NORTH EAST LINK PROJECT UPDATE

Banyule City Council

June 2018
Agenda

1. Feedback from April community sessions
2. Long tunnel alignment
3. Watsonia Vision & North East Link
4. Social procurement
5. Relationship with Australian Government
Feedback from April community drop-in information displays

North East Link Authority hosted 8 community drop-in information displays from April-May 2018 to present an update on project design work so far.

Dates
Watsonia 21/04
Rosanna 22/04
Greensborough 28/04

Top feedback themes stats include all eight community drop-in information displays

- Traffic and transport: 16%
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- Walking and cycling: 29%
- Public transport: 18%
- Noise: 9%
- Landscape and visual: 7%
- Social and community: 7%
- Air quality: 7%
- Other: 46%

Watsonia: 700
Rosanna: 500
Greensborough: 300
Community feedback themes

- Interest in changes to connectivity and catering for local movements
- Ensuring North East Link addresses current and potential rat-running on roads including Delta Road/Elder Street, Coleen Street and Beverley Road
- Increased traffic on feeder roads on and off North East Link, particularly Grimshaw Street and Lower Plenty Road
Community feedback themes

Improving Watsonia Station was a recurring theme:

• Upgrading car parking
• Improving station design and accessibility
  • Maintaining bus connectivity
  • Managing construction impacts/disruptions and keeping local roads open
Community feedback themes

• Landscape and visual concerns for interchange at Lower Plenty Road, with strong interest in keeping as many trees as possible and introducing new plantings

• Although noise was not a major feedback theme in Banyule, residents along Greensborough Road and near M80 Ring Road/Greensborough Bypass raised concerns

• Air quality and ecology, including locations of ventilation structures and impacts on Simpson Barracks and local waterways
Community Hub in Watsonia

- Investigations well underway to establish a permanent presence in Watsonia
- Provide office space for project staff to work close to the corridor
- Offer direct and local access for the community to discuss North East Link
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Southbound Ramp does not have sufficient clearance from top tunnel to rail
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Surface Level
Current NELP Vertical Alignment
Tunnel Alignment
Solution – Tunnel with adjusted alignment

• To provide for southbound entry ramp, tunnel alignment moved to the west. This provides the additional clearance to the Hurstbridge Rail Line.

• Requires additional land acquisition to the south including schools and homes

• Approximately 1.5 years additional construction time
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Watsonia Station precinct redevelopment

- Banyule City Council to offer guidance on precinct structure plan and opportunities
- Design approach intends to be consistent with the content of the revised “Picture Watsonia” document
- Capability to provide data and assistance with the precinct redevelopment
- Next steps to be worked through with council to produce masterplan
Social procurement policy

- Exploring opportunities for a social procurement policy that builds on existing state government initiatives, such as ‘Local Jobs First – Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP)’ and the ‘Major Skill Skills Guarantee’
- Engaging with north-east communities during development of the policy to better understand desired outcomes
- Working with local businesses to streamline processes to aid in submitting procurement bids on goods and services
Social procurement opportunities

**Taking a best practice approach:**

- Promote employment and business growth by expanding market opportunities for local industry
- Create job opportunities and promote a strong and sustained vocational training culture through the employment of apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets within the Victorian building and construction industry
- Create job opportunities for under-represented groups and provide greater support for businesses that prioritise social impact alongside the delivery of competitively priced, high-quality, construction projects, goods and services
Relationship with Australian Government

- $1.75B in the 2018/2019 federal budget demonstrates commitment to the project
- Access to land in Simpson Barracks has been confirmed
- Organising the land transfer agreement over next couple of years
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