsatisfactory.   + Jonathan Forbes asked what weighting is given to community and stakeholder feedback such as whether to reinstate a bridge. RIA confirmed it takes feedback from all stakeholders into account, from someone who has filled out a survey at a pop-up, to directly affected residents, to councils and other government bodies. There is no explicit guide to weighting this feedback, and the weighting is different for every decision. RIA confirmed the project received a significant amount of feedback on both bridge designs and confirmed it is taking every opportunity to incorporate that feedback, especially in the urban design elements. RIA confirmed all individual feedback received as part of the development plan process were provided to the Minister for Planning for consideration during approval of the Development Plan. |
| 3. | General feedback and items for future discussion |
|  | Matters arising: Nil. |
| 4. | Meeting close |
|  | Matters arising:   * Next meeting of the South Yarra CRG is Tuesday 10 December 2019 at The Olsen. |

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AND ISSUES REGISTER**

*No new actions arising.*