

## MINUTES

### Whiteman Park Station Community Reference Group

**Meeting:** #5  
**Date:** Wednesday, 20 July 2022  
**Time:** Meeting: 6pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** Online, **Teams Meeting**

Attendees	
Karen Chow - Public Transport Authority	Matthew Hunt – City of Swan
Theresa Karelse - Public Transport Authority	Narelle Bevan – Bennett Springs Residents Association
Reid Ballantine – MELconnx	Meena Rabadia – Resident
Nicole Atkins – MELconnx	Aaron Antulov – Resident
Lyndelle Perpoli – MELconnx	

Apologies	
Douglas Bush – Resident	Troy Smallacombe – Resident
Dhanji Bhudia – Resident	

Description	ACTION
<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>• Online etiquette</li> <li>• Project overview and recap for new members</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <p><i>Ellenbrook Station</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellenbrook Station design and current progress images were presented.</li> </ul> <p>Q. The video of Ellenbrook Station features many large trees – will they be planted as large as shown? A. The render shows a lookahead approximately 10-15 years in the future.</p> <p><i>Gnangara Road and Drumpellier Drive Intersection</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and progress images of Gnangara Portal, a concrete structure which allows trains to travel underneath the road at the Gnangara Road-Drumpellier Drive intersection, were presented.</li> </ul> <p><i>Whiteman Park Station</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Station design images presented to illustrate the elevated rail and elevated station. Pedestrian, bus and vehicle connectivity to Whiteman Park also explained.</li> <li>• Carpark reconfigured so an area of trees could be retained.</li> <li>• Piling rig and crane have been mobilised to begin piling for the elevated section of the rail.</li> </ul> <p>Q. The detour at Drumpellier Drive and Youle-Dean Road is causing some confusion. Can you provide more information that can be shared among the community and social media? A. The Drumpellier Drive diversion was put in place on 19 July 2022, and there is a period of adjustment needed. Traffic is being diverted from Drumpellier Drive onto Isoodon Street, with vehicles needing to use the roundabout at Youle-Dean Road and Drumpellier Drive to turn east. In Q4 2022, a new temporary roundabout will be in place, removing restrictions on right hand turns from Isoodon to Youle-Dean and traffic arrangements restored to move in all directions. MELconnx has detour maps available that can be sent through for the group to share with their channels and community.</p> <p>Q. Can more traffic lights be installed at intersections along Drumpellier Drive to minimise confusion over which way to travel? A. MELconnx will investigate the request.</p>	<p>RB</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Around Whiteman Park, the project has received queries about the management of kangaroos. Fauna fences have been installed around the project boundary to stop kangaroos exiting Whiteman Park, and fencing around the alignment footprint keep kangaroos out of the work area.</li> <li>• Two fauna crossing underpasses travelling below the rail and a third at Bennett Brook will be built at natural migration points, isolated from road and rail.</li> </ul> <p>Q. Has the fence at Bennett Springs been there for a long time? There have been reports of gun shots in the area.</p> <p>A. The fence has been there for a while and the one at Drumpellier Drive has been there for about a year. Gun shots may be caused by the rifle club nearby or authorities may be undertaking native fauna management.</p> <p><i>Bennett Springs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Bennett Springs, Cheltenham Street and Rugby Street will be shortened by the rail corridor, with access between the northern section of Bennett Springs and Marshall Road provided via a new road-over-rail bridge, currently under construction on Dulwich Street.</li> <li>• There'll be ongoing direct engagement with the impacted community regarding road network changes and current works activities.</li> <li>• As works along Dulwich Street continue, access to the Bennett Springs dog park located at the south of Whiteman Park may be impacted for a period of time. The project will engage with locals on this to minimise inconvenience via appropriate detour routes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Malaga Station</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaga Station renders and progress images were presented.</li> <li>• The closure of Beechboro Road North commenced in February to facilitate the significant scale of the works taking place as part of the construction of the new road and bridge.</li> <li>• A roundabout upgrade at Marshall Road will also be undertaken.</li> </ul> <p><i>Noranda Station</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noranda Station renders and progress images were presented.</li> </ul> <p><i>Morley Station</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morley Station renders and progress images were presented, including pedestrian access connections at Morley Station, as well as Bayswater southern dive renders and progress images.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Cultural Place Naming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Noongar place names for Ellenbrook, Morley and Whiteman Park stations were shared.</li> <li>• Stage 2 is ongoing and the Noongar place names for the other stations will be released in due course.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a selection process for public art at Whiteman Park Station and early stage designs were shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of previous engagements was presented to the meeting, and recommendations were sought for location and type of future engagements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Priorities and Key Items of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group asked to review what they felt were communities' key priorities and items of interest, including future items they would like to be updated on. To date, key items have regarded the timing of station works and its delivery, design and construction methodology around Bennett Brook, sustainability initiatives, traffic management and noise mitigation.</li> <li>• Members expressed the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Future bus networks and connections</li> <li>○ Local area plans by City of Swan and their specific outcomes, e.g., streetscapes, canopies, smart streets, safety (it was noted that this is out of this projects' scope)</li> <li>○ Plans to embrace multicultural community</li> <li>○ Updates on Altone Road flyover due to its high impact on the community</li> <li>○ Greater publicity on what METRONET is doing behind the scenes, e.g., MELconnx volunteers tree planting at Rainbow Park</li> <li>○ Ways the community can directly influence the project, e.g. employment opportunities, support from businesses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Piling commencing Whiteman Park Station.</li> <li>• Public art will continue to be developed and released.</li> <li>• Quarterly newsletter will be distributed this month.</li> <li>• Ongoing community engagement and consultation.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Next meeting – approximately three months</b>  Meeting closed at 7:30pm.	