

BCRG update 10 2012, VicRoads and DPCD updates, Action list

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Hi everyone,

1) VicRoads Update

At the previous community forum, Jen undertook to ask VicRoads for an update on Francis Street works.

The following response was received from Marko Nastic, Senior Maintenance Engineer, July 3, 2012.

Details of works undertaken to date:

- The failed shoulder sections of Francis St between Millers Rd and the Railways have been asphalt sealed 3m from edge of roadway.
(In reference to the Road Management Act 2004, the shoulder section between the property boundary and 3m back of road way is council responsibility)
- Wire Rope Safety Barrier has been installed to prevent trucks from illegally parking along various shoulder areas.
(An assessment on extending various sections of Wire Rope Safety Barrier is currently in progress. The proposed extension works including time frames to complete the works is still To Be Confirmed)
- In the meantime council needs to enforce parking fines to trucks illegally parking in the "No Standing" areas along Francis St.

Further to the detail above and in response to Jen's query:

- Some sections of Francis Street do not have Wire Rope Safety Barrier installed in order to allow access to the local business properties.
The shoulder section across the food store did not have Wire Rope Safety Barrier installed in order to temporarily allow trucks to park and get some lunch.
VicRoads will assess this shoulder area on a risk/safety priority basis amongst other urgent issues identified within Metro North West Region and program the shoulder area across the food store to have appropriate treatment to minimise dust.
- As advised, the shoulder area near the railways that is failing will be asphalt paved by August 2012.
- As an extra measure, Hobsons Bay City Council has committed to undertake additional sweeping of the shoulder areas behind the Wire Rope Safety Barrier to reduce the dust build up.

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2) DPCD Update

At the last BCRG meeting, the following comment was raised: "The Dept of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) have had funding to look at long term planning for the entire precinct but haven't had an opportunity to present to BCRG. Some of the issues relate to potential new roads in Brooklyn particularly around Jones Rd and Bunting Rd and how this is impacting on the Brimbank planning and future expenditure. This may tie in with the new Brooklyn Strategy from Brimbank CC."

I have had a number of conversations with DPCD, and have invited them to several meetings. They have recently advised that planning for the area incorporating Brooklyn will be incorporated in the new Metropolitan Planning Strategy. The **attached article** explains this further.

Jen Lilburn, Convenor BCRG Community Forum

3) Rolling Action list

The **attached Rolling Action list** is generated from the BCRG Community forums and helps to keep track of questions raised and whether they have been responded to as promised. The current list has very few outstanding actions and is a positive reflection on the commitment of our partners to the BCRG forum and the Brooklyn precinct. Thank you everyone!

Remember, these updates are available online at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcrg-updates/>.

...and the next Community forum is Wednesday August 15th.