

MINUTES
MEETING # 22
Intermodal Logistics Centre
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Location: ILC
Enfield Site Office, Cosgrove Rd, Enfield
Date: Monday 10 November 2014
Time: 4.00 pm

Attendees

Community Members:

Jenny Maddocks
Bill Thompson

Strathfield Municipal Council

David Hazeldine

Independent Chair

Ian Colley

Minute taker

Sandra Spate

NSW Ports

Matthew Fahey
Alison Wedgwood
Daniela Vujic
Adem Long
Ian Henderson
Trevor Brown

HLA

John Ieroklis

Apologies: Allan Flynn, Frankie Liang, Graham Humphrys.

George Campbell has resigned from the CLC due to other commitments. He forwarded an email thanking the committee for its work. Adem has responded thanking George for his participation on the CLC. The CLC also thanks George for his work on the committee.

Action Items:

1. Actions from previous meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

The action from the previous meeting that Adem distribute minutes from the August RTCG meeting remains open.

The action on the future role of the CLC is closed as it had been decided to continue to meet quarterly.

2. Project Update (LCPL & Sydney Ports)

• **Construction/Operations – NSW Ports update**

Matthew reported that the palisade fencing along the entrance on Cosgrove Road was recently completed.

There is some ongoing minor works in the light industrial area on Cosgrove Road.

Work will be commencing soon to duplicate a sewer line currently buried beneath Mt Enfield. This is an emergency relief structure that NSW Ports is required to maintain.

NSW Ports is engaging with RMS for signage on the perimeter roads to direct trucks into the site, particularly King Georges Road and Roberts Road.

Work will commence next year on the Southern Ecological Area and landscaping for Mt Enfield.

• **Construction/Operations – Hutchison Logistics (HLA) Update**

John reported that the bulk of works for the HLA terminal is complete. Two items outstanding are electrical infrastructure and fencing works. The anticipated completion date is January 2015.

Matthew noted that recent works included light towers, work on the weighbridge and line marking. Operations are expected to commence mid to late January.

David asked whether there will be a ramp up period and what operations are expected initially. John replied that there will be a ramp up to long term operations with initial operations with existing customers. Trains will commence operating in the first quarter of 2015. Operations will start with about 10 personnel and increase as cargo volumes increase.

Jenny reported a perceived increase in night time train noise and asked why this was. Is it an increase in traffic on the middle line?

Adem reported the middle line has been handed back from RailCorp to the NSW Government who are looking to tender the area. The main line is still a through line but is not being used for staging. Matthew noted a new line on this side and two new lines west of this site opened for through traffic but not stopping.

Jenny asked whether a driveway at the southern end of Mt Enfield from Punchbowl Road is for ARTC access.

Matthew replied it is a maintenance access track. In the future it is hoped this would be the ARTC access track to the marshalling yards subject to agreement being reached.

3. Development update

- **Southern Ecological Area Presentation**

Matthew reported that since the consultation phase, the finalised Landscape and Ecological Area Management Plan for the southern end of the site has been approved. Feedback from the CLC and the community was taken on board where possible within the constraints of the site.

Alison reported that 16 submissions were received during the consultation process including from the two Councils. A summary document outlining the matters raised during consultation and how these have been addressed or otherwise has been provided to those who made submissions and is on the NSW Ports website. A copy of the summary has also gone to the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E).

David asked what DP&E's next step is.

Alison replied that the Department has approved the Landscape Plan including the Southern Ecological Area Concept Plan. Detailed landscape drawings have not changed and were included in landscape documents previously consulted on with the CLC and Strathfield Council and were approved by DP&E.

Bill asked whether the path is now from Punchbowl Road. Matthew replied it is.

Jenny asked which version of plantings is approved.

Alison replied it is the version in the Mod 5 documents with comments from Council and Jenny taken on board.

The Chair asked whether most submissions have been addressed.

Alison reported there was a range of comments and suggestions, with agreement and disagreement on all options. NSW Ports has explained in the summary document which items have been taken on board and provided explanations to those that could not be addressed. The approved plan will go on the website as part of the operational management documents.

David asked whether the approved plan includes a planting plan for Mt Enfield.

Alison replied that Mt Enfield plantings is a part of the plan, but it is also an overall landscape plan that includes the frog habitat, the detention basins and the common area roadside and batters.

Bill asked what the rationale was for access from Punchbowl Road rather than Cosgrove Rd.

