



**Northern Central City Corridor Study  
Community Reference Group  
Discussion Notes  
Meeting 5, 15 August 2001  
Melbourne Town Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERS</b>		
Rodger	Eade	Chair, Community Reference Group
Brian	Evans	Parkville Association
Robert	Abboud	VicRoads
Ian	Bird	Carlton Residents Association
Fiona	De Preu	University of Melbourne
Vincent	Hartigan	National Bus Company
William	Taylor	Department of Infrastructure
Paul	Mees	Royal Park Protection Group Inc.
Robyn	Williams	Councillor, City of Yarra
Peter	Graf	City of Yarra
Christopher	Pound	East Clifton Hill Traffic Management
Harry	Barber	Bicycle Victoria (in place of Richard Smithers)
Geoff	Barbour	Fitzroy Residents Association
Laurie	Cuttiford	RMIT
Peter	Malatt	North and West Melbourne Association
Sue	Chambers	Carlton Residents Association
Richard	Smithers	Bicycle Victoria
Chris	Goodman	3068 Group
Kevin	Chamberlin	Councillor, City of Melbourne
Ben	Smith	Environment Victoria
Peter	Mildenhall	Dept. Education, Employment and Training
Peter	Daly	RACV
<b>STUDY TEAM</b>		
Bob	Evans	Study Director
William	McDougall	Study Manager
Stephen	Smith	Study Planner
Bruce	Turner	Facilitator - Fulcrum International
<b>SPECIALISTS</b>		
Bridget	Cramphorn	Sinclair Knight Merz – Social
Fotios	Spiridonos	Sinclair Knight Merz - Transport
Sam	Brumale	Maunsell McIntyre – Environment
<b>OBSERVING</b>		
Warwick	Pattinson	City of Melbourne
David	Risstrom	Councillor, City of Melbourne
Catherine	Ng	Councillor, City of Melbourne
<b>APOLOGIES</b>		
Paul	Jarman	DOI
Ian	Bird	Carlton Residents Association
Stephen	O'Callaghan	Bus Association Victoria
Brian	Negus	VicRoads MNW
Steve	Watson	Councillor, City of Yarra
Anne	Lyon	Department of Human Services

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1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	The Chair of the Community Reference Group, Rodger Eade, welcomed CRG members, observers and study specialists, including for the first time councillors Catherine Ng and David Risstrom from the City of Melbourne and Dr Sue Chambers from the Carlton Residents Association.
2	<b>Previous meeting &amp; matters arising</b>	<p><b>2.1 Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>After reviewing the previous CRG meeting notes the CRG noted that its contents were an adequate representation of proceedings.</p> <p><b>2.2 Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Rodger informed the CRG that due to the timing of the release of the Issues and Trends report the next Community Forum (community information session and workshop) tentatively scheduled for 25 August has now been rescheduled to 15 September. Details to follow in this meeting.</p> <p>William McDougall informed the CRG that additional O-D data from 1998/1999 is now available and will be analysed to supplement the 1994-1997 data.</p> <p>William also reported that the questionnaire from Community Update 1 has been translated into several languages and made available to the Fitzroy Learning Centre and North Fitzroy Community Centre.</p>
3	<b>Presentation</b>	<p><b>3.1 Tram Plan</b></p> <p>Ray Kinnear, from the Office of the Director of Public Transport at the Department of Infrastructure, made a brief presentation on the progress of the Department's "Tram Plan" (part of the public transport component of the Metropolitan Strategy).</p> <p>Cr Chamberlin asked whether the Eastern Freeway initiative showing a future tram line along the Freeway was one of the "more likely extensions". Ray said that the plan was only preliminary at this stage, but it was an initiative mentioned in the Issues and Trends report and therefore relevant to the study.</p> <p>Fiona de Preu asked to what extent DOI will lead in the implementation of the plan, given that service providers have shorter time commitments than a 20-30 year long term plan. Ray said that a process will be set out to ensure commitment on all sides.</p> <p>The Bus Plan briefly mentioned in the presentation also raised interest, so Rodger requested that a consolidated presentation of the inter-related plans be presented to the CRG, with presentation material distributed to members for perusal before the actual presentation.</p> <p>Ray was happy to provide his contact details for the CRG to contact him to discuss the plan further. CRG member William Taylor from DOI is well-versed in the progress of the plan and can also be contacted.</p> <p>Contact details for Ray and William:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ray Kinnear – phone 9655 6550, email ray.kinnear@doi.vic.gov.au</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>William Taylor – phone 9655 6526, email <a href="mailto:william.taylor@doi.vic.gov.au">william.taylor@doi.vic.gov.au</a></li> </ul>
4	Progress to date	<p><b>4.1 Issues and Trends Report</b></p> <p>Rodger said that any comments on the report were most welcome either electronically or annotated. Comments would be required by Monday 20 August.</p> <p>William informed the CRG that the report had been discussed at the Technical Steering Committee (TSC) and a few changes were recommended, such as emphasising that the study area is in close proximity to the CBD, and that sustainability covers economic, social <b>and</b> environmental considerations and should be given greater prominence.</p> <p>Rodger favoured a summary of the key issues at the beginning of the executive summary.</p> <p>A suggested outline format for the report from Paul Mees was then discussed by the CRG. William explained that the Issues and Trends report was 90% complete when Paul's comments were received, but was open to suggestions and possible changes.</p> <p>Paul expressed the desire to include a summary history of transport planning in metropolitan Melbourne. Paul's format primarily gave an indication of what we may expect in future trends and that we first need to quantify mode shifts in order to get a successful outcome, and then we can sort out policy measures.</p> <p>Rodger commented that we may not have time to produce a detailed history of the expansion of the freeway/arterial road system in Melbourne, suggesting that a summary was the best way to go.</p> <p>Christopher Pound felt that the history of public transport and road planning since the 1950's has been a reaction to solve problems instead of focusing on forward thinking. Ben Smith said that the history is important to highlight where mistakes had been made, to make sure we don't make them again.</p> <p>William said that the Metropolitan Strategy would assist in detailing the history, but not at this stage.</p> <p>Rodger suggested that some mention of the history could be made up front in the report, with references to more detailed analysis for those wanting to review such findings.</p> <p>Sue Chambers suggested that more detailed reports on history could be made available on the web site, including the older reports which may be required to be scanned. Sue also said that a sustainable car parking policy was required, regarding this as one of the central issues for Melbourne.</p> <p>Richard Smithers said that the Issues and Trends report states that "cyclists are being well provided for", but this still needs to be qualified. The opportunity to develop a fine-grained bicycle network is not stated.</p> <p>Robert Abboud asked if the transport model was going to deal with peak hour and other time periods. Fotios from Sinclair Knight Merz said that the model will include off-peak and peak time periods.</p>



