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Minutes

Coffs Harbour bypass project Community Consultative Committee

Date	03/11/2021	
Time	5:30 pm	
Venue	Zoom online and Coffs Harbour City Council Chambers Meeting Room	
Chairperson	Dr Col Gellatly	
Attendees	Greg Nash (TfNSW) Scott Lawrence (TfNSW) Shelly McPhee (DPIE) Barbara Davis Gary Orange Helen Davies	Marina Rockett (CBAG) Belinda Ryan-Novicky (TfNSW) John Hutchinson (AA) Mick Raby (CHCC) Tom Handle (CHCC) Crystal Donovan (TfNSW)
Apologies	Anna Zycki (TfNSW) Alan Clayton (Coffs Chamber) Paul Shoker Chris Spencer Lee McCourt (DPIE)	

Agenda Items	Responsibility
1. Acknowledgement of Country	Col Gellatly
2. Apologies and housekeeping	Col Gellatly
Col Gellatly introduced Greg Nash as the new Project Director to the representatives who were an apology at the last meeting.	Col Gellatly
3. Minutes and previous meeting and review of actions arising	Col Gellatly
Col Gellatly noted that the draft minutes had been sent to attendees after the last meeting for comment. No comments were received and minutes were accepted. Action items from the last meeting – there were no action items from the previous meeting.	Col Gellatly
4. Update from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Shelley McPhee
Shelley McPhee (DPIE) advised DPIE didn't have anything to report on at this time. In the near future they will be doing site visits and meeting with TfNSW in December and will report back after the visits.	
5. Update from Transport for NSW	Greg Nash
Greg Nash (TfNSW) provided a project progress report.	



The presentation key points were:

- Shortlisted applicants announced
- Probable new species update
- Early work progress
- Noise management
- Provision for cyclists update
- Aboriginal stakeholder engagement

Col Gellatly asked for the tenders who are not successful, do they receive some financial compensation?

Greg Nash explained that it was a lengthy and costly process to tender and it is not policy for TfNSW to compensate. However, the project is robust about the process and information provided to assist the tenders as much as possible.

Greg Nash (TfNSW) advised that the contract was a single Design and Construct to align resources and ensure innovation.

Marina Rockett (CBAG) asked about the innovation element that will be part of the tender award and wanted to advise that the EIS approved tunnels, low noise pavement and the lower elevation of the bypass alignment.

Greg Nash (TfNSW) advised that the tunnels, low noise pavement and alignment elevation is not negotiable but innovation is centred more on the interchanges like Coramba Interchange.

Scott Lawrence presented the Probable New Species update.

Helen Davies commented that it was great to know that the project is involving the Coffs Harbour Botanical Garden and Herbarium. Helen also suggested there was an opportunity to engage the Head Gardiner as he lectures at TAFE and would be a good contact for the project.

Greg Nash continued to give an update on the Early Work Progress including the RFS Shed, demolition and minor clearing work.

Mick Raby advised that he was the Council Emergency Contact for the RFS and that the RFS were very pleased with their new shed.

Greg Nash provided an update on the utilities relocation work.

Mick Raby said that CHCC were increasing their team to ensure that the work is done on time. He said they are looking to accelerate work on North Boambee West ready for development and get the utilities raised due to flood prone area. Mick said that CHCC utilities work teams were also assisting with the tender process and have put together a team internally to answer any questions raised from the shortlisted applicants.

Greg Nash said that Noise Management was progressing, highlighting 128 properties were scoped and the first package of building work was about to start mid-November. He also advised that John Hutchinson had won the permanent AA role and would continue to attend the CCC.

Gary Orange question to Mick Raby will new properties be responsible for their own AHNT?

Mick Raby said new properties theoretically should meet the noise assessment criteria but it comes down to managing developers over the past twenty years.

Barbara Davies asked about what the plans were to mitigate noise on the existing highway particularly with the trucks coming up the hill as the bypass will take another 4-5 years. She said that a neighbour was asking if they would be eligible for AHNT?



