



**Northern Central City Corridor Study  
Community Reference Group  
Discussion Notes  
Meeting 6, 12 September 2001  
Richmond Town Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERS</b>		
Catherine	Ng	Councillor, City of Melbourne
Brian	Evans	Parkville Association
Robert	Abboud	VicRoads
Ian	Bird	Carlton Residents Association
Steve	Watson	Councillor, City of Yarra
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
Colin	Smith	Royal Park Protection group
Geoff	Barbour	Fitzroy Residents Association
Laurie	Cuttiford	RMIT
Peter	Malatt	North and West Melbourne Association
Sue	Chambers	Carlton Residents Association
Chris	Goodman	3068 Group
Peter	Mildenhall	Dept. Education, Employment and Training
Peter	Daly	RACV
<b>STUDY TEAM</b>		
William	McDougall	Study Manager
Stephen	Smith	Study Planner
Bruce	Turner	Facilitator - Fulcrum International
<b>OBSERVING</b>		
Warwick	Pattinson	City of Melbourne
Bridget	Cramphorn	Sinclair Knight Merz – Social
<b>APOLOGIES</b>		
Paul	Jarman	DOI
Rodger	Eade	Chair, Community Reference Group
Bob	Evans	Study Director
Stephen	O'Callaghan	Bus Association Victoria
Brian	Negus	VicRoads MNW
Harry	Barber	Bicycle Victoria
Fiona	De Preu	University of Melbourne
Christopher	Pound	East Clifton Hill Traffic Management
Anne	Lyon	Department of Human Services



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1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	In the absence of Rodger Eade, Bruce Turner from Fulcrum International undertook the role of chair and welcomed CRG members and observers.
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>William reported that an extra meeting had been held with Paul Mees after the last CRG meeting and general agreement had been reached on the study process – this has required some changes to the description (language), but not the essence, of the methodology for the next stages of the study.</p> <p>With regard to placing NCCCS information in the RACV's Royal Auto magazine Peter Daly reported that six weeks notice is usually required.</p>
3	<b>Progress to date</b>	<p><b>3.1 Overall progress</b></p> <p>William advised that the study timeline was slightly delayed, mainly due to a delay in releasing the Issues and Trends report. The timing of the remainder of the study will be reviewed in the coming weeks. In particular the possibility of postponing the release of the Initial Appraisal report until after the Christmas/New Year break was highlighted.</p> <p><b>3.2 Community Update No. 2 distribution</b></p> <p>William advised that the Update had been distributed to all residents and non-resident owners in the study area. Some members expressed their concern that some areas did not receive the update. William advised that this was a recurring problem and unfortunately not a great deal could be done about it other than reporting to the company which distributes the update who in turn follow up on complaints, and redistribution. William also mentioned the local and wider-ranging newspapers which advertised the Issues and Trends report and the Information Display and Community Workshop.</p> <p>Some members enquired about the degree of coverage for the event for the ethnic community. William advised that a range of ethnic newspapers had been used. Italian, Greek, Chinese and Vietnamese are the top four languages spoken in the area, and the top circulating papers for those languages in the study area are: Ta Nea, Il Globo, 21st Century Post and Tivi Tuan Post. Ads were posted in these papers on September 11 or 12.</p> <p><b>3.3 Issues and Trends report</b></p> <p>Brian Evans from the Parkville Association asked whether the report was available at the local libraries in the study area. It was reported back that copies of the report had been sent to the local libraries in the study area, RMIT and Melbourne University libraries, the two councils and other interested parties. William also advised he was providing study information to radio station 3RPH. Study specialist Bridget Cramphorn suggested that the NCCCS website could possibly have a feedback section similar to the main Department of Infrastructure website, as the</p>



