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Project	Pacific Highway Upgrade - Oxley Highway to Kempsey	From	Andrew Geddes
Subject	Community Liaison Group Meeting	Tel	4979 9999
Venue/Date/Time	Telegraph Point School of Arts, Telegraph Point, 3 March 2005 at 7.00pm.	Job No	22/12057/40
Copies to	All attendees		
Attendees	Susan Pike Malcolm Borger Greg Brayley Raymond Ward Tony Thorne Jim Grieve Rose Cunningham Ron Clapton Bradley Hooper Stephen Williamson (RTA) Christophe Steinbach (RTA) Andrew Geddes (GHD) Mirella Di Genua (GHD) Melanie Miels (GHD) Ed Boucaut (GHD)	Apologies	Stephen Bruce John Cassegrain

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1	Welcome and review of ground rules		
1.1	Ground rules were set by the CLG members in December 2004 and are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Keep it short and sweet; » Everyone's views are equal; » Need to maintain a clear focus; » One person to speak at a time; » Turn mobile phones off/down in volume; » Community issues NOT individual issues; » Courtesy; » Listen; » Keep to time; » Be honest; » No waffle; and » No side discussions. 		



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1.2	<p>At the meeting, CLG members received the following handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » A table highlighting a list of common terminology used within the construction/design industry; and » A draft project timeline. <p>Copies of these can be found in the appendices of these minutes.</p> <p>Project team to provide copy of the GHD & RTA Organisational chart when prepared.</p>	MM	
1.3	<p>New project team member, Christophe Steinbach (RTA), and guest speaker Ed Boucaut (GHD) were introduced to the representatives.</p>		
1.4	<p>Mirella Di Genua explained that due to time constraints unfortunately there was no time to fit in a presentation by the noise consultant as well as the presentation by Ed Boucaut on the Geographical Information System (GIS). A summary information sheet was prepared for the CLG members by the noise consultant for this meeting.</p> <p>Andrew Geddes explained that noise is difficult to assess. When assessing noise, we look at the existing noise environment, predict the noise levels once the upgrade is complete, and determine the change. When predicting noise levels, we look at things like the make up of traffic using the highway, noise conditions (day & night) etc.</p> <p>It was agreed that if CLG representatives felt they still wanted to have a presentation from the noise consultants that this could be arranged for a future CLG meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the project team would clarify the noise standards applicable to new roads or upgrade of existing roads.</p>	CLG Reps	MM
2	Update of activities since the last CLG meeting.		
2.1	<p>Andrew Geddes gave an overview of key activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Still in the data gathering stage; » Up to seven options have been identified throughout the project. As we are still at the exploration stage, there are no defined routes; » Data gathering is still being undertaken; » Developing selection criteria to establish how we can compare the options; » Traffic assessment – people were out counting traffic before Christmas; » First stage investigations (flora & fauna, air quality, water quality, geotechnical and heritage) are either in progress or complete. More 		



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	<p>are planned for upcoming months; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Some of the upgrade may be staged. This will be determined by how quickly traffic volumes are predicted to grow and available future funds.		
2.2	<p>Andrew Geddes provided an update on the teams research to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» 22% of the existing highway does not meet the Pacific Highway Upgrade Standards;» Grade separated interchanges (the separation of road, rail or other traffic so that crossing movements, which would otherwise conflict, are at different elevations) are proposed at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– South of Hastings River Drive;– Moorside Drive; and– Kundabung Road. <p>These depend on which options are developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Proposed underpass at Sancrox Road;» Traffic volumes are growing;» Heavy vehicles are growing» There are numerous indigenous heritage sites and a concentration of non-indigenous heritage sites in vicinity of Telegraph Point;» SEPP14 wetlands and marine vegetation along Wilson River;» A number of threatened species and endangered communities likely;» Large areas of DEC Estate and State Forests; and» Council supports in principal industrial development at Sancrox area.		
3	Route Option Development		
3.1	<p>Geographical Information System (GIS)</p> <p>Ed Boucaut from GHD gave a presentation on the GIS. He explained that there are 3 data sets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social (Community issues such as access, visual and noise);2. Built environment (land use, infrastructure, roads and telephone, gas and power lines); and3. Environmental assets (Flora and fauna). <p>Ed showed CLG representatives a series of maps, which highlighted constraints and indicated key areas to avoid. Map layers included housing density (social constraint), slope, indigenous heritage sites, creeks and waterways, mineral resources, protected lands (National Parks) and SEPP (State Environmental Planning Policy) 14 Wetlands. There are approximately 22 different maps. Colours have been used to</p>		