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		<p>Peter Daly said that the report doesn't reflect the need for improved road infrastructure in the area. Managing the arterial road infrastructure for public transport and freight movement is important. He also mentioned the possible increase in light commercial vehicle use in the future.</p> <p>Peter Mildenhall raised some population and demographic issues, particularly on patterns of school childrens' travel. The social stream team leader, Bridget Cramphorn from Sinclair Knight Merz was happy to arrange a time to meet with Peter to discuss further.</p> <p>Ben Smith said that since the CRG will be receiving some of the forecasting data in a couple of months it will be a good time to analyse the data and come up with some quantifiable options.</p> <p>Paul Mees suggested that an additional round of public consultation was required (adding another box to the diagram on page 45 of the draft report). William felt that it would be difficult to change the study process too much and felt that the existing process could accommodate this. After some detailed discussion it was agreed that a separate meeting would be held to discuss these issues. William said he would e-mail CRG members asap with the meeting details. Those interested were most welcome to attend. <i>NB a separate meeting was held on Friday 17 August at DOI – notes of the discussion will be circulated.</i></p>
5	<b>Community Consultation</b>	<p><b>5.1 Community Update No.2</b></p> <p>A draft of the next Community Update was distributed to the CRG for comment by Monday 20 August. The intent of the update is to inform the community of the release of the Issues and Trends report for public comment, to highlight some of its findings, and to advertise the Community Information Session and workshop at the Melbourne Museum on 15 September.</p> <p><b>5.2 Workshop facilitators</b></p> <p>Bruce Turner from Fulcrum International distributed a draft agenda for the workshop on 15 September for comment. The purpose of the workshop is to consult the community on what they think are the most important/least important issues in the Issues and trends report, as well as suggesting possible future options to address these issues. Bruce said that at least ten CRG members could act as facilitators for the workshop (one per table of ten people) and for those who would be interested to respond to a request from the study team which is to be made shortly. A training session for workshop facilitators would occur before the workshop.</p> <p>If demand was strong enough, an additional workshop could be held at a later date.</p>
6	<b>Reports back from CRG members</b>	<p>Peter Daly said that a few enquiries from RACV members had come through the office; they had been referred to the study team or the study website.</p> <p>Sue Chambers said that William McDougall, amongst others, was addressing the Carlton Residents Association meeting on 21 August.</p> <p>Ben Smith said that he had received a few phone calls from people concerned with over-development in the area, as well as being dissatisfied</p>



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		with the level of frequency of public transport services.
7	<b>Media Release</b>	It was agreed that a media release would be more appropriate closer to the Community Information Session and Workshop on 15 September. William said that a draft media release would be e-mailed to CRG members for comment before the release. Peter Daly was asked if he could investigate whether the 15 September event could be mentioned in RoyalAuto.
8	<b>Other business</b>	Nothing raised.
9	<b>Close</b>	Rodger Eade thanked participants for attending the CRG meeting and closed the proceedings at approximately 8.40pm.
9	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>12 September 2001</b> , 6pm light supper 6.30 start – 8.30pm. Richmond Town Hall. Please RSVP to Stephen Smith 9655 8770 or <a href="mailto:stephen.smith@doi.vic.gov.au">stephen.smith@doi.vic.gov.au</a> by 10 September 2001.