

Minutes

WestConnex M4-M5 Link Tunnels – AQCC Meeting #5

Date	9/11/2021		
Time	6.00pm – 7.10pm		
Venue	Videoconference		
Independent Chair	Abigail Goldberg	Chair and Director	GoldbergBlaise
Attendees	Brian Smyth King Peter Bridge Steve O'Brien Karyn Hemming Alistair Wardrope	Community representative Community representative Community representative Community representative Community representative	Haberfield Haberfield Haberfield St Peters St Peters
	Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager	Inner West Council
	Dr Ian Longley	Independent Air Quality Specialist	NIWA NZ
	Nick Francesconi Terry Chapman Matthew Callander Karina Wilson Peter Redwin Kris Hincks	Environment and Planning Manager Project Director Fire Life Safety and Integration Community Engagement Advisor Head of Operations and Maintenance Operations and Maintenance	WestConnex Transurban WestConnex Transurban WestConnex Transurban WestConnex Transurban WestConnex Transurban WestConnex Transurban
	David Kelly	Senior Environment Officer	Transport for NSW
	Aleksandra Young	Unit Head - Regulatory Operations Metro South	EPA (observer)
	Rob Sherry	Team Leader, Compliance	DPIE (observer)
	Ashkun Jalili Martin Howe	M&E Engineering Manager Environment Manager	ASBJV (Contractor) ASBJV (Contractor)
	Apologies	Grant Sainsbery Alex Holloway Kendall Banfield	Environment and Sustainability Manager Building Delivery Manager – SPI M&E Senior Transport Planner

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<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed participants and noted that this was the fifth, and final, meeting for 2021. The Chair proposed that a revised Agenda structure be trialled for this meeting in terms of which community concerns are given headline positioning. Participants expressed support for this revision.</p> <p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDF of artwork on Campbell Road Vent Facility was provided with the Minutes for meeting 4. • Ambient Air Quality Goal Protocol was finalised following AQCCC input and submitted to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) for approval. • The meeting date for November (this meeting) was resolved and advised to participants. • The request of participants for advance provision of material for review was noted and applied in relation to transmission of the Operational Air Quality Management Plan which is to be discussed today. <p>There were no further actions from the previous meeting.</p>	
<p>2.0 Community items</p> <p>Community representatives raised a number of concerns, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline for the Haberfield compound: feedback was requested regarding how long the Haberfield compound would be in place as the compound generates local activity including truck movements. The Contractor asked to take this question on notice, advising that they would provide a response ASAP. • Contractors parking on local streets: advice was sought re contractors parking on local streets as this is problematic and intrusive for local residents. Other than the parking issues and vehicle movement concerns, participants noted that some contractors have moved into homes in the area and were contributing positively to the local community. • Newsletter for local residents: community representatives asked that the wider community be updated on the above matters by way of newsletter. The project team advised that a newsletter was currently being prepared and will be distributed in the coming weeks. 	<p>Contractor (AJ) to provide information on the timeline for the Haberfield compound.</p> <p>Project team members to action contractors parking on local streets (AJ, KW, MC)</p> <p>Forthcoming newsletter to include items on the timeline for the Haberfield compound</p>
<p>3.0 Overview of air quality complaints received</p> <p>Karina Wilson advised that no operational complaints regarding air quality had been received since the last meeting. Karina noted that all four ambient air quality monitoring stations were now up and running. Data from the monitoring stations also started to be reported to the website on 8/11/2021. Karina provided an example of this. The link to the reporting data on the website is as follows: https://www.westconnex.com.au/sustainability/air-quality/</p>	<p>Link to website has been provided as left.</p>

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<p>4.0 Project update</p> <p>A project update was provided by Terry Chapman, who noted that tunnelling heading is now 98.4% complete, while benching is 94.3% complete and paving is 74% complete. Mechanical and electrical fit-out is progressing to plan and approximately 41% complete.</p> <p>Photographs presented showed construction progress as well as progress with installation of the artwork on the Campbell Road Ventilation Facility, and the media event for the tunnel breakthrough on 5/11/2021, which was attended by the Prime Minister, NSW Premier Perrottet and Minister for Transport, Rob Stokes.</p>	
<p>5.0 Presentation on the Operational Air Quality Management Plan</p> <p>Participants were provided with the draft document for review ahead of the meeting. Martin Howe provided a presentation that addressed context, including how this document fits into the suite of air quality plans. He noted that the Plan addresses the Conditions of Approval as well as environmental management and other requirements relevant to air quality, and that consultation with the AQCCC was required prior to submission of the Plan to DPIE.</p> <p>Martin also outlined the structure and contents of the draft Operational Air Quality Goal Plan section by section. He observed that the Plan followed the model set by other roadways, and as such was 'tried and tested'.</p> <p>The following points were raised by participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 3.1 on page 10 suggested that the AQCCC comprised three representatives for each of Haberfield and St Peters, however only two representatives had been appointed. It was agreed that the documented should be updated to reflect this, including an explanation as to why only two representatives have been appointed for St Peters. • The draft Plan is unclear regarding the timeline for which it is applicable. It was agreed that this timeline is to be clarified in the Plan. • Reference to the AQCCC on page 26 refers to historical actions of the committee while the rest of the document is forward looking. Wording also appears to attribute sole responsibility for some decisions to the AQCCC. It was agreed that this section would be revised to clarify the role of the AQCCC and to be made forward looking. • There is a typo requiring correction on page 26, where 'prior to' is repeated. • Reference to smoky vehicles on page 29 is unclear regarding how these are actioned. It was agreed that this would be clarified, noting that such vehicles are actioned by the enforcement branch of TfNSW, where strict privacy provisions are applied. Moreover, smoky vehicles are now rare as vehicle emissions have been improving over time. The project team advised that overall, any smoky vehicle emissions would have an undetectable impact on the community. • The Plan lacks details for the general community regarding how issues may be raised should these occur. It was agreed that the Plan would be supplemented to address this. • Participants noted that other than these inputs and comments, they considered the Plan to be thorough and well put together. 	<p>Draft Operational Air Quality Management Plan to be finalised for submission to DPIE on the basis of AQCCC inputs and consultation.</p>

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<p>The project team thanked participants for their commentary and noted that the Operational Air Quality Management Plan would be finalised for submission to DPIE on the basis of these inputs, edits and general consultation with the AQCCC.</p>	
<p>6.0 Administrative items</p> <p>Nick Francesconi outlined the Conditions of Approval requiring consultation with the AQCCC next year, in addition to meetings addressing community issues as these arise and providing project updates for participants.</p> <p>A forward calendar for 2022 has been proposed for meetings of the AQCCC, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1: 22 February 2022 • Q2: 10 or 17 May 2022 • Q3: 19 or 26 July 2022 (<u>nb</u>: school holidays are 4/7 - 15/7) • Q4: 1 or 8 November 2022 	<p>Chair to seek confirmation of 22 February 2022 as a viable date for the next meeting.</p>
<p>7.0 Questions</p> <p>Community representatives advised that the perspex panels bordering Haberfield gardens had been graffitied. Project team members undertook to investigate and action the graffiti, and noted that should such matters arise inter-session, participants should email info@westconnex.com.au to ensure matters are addressed.</p>	<p>Project team (KW, TC) to investigate and action graffiti on perspex panels.</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 7:10pm. Revised agenda structure agreed to be applied going forward.</p>	<p>Project team (NF) to apply revised agenda structure going forward.</p>