

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Franklin Road Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date and time 27 September 2016, 5.30pm

Venue Level 17, Auckland Transport, HSBC House

Attendees	Ashwin Kumar	AT: Project Manager
	Eric Van Essen	AT: Road Development Manager
	Julie Boucher	AT: Consultation and Engagement
	Philippa Stokes	AT: CLG Secretariat
	Pieter de Klerk	Watercare Services
	Raj Pushpagadan	Brian Perry Civil: Project Manager
	Matt Findlay	Brian Perry Civil
	Pippa Coom	Dep. Chair Waitemata Local Board
	Bruce Copeland	Bike Auckland
	Kit McLean	AT: Walking and Cycling
	Trevor Lund	Freemans Bay Residents' Association
	Ross Thorby	Franklin Road Resident
Peter Martin	AT: Street lighting	

Apologies	Kevin Connolly	Brian Perry Civil
	Sue Connolly	Brian Perry Civil
	Ross Malcolm	Vector
	Gary McLean	MWH: Project Design Manager
	Andy Bennet	Collingwood Street Resident
	Andrew Landy	Watercare Services Ltd
	Janet Wilson	Franklin Road Resident
	Craig Moller	Franklin Road School

Introductions

No discussion

Contractor Update

BP is door knocking at the moment to introduce themselves, provide project information and seek approvals for works on properties where required. Through this engagement it is apparent that many residents are not reading project information provided via mailbox drop. Watercare congratulated Brian Perry Civil and their Stakeholder Manager for their persistence in liaising with the residents.

Ross Thorby and Trevor Lund offered to help contact some of the residents who have been uncontactable so far. They understand how important it is that residents have information

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about construction activities and that the appropriate approvals are sought for entry onto the affected resident's properties

AT Design Update

Ponsonby Road and Victoria Street Intersections

Revised plans presented showing the extended kerbside cycle lanes through to the intersections providing additional safety for cyclists. Traffic signal phasing is currently being worked on.

Extent of outdoor dining at The Birdcage is still a concern as a shared cycle/pedestrian path is proposed for that section of footpath. AT to find out when the Birdcage Street Trading permit expires as there may be an opportunity for restrictions when the permit is renewed.

New bus stop

Bus routes are changing mid-2017. The two existing bus stops at the top of Franklin Road will be removed and one new bus stop will be located outside Nos 97 and 99 Franklin Road. The bus will stop in the traffic lane and cyclists will give way to people as they cross the cycle lane to board and depart the bus.

Redesign of driveways

Property owners have been contacted requesting information of any redevelopment they are planning within the next two years so any new driveways or relocations can be included in the Stage 2 works.

To discourage owners trying to avoid placement of a new lighting pole directly outside their properties, they will be asked to provide plans/proof of future works for consideration.

Relocation of carparks

Contact will be made with those properties directly affected by the new bus stop, and parking reconfiguration next week. Project information will also be distributed to the wider community.

A go live date for the parking scheme will be finalised within the next four weeks. Signage associated with the parking scheme is being installed at present across the Freemans Bay Parking Scheme area.

New World Entrance

The current exit from the lower car park will change from two lanes to one lane. This will be much safer for cyclist and pedestrians.

The angle of the current vehicle crossing entrance, to the lower car park, will be modified to slow traffic when entering. Again this will be much safer for cyclist and pedestrians.

A 'Keep Clear' box on Franklin Road outside the car park exit is proposed, providing easier and safer access for New World customers turning right into or out of the car park and also improve visibility for cyclists.

Parking Bay & Landscape Design

Asphaltic Concrete (AC) is the preferred material for the proposed parking bays, due to its flexibility, ease of maintenance and the need for a thinner paving depth over the existing tree roots.

Mulch is the preferred tree pit material rather than hoggin (crushed limestone), as recommended by the Auckland Council arborist. Auckland Council has committed to maintain the mulch on a regular basis.

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Project timing

The scheme design is to be finalised next week.

Target date for lodgement of resource consent applications for AT Stage 2 works is mid-November, with start of construction targeted to commence mid-April 2017.

In order to have construction works over the shortest period possible and avoid the delays faced around Christmas/New Year, AT is considering going out to tender for the construction contract in mid-November based on the preliminary design to get the successful contractor on board this year. This will enable the contractor to complete pre works activities in parallel with the resource consent process.

Discussion

Cyclist judder bars

Cyclist judder bars (rubber cushions) prior to the roundabout (as suggested at the last meeting) were investigated and found to be great on flat surfaces, however unsafe on slopes. If cyclists were to be using their front brakes when they 'hit' them, there is potential to lock the front wheel and flip the bike. Cobblestone paving could be used as an alternative as a change in texture to slow cyclists down on their approach to the roundabout.

Vehicle stacking on flush median near Wood St

Concerns were raised about the distance of the proposed pedestrian refuge to Wood St and how much room was left in the median for stacking of vehicles wanting to turn right. The opportunity to move the pedestrian refuge down the road slightly will be considered.

Pedestrian crossing

Concerns were also raised about the position of the proposed pedestrian crossing located between Nos 80 and 82 Franklin Road due to its proximity to a very large tree, which might limit sight lines for pedestrians crossing at this location. The location will be reviewed again by the designer.

Street lighting

Draft lighting plan design will be available from Opus within the next two weeks, and will be circulated to CLG members along with the final scheme design drawings from MWH.

Actions

What	Who	When
Sue to provide list of residents yet to be contacted to be emailed to Ross and Trevor	Sue/Philippa	Friday
Email minutes of meeting to CLG members and other attendees	Philippa	Friday
Check with Auckland Council to find out when the Street Trading permit expires at The Birdcage	Ashwin	28 Oct
Draft lighting plan and final scheme design drawings to be sent to CLG Members, once received from Opus and MWH	Ashwin/Philippa	14 Oct

Meeting closed 7.10 pm.