<p>Mick Raby said that this would not be in the project scope and to liaise with Council on managing noise etc on the existing highway as Council is looking at a Working Group with TfNSW.</p> <p>Mick Raby continued to state that Council were aware about increased workers coming to the region to work on the bypass and that this is something that the Working Group could be addressing in regards to temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Gary Orange asked Mick Raby about what Council is doing to address the increased traffic coming into town from the proposed Coramba Road interchange as he expects there could be additional pinch points of traffic locally once the bypass is built.</p> <p>ACTION: Mick Raby to start working with TfNSW on place making and other opportunities on the existing highway before the new highway is built.</p> <p>ACTION: Coffs Harbour City Council to provide the CCC with a quarterly update on the progress of the CHCC / TfNSW Working Group.</p> <p>Greg Nash continued to give an update on the Provision of Cyclists on the bypass.</p> <p>Gary Orange asked Greg Nash why the concept drawing of the tunnel had gone from three lanes to two lanes in the reference design being presented.</p> <p>Greg Nash explained the two lanes in the tunnel brought costs down.</p> <p>Crystal Donovan presented the Aboriginal Stakeholder engagement update.</p> <p>Helen Davies asked Crystal Donovan if there was any opportunity for the objects found to be showcased as sharing that history would be very beneficial for the Coffs Harbour community.</p> <p>Crystal Donovan said that the archaeologists had to firstly provide a report. Furthermore, the project team were constantly consulting with the Aboriginal stakeholders on how the objects were to be returned to country, a care plan and a local educational plan.</p>	
<p>6. General Business including updates from Community members</p>	<p>Col Gellatly</p>
<p>Helen Davies said it was interesting hearing from Crystal and having her update. Helen said she was very pleased that the CHB project has started working with the North Coast Regional Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>Helen Davies asked Greg Nash if the project was on track to appoint the major contractor.</p> <p>Greg Nash said yes definitely on track.</p> <p>Helen Davies continued that she has heard no more on the Dangerous Goods policy and if trucks carrying dangerous goods are not going through the tunnel?</p> <p>ACTION: Greg Nash to organise update on Dangerous Goods policy for the next meeting.</p> <p>Marina Rockett said that the CBAG are hoping to get the next modelling report when it is complete and if there were any more updates or news on noise validation or in general that they want to know about it. She also asked if the project has a Traffic Management Plan finalised yet?</p> <p>Greg Nash said that the Traffic Management Plan will wait until the major contractor is awarded.</p> <p>Barbara Davies had no other general business but reiterated her concerns about noise mitigation on the existing highway while the bypass was being built.</p> <p>Gary Orange asked Crystal Donovan if the Aboriginal stakeholders and elders were happy that the bypass wasn't impacting on the area's cultural significance?</p>	



<p>Crystal Donovan said that the bypass team were engaging constantly with the Registered Aboriginal Parties and stakeholders and if anything is raised we address it immediately and incorporate it into the Management Plans.</p> <p>There was discussion around the shortage of accommodation in Coffs Harbour and what further impacts, once appointed the major contractor's workers will have on the already strained housing market.</p> <p>Greg Nash agreed this would be an issue and was part of the tender discussion. He said that it is estimated that the project will create about 600 direct jobs. Many of the jobs created on the project will be for locals, creating local jobs as defined by the Industry Participation and Aboriginal Engagement strategies. Greg also said that almost half of the people who worked on the Woolgoolga to Ballina section of the Pacific Highway upgrade were not temporary or transient workers but rather long-term skilled workers already living in Coffs Harbour. It was likely that a proportion of the workforce for the Coffs Harbour Bypass will be made up of workers who have worked on other sections of the Pacific Highway upgrade over the past few years.</p>	
<p>7. Next meeting</p>	<p>Col Gellatly</p>
<p>Next meeting Wednesday 9 February or Thursday 10 February – 5.30pm. ACTION: Belinda Ryan-Novicky to confirm date.</p>	