



**Northern Central City Corridor Study  
Community Reference Group  
Discussion Notes  
Meeting 2, 9 May 2001**



<b>PRESENT:</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERS</b>		
Rodger	Eade	Chair, Community Reference Group
Chris	Goodman	3068 Neighbourhood Group
Simon	Beal	City of Yarra
Peter	Graf	City of Yarra
Geoff	Barbour	Fitzroy Residents Association
Ray	Nichols	Carlton Residents Association
Christopher	Pound	Clifton Hill Traffic Management
Graeme	Burgess	Transport Workers Union
Ben	Smith	Environment Victoria
Robyn	Williams	Councillor, City of Yarra
Paul	Jarman	Department of Infrastructure
Joe	Corbett	Dept. Education, Employment and Training
William	Taylor	Department of Infrastructure
Peter	Daly	RACV
Kaye	Oddie	North and West Melbourne Association
Laurie	Cuttiford	RMIT
Paul	Davies	Rathdowne Village Business Association
Colin	Smith	Royal Park Protection Group
Richard	Smithers	Bicycle Victoria
Brian	Evans	Parkville Association
Kevin	Chamberlin	Councillor, City of Melbourne
Warwick	Pattinson	City of Melbourne
Fiona	de Preu	University of Melbourne
Peter	Mallat	North and West Melbourne Association
Brian	Negus	Vicroads
<b>STUDY TEAM</b>		
Bob	Evans	Study Director
William	McDougall	Study Manager
Stephen	Smith	Strategic Planner
<b>OBSERVING</b>		
Bruce	Turner	Fulcrum International
<b>APOLOGIES</b>		
Stephen	O'Callaghan	Bus Association Victoria
Steve	Watson	Councillor, City of Yarra
Anne	Lyon	Department of Human Services

No	Item	Discussion
1	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	The Chair of the Community Reference Group, Rodger Eade, welcomed participants to the meeting.
2	<b>Notes of previous Meeting &amp; related issues</b>	<p><b>2.1 Previous meeting notes</b> After reviewing the previous CRG meeting/workshop discussion notes the CRG noted that its contents were an adequate representation of proceedings.</p> <p><b>2.2 PTUA issue</b> Rodger asked the CRG if there were any issues from the previous meeting that may need to be raised. Geoff Barbour requested that a motion requesting the Minister to reconsider inviting the PTUA onto the CRG be considered by members. At the request of the Chair, a general discussion was held on the PTUA issue with members given the opportunity to raise any concerns over the matter. Concerns included the need to maximise the level of expertise on the CRG, the PTUA issue undermines the democratic process of the study and fails to represent open and transparent consultation. Rodger read aloud the Minister's recent letter to CRG members explaining his decision on the PTUA issue before the motion was formalised.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> <i>That the Community Reference Group (CRG) for the Northern Central City Corridor Study is concerned that the consultation process in which it is involved must be seen to be genuine. The CRG believes that all legitimate viewpoints must be canvassed regarding the transport problems of the study area within the CRG study proceedings. The CRG notes that the main advocacy body for public transport users is not currently represented and therefore calls on the Minister for Transport to reconsider inviting a representative from the PTUA to participate in the Community Reference Group.</i></p> <p>Moved: Geoff Barbour Seconded: Colin Smith For: 14 Against: 0 Abstained: 5</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The study team to raise the CRG/PTUA resolution with the Minister for Transport.</p>
3	<b>Progress to date</b>	<p><b>3.1 Community Update No. 1 &amp; Study Website</b> Overheads of the Update and study website were presented to the CRG for discussion. The CRG were generally pleased with their overall presentation and requested that future changes/updates continue to be presented to the CRG for comment.</p> <p><b>3.2 Study specialists</b> Bob Evans informed the CRG that the study specialists would not be appointed until after the 23 May Community Forum, but would be present at the next CRG meeting scheduled for 13 June. The specialists will be asked to give a short presentation at this meeting and will be given the opportunity to answer any questions the CRG may wish to ask. Cr Chamberlin asked whether the study team would recommend the preferred specialists to the CRG? Bob Evans responded by saying no,</p>

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		<p>and that the recommendation would be referred to the Executive Director, Strategic Planning at the Department of Infrastructure. Bob reiterated that the CRG would be continually involved in helping format the way in which the specialists carried out the gathering of information for the study. Rodger reminded the CRG of their opportunity for involvement in this part of the process via the analysis of the opportunities and initiatives for assessment.</p> <p><b>3.3 May 23 Community Forum</b>            Forum facilitator, Bruce Turner from Fulcrum International, asked the CRG what they thought the most appropriate format would be for the community forum. Generally the CRG thought that the forum should allow the community ample opportunity to voice any issues/concerns after a relatively short study background presentation from the study team. It was acknowledged that focusing on broader objectives rather than options would be more appropriate at this stage of the public consultation process. Bruce suggested that the majority of time at the forum be devoted to open floor question time from the public, and this was generally agreed. The information extracted from the public at the forum would be collated and presented as community forum notes. A feedback sheet seeking any comments with the opportunity to join the study's mailing list would be available at the forum.</p>
4	<b>Key dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minister Council Group Meeting TBC</b></li> <li>• <b>23 May Community Forum</b></li> <li>• <b>13 June CRG Meeting 3 with study specialists</b></li> </ul>
5	<b>Options and opportunities</b>	<p>William McDougall explained that the study team had made available extracts from the tender specifications to the CRG. Any comments would be welcomed. The discussion paper on opportunities and initiatives for assessment was then openly discussed. William made the point that all options would need to be considered in order to give the study due credit. Several members requested that the assessment criteria acknowledge current overseas examples where a change towards less car-dependent cities has been a major success to both the amenity and vibrancy of the neighbourhood and the economic attractiveness of the metropolis. Cr Williams requested that road safety be considered as an integral part of the study.</p>
6	<b>Media related issues</b>	<p>The CRG discussed the way forward in terms of any media releases. It was considered appropriate that future CRG media releases highlight the positive aspects of the study in light of the overall communications strategy for the study. Peter Daly asked whether CRG members could access factual information regarding the study. This could be arranged with the DOI's Public Affairs Department via the study team.</p>
7	<b>Other</b>	<p>No other business was raised.</p>
8	<b>Close</b>	<p>The Chair thanked participants for attending the CRG meeting and closed the proceedings at approximately 8.30pm.</p>
9	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>13 June 2001</b>, 6pm light supper 6.30 start – 8.30pm            Richmond Town Hall, Bridge Road, Richmond. Meeting Rooms 1 &amp; 2.</p>