

Minutes of Meeting

Purpose of Meeting: SH16 St Lukes Upgrade Project

Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting 4

Project: SH16 St Lukes/Great North Road
Upgrade Project

Prepared by: Elise Miller

Place of Meeting: Western Springs Garden Community Hall, Date 25 August 2014
956 Great North Road 6.00pm - 7.25pm
Western Springs.

Present: 9 Community Liaison Group Members
Howard Marshall (Auckland Transport, Project Manager)
David Hooker (Engineers Representative, Aurecon)
Martyn Francis (Design Manager, Aurecon)
Sarah Price (Transport Agency, Communications and Stakeholder Advisor)
Brett O'Leary (Leighton, Project Manager)
Simon Mitchell (Leighton, Stakeholder Manager)
Elise Miller (Leighton, Stakeholder Liaison Officer)

Apologies: Ronnie Salunga (Transport Agency, Senior Project Manager)
Dr Cathy Casey (Albert-Eden-Roskill Councilor)
Catherine Farmer (Whau Local Board Chair)
Vanessa Neeson (Henderson – Massey Board Chair)
Brenda Brady (Henderson – Massey Councilor)
Cycle Action Auckland Representatives

Distribution: Project website and by email to Community Liaison Group Members

1 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project updates including:
 - Construction update and look ahead
 - Traffic Management
 - Noise walls and parking arrangements
 - Night works and noise limits
 - Status of additional left turn lane consent
 - CLG meetings going forward
- Questions and discussion

2 Construction Update

Brett O'Leary (LCPL Project Manager) as per presentation slide.

- St Lukes Road to Great North Road Interchange project is a *construct only* project which means that we construct what we are given from the designers. Aurecon are the designers.
- We are building a new bridge twice as wide as the existing bridge; there will also be a lane in each direction added to the motorway.
- We have finished drilling four 30m deep piles at the northern abutment. We are currently clearing for the bridge at the southern abutment, which will involve road works and earth works for the traffic switch in December.

Activity in the southern abutment:

- Extending the mechanically stabilised earth (MSE) wall and compact the material for the retaining wall to extend out.
- There is a retaining wall going next to the car park here (Western Springs Community Hall) that is so that we can build the road and hold it up. This will also protect the car park as well.
- Further to the west we have stopped works because of the winter weather; we will continue works in this area when the weather conditions are better.
- In regards to getting the traffic switch we will deconstruct the existing bridge, and then the centre pier and then switch traffic back in to the centre so that we can work on the outer side of the motorway.
- There will be basalt cuts on the northern side of the bridge as the basalt has to come out.

Questions relating to the construction update:

Q: *How long will it take for the basalt cuts?*

A: As production is highly dependent upon how loose the rock is found to be, we cannot make an accurate prediction at this stage.

Q: *The intersection of St Lukes Road with GNR. Will this area be completed before Christmas?*

A: We are currently working on a staging plan for this area as the design requires the intersection to be raised by 1-1.5m. We are engaging with all key stakeholders and will report back at the next CLG.

Q: *Which route will motorists have to use if they are coming back from St Lukes when you are deconstructing the old bridge?*

A: They will use the new bridge

Q: *When you are working on the bridge will this be done at night and when you deconstruct the bridge will you close both motorway lanes at the same time?*

A: A significant amount of the work will have to be carried out at night and then re-open 5am the following morning. So there should be little disruption to peak traffic times. There is not a lot of day work that we are allowed to do on the bridge due to safety. We have mitigation plans in place for noise and if these are not working we need to know about it so that we can work through the disruption to the residents. We cannot do anything about it unless we know about the noise disruptions to residents, so please call Elise (contact details are below) and let her know.

Q: *What about the timing on the lanes you say it will be finished before Christmas?*

A: The new bridge will be to the west. Once complete the old bridge will be deconstructed and full use will be in August/September 2015.

Q:? *Is the basalt stable enough to remain exposed or will it need to be hidden by concrete*

A: We have designed discrete rock bolts that will be used where the basalt is not self supporting.

3 Noise walls

Five permanent noise walls will be constructed in the first quarter of 2015; there has been a delay in this because of procurement processes.

4 Urban/Landscape Design

Martyn Francis (Aurecon, Design Manager) as per presentation.

Two left lanes consent status – The current design for 2 left turn lanes in the consent application would require the removal of the pohutukawas. We are currently documenting for Council the reasons why alternative layouts were found to unsuitable during the design process

Q: *The Pohutukawas are a key part of what's there now, who are you currently consulting with about these?*

A: The consent application was public notified and numerous submission were received from interested parties. There is an independent review happening as well which we are working through again for more options if people have another option, they wish to put forward, please let us know.

Q: *Will there be any other trees be removed?*

A: Yes, there will be four pine trees to be removed within the line of designation.

5 Discussion

Q: *As residents from Wexford Road we feel as though we have not been informed properly of the scheme extending east of St Lukes Bridge*

A: The original Waterview BOI reference design finished at the bridge and has since been extended by the detailed design process to its current arrangement. This extended design has been presented at all previous CLG meetings and remain static for 18months

Q: *What is the end planting design – because the pittosporums that were there and on the*

cycleway side of the motorway grew really fast and blocked out the noise, pollution and visual eyesore of the motorway.

A: There will be vegetation re-planted as soon as we can.

Q: *Where will we be planting and what sort of plants will be planted in the areas.*

A: There is a planting programme in place which will be place on the NZTA website in the up and coming weeks.

Q: *What about sound protection along Wexford Road? Because since removing the vegetation we can hear engine noise from the motorway.*

A: Before the project started noise monitoring was carried out this informed the model created for the proposed scheme to predict future noise levels. Any homes that the model predicted would exceed a defined level were protected by a wall. Once the project is completed we will be going back and repeating the same noise survey to confirm the accuracy of the model and to close out our Consents.

Q: *When will the next CLG Meeting be and will there be more notification to the public regarding this?*

A: We would like to make it easier for all those involved to benefit the residents that attend these meetings so if you have any ideas for future meetings please let Elise Miller know.

6 Future Meetings and contact Details

Attendance at previous CLG meetings has been very low. We are keen to keep our residents informed and if you have any ideas for how we can structure these meetings, if we should combine this meeting with other CLG meetings in the area or if you there is a better way to do this please contact Elise Miller on 09 362 1917 or elise.miller@leicon.co.nz