Alison replied that it is because of uncertainty regarding the future use of the tarp shed, there is an existing access point and it provides a gentler gradient of the walkway to the top of Mt Enfield.

Daniela noted it also allows for day time unrestricted access instead of accompanied access as proposed in the original Environmental Assessment.

Bill asked whether parking is provided, and suggested there is no point if there is no parking.

NSW Ports replied that no parking was being provided on-site. Daniela noted there is street parking available on Cosgrove Road which is close to the pedestrian access point. It is not expected that a

lot of people will access the area as this is not a sporting facility but rather an area which people can view the intermodal terminal operations, trains and heritage elements within the southern precinct.. Alison noted in looking at access, footpath safety and separation from traffic will be considered.

David stressed for the minutes that Strathfield Council's submission was for the whole to be consistent with original master plan and the original approval. Council holds the view that the current plan is not consistent with that.

Daniela responded that the view of NSW Ports and DP&E is that the landscape plan is consistent with conditions of approval. The access arrangements are more than what was proposed in the project application which is a positive result for the community.

Jenny suggested that, while it may be in accordance with planning approval, it is not consistent with community expectations that arose from earlier discussions before the environmental assessment was finalised and before the approval was given.

- **Tarp Shed Community Consultation Plan**

Matthew reported that there was a commitment in the environmental assessment that consultation with the community around future uses for the tarp shed would be undertaken. This is commencing now and feedback is sought about what the community would like for the future use of the tarp shed. Learnings and feedback from the community on the previous consultation process has been taken on board. Newspaper ads will be better positioned than previously, there will be advice to councils and local chambers of commerce, and a more prominent letterbox flyer delivered over a larger residential and industrial area.

Alison reported NSW Ports is looking for detailed feedback on the issue. The community will be provided with background documents and a community survey which will be letterboxed and placed on the website with options and information about permitted uses under the site's industrial zoning. Trevor noted that any future uses of the site would need to be commercially viable but still compatible with the industrial use of the ILC site as well as adjacent residences. NSW Ports believes this is possible but is also asking residents for their ideas on the matter, including whether they want the building to stay or not.

The range of uses permitted under current zoning was tabled at the meeting.

Suggestions from the CLC were that ads be placed in the Strathfield Scene and Bankstown Torch as well as the Inner West Courier.

David asked when the exhibition period would be.

Alison replied it is hoped by next week for a four week period.

Jenny noted that this may miss the Strathfield Scene as it is monthly.

NSW Ports asked CLC members for suggestions regarding contact details for Chambers of Commerce in the area.

In addition to Bankstown David suggested Belfield and Strathfield South Chambers.

Action: David to provide Adem with contact details for Chambers of Commerce.

- **Warehouse sites**

Matthew reported that the Area F grain products business is in a holding pattern and is being reviewed. Agreements have been reached with tenants for two other warehouse sites. Construction for these is likely to commence in the second quarter of next year.

4. **Other**

- **Operational and Environmental Management Plans**

Alison reported the Operational Plans were submitted to DP&E who provided a couple of comments. These have been addressed and the Plan resubmitted for approval. There were no comments on the Landscape Management Plan and the Operational Traffic Management Plan has been approved.

John reported that since the presentation on the HLA Operational Environmental Management Plan at the last meeting a small amount of feedback has been received, mainly from Council around

benchmarking, monitoring and throughput. Comments have been incorporated and the Plan submitted to NSW Ports at the end August for submission to DP&E. DP&E provided comments and Hutchison is working to incorporate those. They are working through noise management with NSW Ports and will then resubmit the Plan. Approval is expected once minor issues are worked out. David asked whether then Hutchison receives an occupation certificate. John replied that while conditions of project approval apply to NSW Ports rather than HLA, Hutchison as a tenant has to satisfy Ports that their development is consistent with the conditions.

- **NSW Ports Long Term Master Plan**

Daniela reported that NSW Ports is preparing a 30 year long term Masterplan that includes Enfield, Cooks River, Port Botany and Port Kembla. It will look at trade forecasts, infrastructure and sustainable ports requirements and will work with stakeholders seeking feedback to ensure accurate and up to date information. The aim is to commence now and complete it mid next year. Population growth is one of the key drivers for trade and container growth The Master Plan could also help inform government in making decisions around traffic and infrastructure.

Jenny asked whether Ports has an idea of projections for container numbers.