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		<p>current mechanism to provide feedback via the study website (eg.on the Issues and Trends report) was proving to be cumbersome for some users. William McDougall advised that this would be looked into and improved if feasible. Warwick Pattinson from the City of Melbourne queried some statistical figures on Table 3.3 Future population and employment of the report. William advised that the %growth for the CBD and surrounds should read 144% and not 244% for population and 26% and not 126% for employment. This will be corrected in the online version of the document, and errata slips will be inserted in the remaining printed copies.</p> <p><b>3.4 Study process summary</b></p> <p>William advised that the study process summary (page 48 of Issues and Trends report) was currently being reviewed by the Technical Steering Committee in light of recent issues emerging from community consultation and the slight delay in releasing the Issues and Trends report. These changes will be discussed with the CRG. Several members wanted to know when and by what time comments on the Issues and Trends report could be received. William advised that comments could be forwarded to the study team at anytime, but preferably within September/October and referred to the study timetable for further guidance. It was suggested that the study team provide the CRG with a clearer set of timelines (including dates) applicable to receiving community comments on the study.</p>
4	<b>Community Consultation</b>	<p><b>4.1 Minister/Councillor Meeting</b></p> <p>William advised that a Minister/Councillor meeting had occurred on 11 September. Councillors who attended the meeting with the Minister for Transport were Cr Sue Corby (Mayor City of Yarra) and fellow councillors Robyn Williams and Steve Watson and City of Melbourne councillors Catherine Ng and Kevin Chamberlin. Cr Watson commented that the meetings so far have been informative, and highlighted that the study was now entering the most debatable/constructive phase so far in the study's progress. William advised that the respective councillors could request this meeting to occur at any time, subject to the Minister's availability.</p> <p><b>4.2 Wurundjeri consultation</b></p> <p>Chris Goodman from the 3068 Group asked whether the local Wurundjeri people had been consulted about the study. William advised that study specialist Helen Lardner had consulted with the Wurundjeri and consultation would continue to occur.</p> <p><b>4.3 Community Information Display and workshop – 15 September</b></p> <p>Bruce Turner outlined the proceedings for the day and called on additional CRG members to volunteer as table facilitators. Bridget Cramphorn suggested that the information being displayed at the Museum for the day could also be displayed at the two councils for a longer period of time. This was looked on as favourable and so the study team will investigate further. Cr Watson suggested the foyer of the Collingwood Town Hall as an ideal location to display the specialists findings.</p> <p>Robert Abboud made the point that participants in the workshop should be reminded that they are not the only drivers of this study. The Metropolitan Strategy, for example, is another driver for the study. Warwick Pattinson</p>

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		<p>wanted to make sure that workshop participants were made aware that the study area may need to cater for at least a 50% increase in the current demand (in terms of population, employment, business diversification, social services etc) due to the study area's proximity to major attractions in the CBD and inner city area.</p>
5	<p><b>Reports back from CRG members</b></p>	<p>Paul Mees made the point that in order for the study to talk about packages of solutions then the solutions need to be conceptual and worked through from a hierarchy. William commented that the goals and strategies need to be looked at in several levels – statewide and metropolitan, and that the study needs to be consistent with these broader and local guidelines. A hierarchy of goals and targets will be discussed with the CRG at a later phase of the study. Paul also suggested contacting neighbouring municipalities (some with marginal electorates) to help activate more robust discussion on the study. William reported that contact had already been made with adjoining councils and meetings were being held.</p> <p>Sue Chambers reiterated an earlier point she made a few meetings back that it is carparking which gets most people upset in terms of mobility in the inner-city area, and what is needed is a sustainable parking policy. In order for a sustainable parking policy to start taking shape it needs to be addressed separately from the land use section of the study.</p> <p>Cr Catherine Ng mentioned that what the study was trying to achieve would be greatly assisted by education campaigns over a longer period of time in order for a significant behavioural change to occur.</p> <p>Chris Goodman discussed the Craigeburn bypass criteria for assessment and suggested that the language, although attractive in a sense, required more rigorous analysis and hoped that the NCCCS assessment would not repeat this performance.</p>
6	<p><b>Media Release</b></p>	<p>William advised that a media release had been issued during the week advertising the community workshop and display at Melbourne Museum.</p>
7	<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<p>Stephen Smith advised that Bicycle Victoria's former CRG member, Richard Smithers, now worked for City of Yarra and would still play a role in the study. Bicycle Victoria will appoint a replacement representative as soon as possible.</p> <p>William McDougall informed the CRG that due to other commitments Paul Davies from the Rathdowne Street Traders Association (or Rathdowne Village Assoc.) could no longer participate as a member of the CRG. Any suggestions to replace this membership are welcome from the CRG. Sue Chambers suggested contacting the Carlton Business Association as a replacement.</p>
8	<p><b>Close</b></p>	<p>Bruce Turner thanked participants for attending the CRG meeting and closed the proceedings at approximately 8.15pm.</p>
9	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>10 October 2001</b>, 6pm light supper 6.30 start – 8.30pm.        Melbourne 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 8 October 2001.</p>