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Venue: Camden Haven High School

Time: 6.00pm

Date: 3 July 2001

Present: Ron Clapton
Ian Jackson
Ian Ferguson
Alan Grady
Roger McCosker
Kelvin Limbrick
Owen Gill
Barry Barr
Graham Wood
Allan McIntyre
Ray Dallen, RTA
Tony Smith, RTA
Alistair Kerle, Arup
Helen Weston, Arup
Tony McNamara, ERM
John Hamilton, Arup

Apologies: Jan Kuras
Tracy Dignum

1. Introduction & Welcome

- Tony McNamara outlined the agenda.
- Issues to be followed up from meeting of 10 May 2001:
 - ❖ What provisions will be made for identification of access to the Kew Visitor Information Centre.

Comment: Tourist information 'I' sign posting will be provided at interchange sites and within the local road network. A copy of the RTA's booklet *Tourist Signposting* (1998) was circulated during the meeting.
 - ❖ Community Newsletter No. 3 to include details of the RTA land acquisition policy.

Comment: Noted – to be actioned by Arup when newsletter No. 3 is drafted.
 - ❖ Traffic Management issues around Kew associated with option KD to be addressed by RTA.

Comment: The main concern with option KD is that the latest traffic forecasts indicate higher levels of congestion after 20-30 years than originally anticipated. Providing a 3rd through lane in each direction to accommodate the increase would greatly reduce the ability to provide on-street parking.

- ❖ Will the median openings cater for turns by B doubles?

Comment: Arup will try to achieve the wider median (25m) at the Herons Creek Road intersection – not yet confirmed that this is possible.

- ❖ What are the requirements/provision for school bus stops on the Highway?

Comment: Bus bays will be provided along the rural sections of the Route in accordance with sections 3.4.8.1 and 2 of the Road Design Guide. They are generally provided as a light vehicle lay – by (Fig 3.4.1 of RDG), with a 4.5m wide shoulder widening at/or in conjunction with property access points.

- ❖ What is planned for the Kew intersection between now and the upgrade?

Comment: Tenders have been called for the design and construction of traffic control signals at the intersection. Community is aware of this commitment. Signals anticipated to be commissioned in November and calibrated by Christmas.

- ❖ Functionality of Camden Haven Golf Club to be addressed as it is impacted by four options.

Comment: Scott Murray, Golf Course Architect, has prepared options for revised layouts, visited Camden Haven Golf Club on 25 and 26 June 2001 and is preparing sketches and a report on the impact and indicative cost of options.

- ❖ Option KA concern re flooding of Kendall Road near railway.

Comment: There is not enough survey detail available at this stage but if KA is chosen then the design of Kendall Road (level and culvert size) will be adjusted if necessary to ensure that Kendall Road will be protected from flooding to at least the same extent as it is now.

2. Progress of Investigations

• Engineering Investigations

- Alistair Kerle advised there are no major changes in engineering design to report.
- John Hamilton – Geotech work has now been analysed and results incorporated into design. Some batter slopes need to be adjusted.
- Some concern regarding the driving of new piles and construction of footings for new bridge over Camden Haven River on site of old bridge. Divers will be utilised to determine the extent of the problem.

- Helen Weston – no more to report on Environmental Investigations.
- An extra set of Water Quality Data has now been obtained (total – 2 sets) the results of which will be reported to the next CFG meeting.
- Community Feedback on display of upgrade options:
 - 98 submissions received to date
 - Information is being assessed via the data base
 - Main response has been from Kew/Laurieton/Kendall area
 - No clear preference from 10 submissions at Johns River
 - KA KE KF attracted most comment
 - KE supported by 25% of respondents to Kew options
 - Kendall residents most concerned with KA/KB
 - Concern with impacts on Golf Course
 - KE opponents – mainly from affected property owners
 - Some comments from Herons Creek residents with no clear preference apparent.

3. Community Issues - Issues Raised

- Allan McIntyre – Will there be any compensation for affected businesses if Kew is bypassed?

Answer: Ray Dallen – compensation is only payable where property is directly affected.

- Allan McIntyre – Could the role of the CFG be clarified in the next Community Newsletter?

Answer: Ray Dallen - Yes

- Ron Clapton – Have any studies been undertaken of impacts on by-passed towns?

Answer: Helen Weston – Yes. An RTA study has shown that larger towns survive well. Communities which are well prepared survive better than others.

- Ian Ferguson – the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce has facilitated a meeting to discuss potential impacts.

Response: Helen Weston – A condition of the MUAP approval of the Karuah bypass is for RTA to assist the planning of Karuah to respond to changed circumstances after the bypass is opened.

- Ron Clapton – Kew will develop anyway with the introduction of sewerage and normal growth pressures.
- Kelvin Limbrick – There is potential to develop 4,000+ blocks of land in the Kew/Kendall area.
- Graham Wood – the Employees at Herons Creek Mill are concerned about potential impacts on their future employment, especially those living in the Herons Creek, Kew, Kendall area.

Comments on display of upgrade options

- Barry Barr – The displays and RTA/Arup/ERM advisers gave the public a good, clear understanding of the project.
- Ian Ferguson – the exhibition material was very good. The three week exhibition was an adequate length of time.
- Kelvin Limbrick – The general response from the community was positive.
- Ron Clapton – Ron advised that he visited all of the exhibition locations. The library displays were good. The displays at the RTA offices were inadequate because people were more focussed on paying their registrations etc and getting out as quickly as possible.

4. Concept design development

- No major changes
- Some minor modifications include increasing the vertical headroom to 5.3m where K-A crosses above Kendall Road, increasing the median width at Herons Creek Road to accommodate B-Doubles and adjustments to KE to tie-in to the existing highway slightly closer to Kew.

5. Next Steps in project development

- Options Development Report.
- Value Management Workshop 23-24 July.
- 5 Community Representatives to attend from Kew. Ian Ferguson, Ron Clapton, Alan Grady, Kelvin Limbrick, Ian Jackson.

6. Confirmation of matters to be followed up

- a. CFG functions to be advised in next newsletter.
- b. Can cross-roads be avoided on the new road (e.g. problem with Bago Road, Houston Mitchell Drive)
- c. School bus stops are potentially a problem on a 110 km/hr road

7. Next meeting

Probably end of August between the Value Management Workshop and the display of the preferred option. CFG representatives will be able to advise Ray Dallen to call another meeting following the end of the Value Management Workshop, depending on identified needs and issues.

8. Conclusion and close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.