Daniela replied that this is what the Masterplan will look at. Container growth has generally been high in recent years at approximately 6% but this may not be the case going forward.

Bill asked whether it will also take into account developments at Minto, St Marys and other sites.

Daniela replied that the Government's Freights and Ports Strategy identified intermodals to support container growth with existing and potential future intermodals. NSW Ports will look at infrastructure to support trade forecasts. We support more containers being transported by rail but recognise that the road networks will still be used as the main method of transporting containers. Rail has the potential to move freight more efficiently through the Sydney region however trucks will still need to pick up and drop off containers from rail facilities such as the Enfield ILC.

Jenny suggested the community has been hearing for the last 20 years of the need to get freight on rail, but we will still end up with three or four times more containers on the road. The Port Botany terminal is completed and the infrastructure that was talked about to support it such as WestConnex is only now going ahead.

Adem responded that there is not a finite number of containers that could move by rail. With around 278,000 moved by rail at Port Botany, there is currently capacity to move 1.7m. Other works are being proposed by ARTC including passing loops, duplication of lines etc which will increase capacity further.

Bill asked what the forecast is for Moorebank.

Daniela replied that of the two sites there, one (SIMTA) has just received concept approval and discussions are taking place over how to most efficiently use the adjoining site which is Commonwealth land. Moorebank Intermodal Company (MIC), the Commonwealth organisation set-up to overlook the commonwealths land, has now started discussions with SIMTA looking at combining the sites. At this stage, there have been no announcements on the outcome. The Moorebank Intermodal Terminal project application and environmental assessment has been submitted with DP&E and is currently on public exhibition.

If rail is efficient and cost effective people will use it but there is a natural catchment which supports intermodal terminals.

Jenny noted current developments such as the North West growth centre are further away than this. Daniela stated government has a great influence on where population growth will occur and therefore industry and freight needs to support this population growth. NSW Ports will look at government predictions and any additional information to support freight growth and trade. It is important that there is a dedicated freight network from Port Botany including future corridor reservations in order to future proof the infrastructure and maximise use of assets.

Adem reported that though people say there is a congestion issue at Port Botany with freight rail, this isn't the case. It is more an issue with passenger traffic.

- **CLC Membership – Community Representatives**

Trevor suggested in light of the vacancy on the committee, NSW Ports are interested in looking at how to get more community representation on the committee and ensure its effectiveness.

Alison noted a potential to use the consultation process around the tarp shed to take expressions of interest in joining the committee. Selection criteria needs to be considered.

Bill suggested that having representatives from the Strathfield side of Liverpool Road, from Belfield and the Bankstown side worked well and seemed to be representative. He feels it important to get a representative from the Bankstown side.

The Chair raised the issue of business representatives also. He also suggested that a personal invitation can be very effective.

Suggestions were made to raise the issue of membership on business chambers and residents' groups or existing forums first to then be followed by a newspaper advertisement if other methods are not successful.

Action: CLC members to forward any potential nominations for the CLC and contact details to Alison.

- **Communications**

- **NSW Ports Update**

After year one, NSW Ports core focus areas fall into three main categories – Infrastructure development and ensuring our assets are future proofed, working with industry to promote the mode shift of containers to rail and ensuring sustainable growth

- **Comments/ questions**

Jenny asked how the detention basins and storm water management systems worked in the recent storm as there was localised flooding issues on Cosgrove Road and SES reported cars afloat on Juno Parade.

Ian H replied that some material had to be cleaned up near the roundabout at the corner of Cosgrove Rd and Cleveland St and there was some run off from the eastern apron. Clean up was undertaken and provision made for future events with sand bags.

Matthew noted the chainwire fence at the frog habitat / Cox's Creek was knocked over when the flood event overflowed into the channel. NSW Ports is re-examining the fencing design, to incorporate a flood gate. Matthew and Ian H noted that civil formation works around the flood plain / frog habitat area seemed effective in allowing flood water to flow through the site and limit damage.

David thanked NSW Ports and Matthew for allowing a bus tour of site with a Korean delegation and Councillors from Strathfield Council.

The CLC formally acknowledged George Campbell's role on the committee and thanked him for his contribution.

Alison reported the next annual environmental audit is due in December. The CLC will be notified when it is uploaded to the website.

Daniela wished the committee a Merry Christmas on behalf of NSW Ports.

Date of next meeting: Monday February 16 TBC.

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Ian Colley