

Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting	SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 2		
Project	SH16 St Lukes / Great North Road Upgrade project		
Prepared By	Jala Shekho		
Place of Meeting	Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs	Date	18 February 2014
Present:	Community Liaison Group members Ronnie Salunga (NZ Transport Agency's SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project Manager) Jala Shekho (NZ Transport Agency's Communications Advisor) Howard Marshall (Auckland Transport's SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project Manager) Martyn Francis (Design Manager, Aurecon) David Hooker (Engineers Rep, Aurecon) Simon Mitchell (Leighton Stakeholder Manager) Bret O'Leary (Leighton Project Manager)		
Apologies	Sharon Hunter Malcolm Fraser Catherine Farmer		
Distribution	Project Website and by email to Community Liaison Group members		

1.	Meeting Agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome, introductions and agenda - SH16 St Lukes/Great North Road Interchange Upgrade overview - Construction timeline - Noise Fences - Traffic Management - Urban Design - Discussion
2.	SH16 St Lukes/Great North Road Upgrade Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The contract for this project was awarded to Leighton in early 2014. - The project will realign the Northwestern cycleway, widen the motorway to four lanes in each direction (with provision for a future 5th lane), upgrade the intersection of Great North / St Lukes Road and upgrade the St Lukes overbridge to three lanes in each direction with improved cycle/pedestrian facilities.

<p>3.</p>	<p>Construction Timeline</p> <p>SH16 widening / St Lukes Road Bridge</p> <p>Pre stage One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Widening works on northern abutment and minor shoulder works to create room for centre pier for new bridge construction. ○ New pier construction <p>Stage One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SH16 shoulder works: both abutments ○ Earthworks and retaining wall ○ St Lukes Road Bridge widening work ○ Ken Clive advised council would need a 'massive' lead in time if car park (next to community hall) was to be used. Graeme Easte advised a conversation with the Local board would also be required. ○ Contractors are aware that the second left hand turn lane from Great North Road onto St Lukes Road, which requires the removal of six Pohutakawa trees, is currently not consented. <p>Stage Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contra flow on SH16 (Northwestern motorway) ○ Pavement works ○ Rock removal will be required beneath the bridge – this work could be noisy. A timeline for this has yet to be determined. ○ Bridge abutments from stage one completed allowing for the building of the deck of the new St Lukes Road Bridge to be built. <p>Stage Three:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once new bridge built old one will be demolished and rebuilt. ○ Median barrier work (n.b green line on visual is in the wrong place) <p>- Expectation that permanent noise walls will be in place by the end of 2014, early 2015.</p> <p>St Lukes Road / Great North Road intersection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These works are more complex as this intersection is used by drivers, pedestrians, public transport and cyclists. - Works will raise Great North Road and reconstruction of St Lukes Road Bridge to happen simultaneously. - Lane closures will be required. - Visuals show the two laning option onto St Lukes Road Bridge from Great North Road because these were the documents tendered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This area will not be handed over until due process and consents have been received, as well as the Great North Road Corridor Management Plan.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Construction Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During peak periods the existing active traffic lane capacity will be maintained - Temporary lane closures off-peak - Speed restrictions for worker and motorist safety - Noise and vibration mitigation measures - Minimal effects during peak hour - Speed limit will be reduced to 80km along the length of the Upgrade Project, which is the maximum safe speed for the temporarily altered layout of the motorway

5.	Urban Design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urban design based on the Urban and Landscaping Design Framework established as part of the Western Ring Route. - Community want input : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Project wide noise fence designs to be presented at next CLG for comment. o Provision made in tender documents for on-going discussions on the incorporation of cultural influences such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art work ▪ Printed messages on structures ▪ Use of traditional waterway names ▪ Species to be used in proposed landscaping - Noise mitigation to be incorporated prior to major construction – this is a Board of Inquiry condition. This will be the installation of permanent walls where practicable. If not temporary measures will be incorporated. - Noise fences are to mitigate noise increases to 2026 - noise fences will reduce the current noise levels and by 2026 will bring them back down what they are at the moment. - Request made to extend a noise fence 200 metres east from where it currently ends to be investigated (see Item 7 below).
6.	Consenting
	<p>The Transport Agency and Auckland Transport have the necessary consents to begin construction on the improvements to the motorway and the SH16 St Lukes / Great North Road interchange.</p> <p>Further improvements to the intersection of Great north Road and St Lukes Road – from the currently proposed one left hand lane turn from Great North Road onto St Lukes Road, to two left hand lanes will be put forth for consenting in 2014.</p> <p>This new proposed layout will require the removal and replanting of six mature Pohutakawa trees.</p>
7.	Discussion
	<p>Q. <i>Noise fences were to be extended to the Western Springs Garden Community Hall?</i></p> <p>A. Under NZ guidelines it is not necessary to provide noise fences at this location. However, the possibility of mitigation at this area is to be revisited and investigated further.</p> <p>Q. <i>What input does the community have with regards to the design of the noise fences?</i></p> <p>A. The design of the noise fences is based on the Urban and Landscaping Design Framework established as part of the Western Ring Route. The procurement of the fences will begin in two – three months. Noise fence urban design to be presented at CLG, with discussions surrounding art work, printed messages etc.</p> <p>Q. <i>Why are you removing all the Willow trees from the top of SH16 to the fence line at a property in Novar Place?</i></p> <p>A. The SH16 St Lukes to Great North Road project team have recently been handed over the section of motorway designation in which the Willow trees are situated in, from the Well Connected Alliance. The NZ Transport Agency will get back to Jenny Melia and Margi Watson by Friday 21 February with information regarding this.</p> <p>Q. <i>Why is there a bridge being built for the Golf course?</i></p>

	<p>A. A new bridge is required for the golf club; this will allow access over Meola Creek due to changes in the alignment of the Northwestern Cycleway.</p> <p>Q. <i>Why is there one pedestrian crossing across Great North Road, as opposed to two?</i></p> <p>A. The current seagull junction has to be removed due to the widening of the St Lukes Road Bridge and to provide efficiency for all users (pedestrians / cyclists / drivers) one signalised pedestrian crossing has been provided.</p> <p>Q. <i>Have you considered the environmental impact on the native species in and around Meola Creek – higher walls would benefit the area?</i></p> <p>A. A thorough process was undertaken to ensure the environmental impacts are minimal. The storm water design will ensure that the area around Meola creek is improved and the work of preservation groups is not undone.</p> <p>Q. <i>Where will you locate the site office?</i></p> <p>A. Leighton NZ is currently investigating this with two possibilities – the Western Springs Community Hall, or the location of the storm water pond.</p> <p>Q. <i>How many vehicles will there be accessing the site office?</i></p> <p>A. There will be between 10-12 permanent staff located at the office with approximately 30 vehicles accessing and leaving the site office.</p> <p>Q. <i>Where are you looking to improve the community - more than what the BOI conditions have set out?</i></p> <p>A. Suggestions are welcomed and should be passed onto the project team. These will each be reviewed and a decision made.</p> <p><i>Suggestion was made to use the Maera at the Maori Mental Health Unit for the next meeting.</i></p>
8.	<p>Future Meetings and Contact Details</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next Community Liaison Group meeting is Monday May 26, 6-8pm, at the Western Springs Community Hall. - For further information please contact Elise.miller@leicon.co.nz