

## DRAFT Minutes

### WestConnex M4-M5 Link Tunnels – AQCCC Meeting #2

Date	9/03/2021		
Time	6.00pm – 8.00pm		
Venue	Videoconference		
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
	Verity Turner Terry Chapman Matthew Callander Karina Wilson Peter Redwin	Environment and Planning Manager Project Director Fire Life Safety and Integration Community Engagement Advisor Head of Operations and Maintenance	WestConnex   Transurban WestConnex   Transurban WestConnex   Transurban WestConnex   Transurban WestConnex   Transurban
	Courtney Moran	Senior Environment Officer	Transport for NSW
	Aleksandra Young	Unit Head, Regulatory Operations Metro South	EPA (observer)
	Grant Sainsbery Alex Holloway	Environment and Sustainability Manager Building Delivery Manager – SPI M&E	ASBJV (Contractor) ASBJV (Contractor)
Apologies	Kris Hinks	Operations and Maintenance	WestConnex   Transurban

Agenda Items		Action
1.0	<b>Actions from previous meeting</b>  The following items have been actioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project team to present data re current traffic levels in the M4 (this meeting)</li> <li>Presentation slides from previous meeting made available on project website</li> <li>Terms of Reference finalised</li> <li>Chair noted as key contact for members for AQCCC enquiries</li> <li>Agenda and background material provided ahead of this meeting.</li> </ul> As the Panel is still seeking a further representative from the St Peters area, this action remains open.	Participants to seek further information from the Chair should they know of interested individuals willing to represent the St Peters area.

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<p><b>2.0 Community items</b></p> <p>Karina provided details regarding the various channels for community members to communicate with the project team, via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone: 1800 660 248</li> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au">info@m4-m5linktunnels.com.au</a></li> <li>• In person: Community Information Centre, 201 – 205 Parramatta Road, Haberfield</li> <li>• For AQCCC matters: via the Chair, Abigail Goldberg: <a href="mailto:info@goldbergblaise.com.au">info@goldbergblaise.com.au</a> or 0404 021 552.</li> </ul> <p>Peter Redwin provided an update on traffic behaviour across the network, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was most apparent in April 2020</li> <li>• A seasonal dip over the Christmas and New Year period occurs annually.</li> </ul> <p>Manod Wickramasinghe confirmed that Council is also experiencing traffic that is approximating 'normal' conditions.</p> <p>Members queried whether traffic was being monitored on alternate, local routes in the proximity of the motorway, which appeared to be experiencing increased traffic. The project team advised that monitoring was taking place as required by the project Conditions of Approval, which did not include local roads.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the project team noted that additional traffic had been predicted on some local roads in the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and that they were cognisant of these changes.</p> <p>Members raised the matter of asbestos having been found at some constructions sites. The project team confirmed that this was the case, and that asbestos removal had taken place strictly in line with environmental and health and safety guidelines. Noted that the asbestos removal task was now complete.</p>	
<p><b>3.0 Overview of ventilation system and air quality monitoring stations results from M4</b></p> <p>Dr Ian Longley introduced himself, noting his independent status as well as his background and credentials</p> <p>Ian put forward a presentation on the reasons for monitoring, with particular emphasis on the importance of this activity for being able to identify changes in air quality in a locality, and whether these can be attributed to the project. He explained the general approach to air quality monitoring, and the ways of undertaking monitoring, which of necessity takes into account weather conditions as well as external factors such as bushfires, and the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Ian then provided an overview of results for the M4 ventilation systems and air quality monitoring stations.</p>	

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<p><b>4.0 Air quality monitoring station locations</b></p> <p>Verity detailed the project Conditions of Approval (CoAs) E24, E25 and E26 relating to air quality.</p> <p>Matt summarised why monitoring is taking place, noting that this is specifically in order to determine the impact of the project on local air quality.</p> <p>Alex outlined the criteria for air quality monitoring stations as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proximity to the ventilation facilities</li> <li>• Not too close to local roads</li> <li>• Not too near high buildings</li> <li>• Not too near high trees.</li> </ul> <p>Overall, the locations were preferred which would most effectively reflect local conditions.</p> <p>Alex described the options for air quality monitoring station locations at both Haberfield and St Peters, and explained the advantages and disadvantages of each option.</p> <p>The matter of which accredited organisation should be appointed to establish and operate the air quality monitoring stations was discussed as required by CoA E25, noting that EcoTech are currently engaged to this end.</p> <p>Agreed by AQCCC Members and the EPA that it was appropriate for EcoTech to establish and operate the air quality monitoring stations for the M4-M5 Link Tunnels air quality monitoring.</p>	<p>Agreement to EcoTech establishing and operating M4-M5 air quality monitoring stations to be actioned by project team .</p>
<p><b>5.0 Questions</b></p> <p>Members debated the full range of options for locations for the air quality monitoring stations. Questions raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The equity of distribution of the sites</li> <li>• Impact of busy local roads on locations proposed to be close to these routes</li> <li>• Benefits and disadvantages of continuing to use existing locations and facilities</li> <li>• Potential for ongoing use of the air quality monitoring station currently at Haberfield Public School, in relation to the expectation of the school that the facility be removed, and the location returned for play space</li> <li>• Impacts of trees, high walls and high buildings on monitoring station efficacy</li> <li>• Impact of wind direction on monitoring results</li> <li>• Level of pollutant emissions expected from ventilation outlets, and whether the outlets are filtered</li> <li>• The benefit of locations that are not close to houses or within public parks, as the impact on the community is reduced.</li> </ul> <p>Dr Longley provided independent advice in response to matters raised while project team members provided additional information and answers to questions where needed.</p> <p>The outcome of the discussion was that AQCCC members agreed to the locations identified as preferred by the project team, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramsay Street (existing) and Wattle Street (new) in the Haberfield area</li> </ul>	<p>Project team to action AQCCC agreement to air quality monitoring station locations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramsay Street and Wattle Street (Haberfield)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campbell Road (existing) and St Peters Interchange (new) in the St Peters area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campbell Road and St Peters Interchange (St Peters).</li> </ul>
6.0	<b>Date of next meeting</b> The project team to propose a date for the next meeting with the meeting minutes.	Agenda to be provided in advance of the meeting.
	The meeting closed at 8:00pm	