

Venue: Camden Haven School

Time: 6.00pm

Date: 12 December 2000

Apologies: Ian Ferguson
Karen Spooner

Present: Barry Barr
John Branch
Ron Clapton
Tracey Dignum
Owen Gill
Alan Grady
Alan Hagney
Barbara Jackson
Ian Jackson
Jan Kuras
Kelvin Limbrick
Roger McCosker
Alan McIntyre
Graham Wood
Ray Dallen, RTA
Tony Smith, RTA
Alistair Kerle, Arup
Helen Weston, Arup
Tony Fish, ERM
John Hamilton, Arup
Rodd Staples, Arup

1. Introduction & Welcome

- Tony Fish presented agenda.
- Project team introduced.
- Community members introduced.
- Alistair Kerle reinforced need for interactive approach during meeting.

2. Role and Purpose of CFG (Ray Dallen)

- Approval of project about 2003.
- Feasible route options display reasonably early in 2001.
- RTA hopes that the Minister for Roads will determine the preferred route for the project about the middle of 2001.
- Timing of project milestones may vary as a result of the community involvement and the investigations being carried out by the project team.

- Process outlined and Pacific Highway Upgrading Program objectives and project objectives handed out.
- CFG terms of reference outlined.
- CFG not decision making group, represents community.
- Local perspective important in identifying opportunities for the project.
- Trade offs will occur, CFG not to 'police' project team– range of Government agencies with 'watching briefs'.
- CFG members not needed to be advocates for the RTA.
- Acquisition important – copy of RTA's policy available.
- CFG meetings will be on a milestone basis.

3. Progress of Investigations

- **John Hamilton presented engineering aspects:**
 - Aerial photography done.
 - 3D survey model created.
 - Traffic surveys done.
 - Traffic analysis for intersections.
 - Geotechnical investigations - conductivity survey commencing this week (w/e 15 December 2000).
 - Hydrology/flooding desktop assessment done.
- **Helen Weston presented environmental investigations commenced to date:**
 - Land use/planning issues - including business surveys, demographics analysis.
 - Agricultural assessment.
 - Cultural Heritage (Aboriginal & European) including consultation with three LALCs.
 - Terrestrial flora and fauna overview assessment including habitat type identification and details of threatened species likely to be impacted.
 - Aquatic flora and fauna.
 - Water quality including Stewarts & Camden Haven River outlining existing quality.
 - Landscape/visual/urban design undertaken to ensure scenic quality. Urban design seen by RTA as important component of the project.
 - Land contamination identification.
 - Noise and vibration assessment to determine existing noise environment and potential impacts.
 - Air quality sampling undertaken.
- **Tony Fish presented community consultation to date:**
 - Free call - 30 calls so far, mostly providing addresses for newsletter mailouts.
 - Some issues are road location, ongoing problems over the years.
 - Web site available

4. Community Issues

- Are peak holiday counts available?
John Hamilton advised this information is available.
- Meeting advised that a Camden Haven Ecological Process Study is about to be put on public display.
- Who are the Upgrade Study's ecology specialists?
Answer: Biosis and Ecology Lab.
- Has a budget been set for project?
Ray Dallen advised that a range for budget purposes had been prepared, however this will be refined throughout the project.

Issues Raised

- Will route go through the Golf Club?
- Quality of environment/quality of life.
- Kew intersection.
- Tourist potential should not be affected – road needs to be better for residents.
- Community considers good road network as important.
- Access on and off the highway for tourists and heavy vehicles at Herons Creek.
- Heavy vehicle speeds in and out of Kew.
- Conflict between access to heavy vehicle rest area at Rossglen and access to/from Rossglen.
- Highway coming closer to Rossglen - tank water and air quality impacts (dust).
- General discussion on noise mitigation.
- Exit speeds – deceleration lane safety issue.
- Pylons in the Camden Haven River – will they be removed?
- Wetlands, SEPP 14 compensation issues.
- Visual amenity.
- Area is a fatigue zone now - needs planning for fatigue management.
- Safety at Herons Creek intersection.

5. Project Development

The Kew preliminary options and route options to Herons Creek were presented by Rodd Staples. Some further issues raised were:

- Pedestrians and motorised scooters (used by elderly people) particularly at Kew are important.
- Local airport and potential impacts on traffic from low-lying aircraft.
- Golf Course options have obvious problems for future use of the golf course.
- Options for quarry.

- Impacts on SEPP 14 – only considered if no other reasonable alternative.
- Railway line option has some merits.
- Use of existing road alignment for northbound traffic, with southbound to the east (split carriageway option).
- Eastern option through rural residential will affect lifestyle.
- Upgrading needs to be fair to all parties.
- Western extreme option - why not on map? Alistair Kerle advised that constraints were Yoorigan National Park and topography.
- Why have an option near the new school? Alistair Kerle advised that this option does have some aspects that warrant its consideration.
- Camden Haven High School has around 1000 students whose interests and safety need to be considered.

6. Next Steps in Project Development

Ray Dallen handed out details on next steps.

7. Matters to be Followed Up

No specific matters were raised to be followed up except as noted above. All issues raised during the meeting will be considered by the Project Team during route options development.

8. Next Meeting

Early-mid February 2001.