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	<p>indicate the level of constraint– red shows high and green shows low. It is a useful tool for the study team.</p> <p>You can weight each mapping layer to prioritise the constraints. The data can also be displayed in three dimensions.</p>		
3.2	<p>Activity: CLG members were asked to sketch an option they felt would be appropriate taking into consideration the constraints of having to meeting the maximum standard curve requirement.</p> <p>CLG representatives were given a Perspex curve showing the minimum bends that are permissible on the highway to assist them when drawing their route. Andrew Geddes and Stephen Williamson then discussed the associated constraints associated with the route drawn.</p> <p>The CLG members mentioned that there was local community support for a route option to the east of telegraph point. The potential route would be to the east of Mooreside Drive heading north in the vicinity of Dalhunty Island and Haydens Wharf road.</p>		
4	Discuss next stages in project		
4.1	<p>Mirella Di Genua explained that route options displays most likely run for approximately 3-4 weeks. They are likely to be a combination of A0 and A3 sized displays, depending on the space available. CLG representatives were asked to recommend locations for the public display.</p> <p>The following locations were suggested by CLG representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Telegraph Point School of Arts;» Telegraph Point Post Office;» Kundabung Post Office;» Kundabung Community Hall;» Port Macquarie Library;» RTA office; and» Settlement City Shopping Centre, Port Macquarie. <p>CLG members recommended displays be manned on Thursday evenings at local shopping centres, and on weekends.</p>		



5 Q&A – What are the reps still unsure about?

5.1 Q. Will service roads be upgraded at the same time the Pacific Highway will be upgraded?

A. There will not be an indication of when the service roads will be constructed until a preferred route option has been confirmed.

5.2 Q. Will aerial photos that were recently taken by the Project Team be available to the CLG members?

A. Yes, we can distribute some of these to the CLG members.

Action: Project Team to distribute aerial photographs to CLG members. These will be copied onto A4 paper and attached to these minutes.

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5.3 Q. Who is the Project Team liaising with in the community and has this liaison taken place yet?

A. The Project Team has been liaising with residents and businesses within the study area. We have also been liaising with council and key agency groups, including the Land Councils and National Parks. This liaison is still being undertaken and will continue for the duration of the Project.

5.4 Q. Are you mapping non-residential areas as well?

A. Yes. The GIS maps both non-residential and residential areas, and identifies the opportunities and constraints within these areas.

5.5 Q. Will flora and fauna be studied prior to route options display? Many residents will have a concern choosing a route prior to this investigation being done.

A. Flora and fauna specialists have been investigating flora and fauna along the proposed route options. When a proposed route has been confirmed, further detailed flora and fauna investigations will take place.

5.6 Q. Will the CLG members see the proposed route options prior to them going on public display?

A. No one will see the proposed route options until the Minister has announced them. We aim to have the route options out to the public as close to the time of the Ministers announcement as possible.

5.7 Q. Will the Project Team refer to local residents regarding special flora and fauna within the area that is only seen by the locals? i.e. Black Cockatoos.

A. We would encourage Project Team members to meet with local community members regarding any unique flora and fauna. However we do rely on community members providing this information via the



1800 number/ email / or by contacting their CLG member with their details, and a Project Team member contacting them.

5.8 Q. Who decides on where and how many bus stops will be located on the highway? Project Team

A. Bus stops will be planned for during the concept design stage.

5.9 Q. How much money does the government have to spend?

A. Planning for the Upgrade is funded by the NSW State Government, as part of the \$2.2 billion 10-year Pacific Highway Upgrade Program in New South Wales (comprising \$1.6 billion from the NSW State Government and \$600 million from the Australian Government).

Funding for construction has not yet been announced.

6 Feedback from the community?

6.1 It was noted that the community would like more information about where we are up to and what work is being undertaken on the highway. This was raised by a number of the CLG representatives.

6.2 Residents near Sancrox Road would like an intersection. They are concerned whether access to the highway will be maintained, but also understand that this work needs to be done.

6.3 Residents in Kempsey would like more information about this section of the upgrade. It was noted that the Project Team need to ensure residents in Kempsey are aware of what is going on.

6.4 It was noted that some residents find it difficult to comprehend what is involved in the upgrade.

Action: Project Team to send list of activities of actions being undertaken to CLG members. This list is attached to the minutes.

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6.5 Residents of Telegraph Point were concerned about the impact of the highway on their community. CLG members highlighted where many Telegraph Point residents would like the route to go.

6.6 Residents were keen to get the garbage trucks off the highway. This was of grave concern to many residents along the highway.

6.7 Concern over access to properties was raised by a number of the CLG representatives.



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- 6.8** Many residents would like to see the highway upgraded as quickly as possible.
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- 6.9** Residents near Kundabung would like an access across/under the highway at Kundabung. This will allow residents to access facilities such as the local post office etc.
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- 6.10** Community members would like to see more advertising about the upgrade.
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- 6.11** Resident visually presented to the team a number of sections along the highway that are of concern to local residents.
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7 Housekeeping

- 7.1** Mirella Di Genua advised that the next CLG meeting would most likely be around May. CLG reps were asked to think of possible agenda items that might be useful.
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- 7.2** CLG members were advised that a bus tour of the highway was still available. CLG members agreed to discuss bus tour at next CLG meeting.
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- 7.3** It was requested by a CLG member that the next CLG meeting be held before the 18 May, as they will be away for six weeks.
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