

## **BCRG update 21 2011, MCC Transport Strategy, EPA Cargill, Francis St**

### 1) Maribyrnong CC Transport Strategy

The Draft Maribyrnong Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) Report dated 12 October 2011 is now available for comment and the consultation period will finish **Friday 9 December**. For a copy of the document you will need to download it using the following link as it is a large file. After you open the link, follow the prompts to 'download files to my computer' and then create an account so that you can download the file. <https://rcpt.yousendit.com/1258197070/82dfbb1b0fc2fb3e8720634bb967ca3e>

### 2) YOTN News – EPA Cargill Project

This newsletter is produced and distributed by West Yarraville 'On the Nose' Community Group Inc. (YOTN) to inform our community of some exciting and interesting development that are occurring in the Yarraville West area including the EPA Cargill project. Download it from <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/yarroville-on-the-nose-news/>

### 3) Francis St update

On the 26/9/11 a meeting was held between community and Vic Roads representatives re Francis Street. The following notes were prepared by Jen Lilburn.

Present were: Nick Fisher – Manager Program Development (Vic Roads), Stan Januszkiewicz – A/Manager Road Operations (Vic Roads), Bruce Light – President Yarraville On The Nose Inc., Bert Boere – Secretary Brooklyn Residents Action Group Inc., Jen Lilburn – Convenor Brooklyn Community Representative Group

Items discussed and requiring further action:

- Wire ropes installed by Vic Roads to reduce trucks parking on the road verge as the safest option have not alleviated the dust issue, particularly given that parking has been re-instigated in some sections (HBCC signage), and that the area beyond the wire rope remains unsealed and very dusty.
- Vic Roads preferred option to eliminate parking along the verge (safety hazard) could be achieved by increasing the length of wire rope, and to sow grass/install footpaths between the rope barrier and the fence line. The work beyond the wire rope would be HBCC's responsibility.
- Importance of ongoing maintenance - Vic Roads' responsibility is for arterial road maintenance/upgrade is curb-road-curb, or if there is no curb (as in this case): 3m from the white line at the edge of the road – across the road – 3m from the white line on the other side. Beyond this is local government's responsibility.
- Unsealed yards and driveways are contributing to the dust problem, as is the western side of Cemetery Road – which carries significant truck traffic.
- The best option would be to seal the verge to the fence line – but it is unlikely that funding will be available for a project of this scale. Priorities for government funding on roads are targeted at roads where there is a high proportion of vehicle accidents/casualties. Curbing is generally used to direct water flow – not really a necessity for this (very flat) stretch of road.
- Bruce indicated that 'cleaning up' of this area is integral to lifting the image of the West and changing the way in which people living in the West feel about their neighbourhood/suburb. Along with the dust being a physical health issue, this is also a mental health issue.

### 4) BCRG Community Forum

The next BCRG Community Forum will be held on **Thursday** 24th November, at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start, at the Brooklyn Community Centre, Cypress Avenue Brooklyn.

Meeting dates for 2012 are: **Wednesdays** 15th February, 16th May, 15th August, and 14th November, 2012.