

29 November 2023
12.30pm-3pm
Project Office – 98 Great
Western Highway, Medlow Bath

Minutes

Medlow Bath Community Advisory Group

Chair Alistair Lunn (AL) Director West, Regional Outer Metropolitan

Attendees **Community Advisory Group members:**

Belinda Shipton
Debra Brown
Deborah Howell
Helena Pochwyt
Ian Hehir
Jenny Storaker
Narelle Morrissey
Simon Smith

Transport for NSW:

Kate Walsh
Tomi Vasilevski
Andrew Fam
Omar Ghattas
Van Bardzhamian
Sarif Ridoy
Elisabeth Sacco
Leigh Trevitt
Kevin Jenkins
Thomas Worley

Abergeldie:

Carla Brookes
Devek Naidu
Leona Webster
Kelie Pittaway
Shane Hutchison

Arengo:

Steven Williams

Apologies Rad Miletich

**Conflict of Interest
Declarations** NO

**Endorsement of
minutes
from previous
meeting** N/A

Items

Item 1:
Landscape update

- Leigh outlined details of the landscaping plan for the upgrade on a map displayed
- Plant palette discussion – refer to presentation
 - Total plant quantity 55,886 (inclusive of trees, shrubs, ground cover plants and grasses)
 - Description of the new pedestrian bridge – lifts, stairs, ramps and accessibility overview
 - Plant palette – refer to presentation – another team are planting
 - Q: are you going to restore the quiet?
A: As the landscape grows there will be an element of noise buffering that takes place. Many trees will be planted at more mature stage of growth
 - Q: Will there be a consideration for providing plants to homeowners in Railway Parade and nearby streets, considering what was taken?
A: From a landscape design view, replanting in Railway Pde has been considered. We have no requests from landowners to provide additional plants for them within their properties and there are no plans to provide plants to homeowners to plant in their yards.
 - Q: Will there be noise mitigation barriers whilst the trees grow?
A: There are no plans to build noise walls along the highway. Transport for NSW has a policy of no noise walls in the Mountains. There will be some mitigation provided by the structural walls that are currently being built.

Item 2:
Retaining Walls –

- Retaining wall 1 – Station platform – majority built below ground – not high impact – colour ecotone (refer to presentation)
- Q: Blank wall, will you see over it?
A: Yes, and it will also have greenery planted
- Q: what will I see at eye level?
A: Highway is lower, you will not see the highway from the station platform, and you won't see the retaining wall from the road
- Retaining wall 2 – Soil nail wall, westbound lane, east of Bellevue Crescent
- Q: Will there be issues of noise bouncing off retaining walls?
A: From top of retaining wall to the highway level will have trees to block noise 2 metres – 8 metres high, mix of trees.
- Q: Grey pattern wall on Railway Parade
A: Wall is within the railway corridor won't see majority of wall - landscaping is happening

Item 3:
**Abergeldie –
Roadworks –**

- Q: Will there be any power outages?
A: electrical outages still waiting on confirmation
- Description provided of pavement works and traffic switch preparation:

- Upcoming work will include geotechnical testing and earthworks and, putting down road base which includes a seal with land mix concrete pavement layer, then everything has to cure so asphalt can be laid down on top. Drainage work will continue as will footpath repairs and realigning barriers. Refer to the Abergeldie forward program in the presentation slides for more information.
- Paving works are predominately day works, only traffic switches require night works as they need lane closures for lane marking and traffic lights signage installation
- Q: CAG members reported receiving feedback from local residents that there they have experienced bright lights shone into their home homes during night works from the day makers causing discomfort as they are being positioned into homes. Can this be investigated and can day makers be positioned to avoid shining into properties?

A: Abergeldie has not received complaints about lighting to date, however, they encouraged residents to let Abergeldie know if the lights are an issue

- Q - sediment run off from heavy rainfall
Assessment is being conducted - looking at additional controls at the end for when site is too muddy for a temporary measure. Further discussions with Enviro teams on both the TfNSW side and Abergeldie side are ongoing
- Night work - Gauging Community concurrence to four weeks on two weeks off in lieu of one week on one week off and how that will improve duration – The benefits are more concentrated works and reduction in preparatory works that would lead to an estimated 25% reduction in nightshifts and a two-month saving on program duration for utilities works.

Clarified that no more than two nights in a row, no more than three nights per week rule would still apply.

In order to change night work allowances Abergeldie would require sustained and overwhelming community support as it is consider a change to the REF.

Community members expressed concerns about impacts. Advised that Abergeldie should start by consulting with with the most sensitive members of the community.

- Q: When will the remaining work outside the café be completed?
A: Transport agreed to investigate.
Updated since meeting to reflect recent meeting with the owner of the builder and café owner, Simon on 11 Dec: The area will be levelled out along the kerb and gutter and turf will be laid along the kerb line to the driveway, from the bollards back to the edge of the property boundary there will be loose granite mix. The team hope to have this

completed before 22 Dec.
Update 21 December: Work completed.

Item 4:
**Arenco–Station
Upgrade and
pedestrian bridge**

- Pedestrian Bridge – built by Arenco
 - Refer to presentation for plan
 - Building a lift - upcoming closure of station to get lift scaffold built - no nightworks, crane will be used 9-10 December this will be happening.
 - First support pier will go up before Christmas.
 - Rail shutdowns 8/9 Dec, March and May 2024 will further discuss possible nightworks when it is closer.
 - Lighting - decommission current light and replace with lower light less invasive.
 - Q: parking issue around Potbelly Café
A: car park will be able to be used this time - amount of work is a lot less - workers will be briefed to park away.
 - Toolbox at 7am, morning train at 7:30am makes parking for the railway station difficult.
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Item 5:
Other

- Reach out if you are receiving any push back or disappointing responses, do not hesitate to contact TfNSW
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Item 6:
Actions

- Presentation to be shared
 - Specific planting numbers / planting plans - provide visuals of what retaining walls will look like with landscaping
Actioned, presented at end of the meeting by Leigh
 - Investigate water runoff mitigation measures in place
In progress, Abergeldie investigating
 - Debra Brown requested Carlene Martin attend the February meeting in her place as she is away
Approved by Alistair Lunn.
 - Investigate relocating the Arenco toolbox meeting at 7am be relocated to ensure no commuter parking is taken up by workers?
Arenco are investigating
 - Provide cross section of the retaining walls
Actioned - see addendum to the minutes
 - Abergeldie to investigate placement of day makers to ensure they are not shining into people's homes during night work.
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Next meeting

2024 Meeting dates

- Meeting #2 Wednesday 28 Feb 2024 12:30pm-2pm
 - Meeting#3 Wednesday 29 May 2024 12:30pm- 2pm
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Addendum 1: Cross section, saw nail wall and railway corridor wall

