

**Albury Wodonga Hume Freeway Project
Ettamogah to Murray River, NSW**

**Meeting #9 – Issues and action items
Wednesday 23 November 2005, 6pm – 8pm
Dallinger Road site office**

CLG members in attendance

Bev Bennie	Ann Henderson	Brian McLennan	David Sprunt
Maurice Chick	Dennis Hickey	Arch McLeish	Tim Stewart
Allan Coulter	Alan Hodge	John Pratt	Keith Turner
Tony Harrington	Kim Krebs	Peter Reynoldson	Brian Waters
	Wayne Matsinos	Graeme Richardson	Peter Ziebarth

Project representatives in attendance

Steve Kiddle, Abigroup	Peter Butler, RTA
Ian Irwin, Abigroup	Ed Scully, RTA
Carol Bartley, Abigroup	Max Chapman, Connell Wagner
Matt Frodsham, Abigroup	Jessie Death, Connell Wagner
Chelsea Logan, Abigroup	Greg Blackie, AlburyCity
Colin Doolan, RTA	Toby Hobbs, Environmental Management Representative

CLG members unable to attend

Martha Bardy	Ron Dennis	Yvonne Paull
Colin Clark	Wayne Nevinson	John Whitelaw

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	Welcome and Introduction	Apologies noted.	Abigroup
2	Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noise levels on existing highway. – Abigroup provided information directly to CLG member who raised the question. ▪ Proposed signals at intersection of Keene Street and Borella Road – Following further investigations, the signals will not be installed at this stage. The intersection will continue to be monitored by the RTA. ▪ Freeway fog advisory signs. – The RTA indicated there will be no fog advisory signs on the freeway. 	
3	Community Relations report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since the last meeting the Display Centre has had another 281 visitors. ▪ Traffic notices appeared in the Border Mail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 20 and 21 Oct - closure of the intersection of Schubach Street and Borella Road. ○ 26 and 29 Oct - changes to Union Road. ○ 5 and 7 Nov - changes to Bridge Street. ○ 17 and 19 Nov - Bridge Street piling works. ○ 19 and 21 Nov - changes to Thurgoona Drive. ▪ A notice advising the community of the out of hours work on Bridge Street appeared in the Border Mail on 17 and 19 November. ▪ Visit to residents and businesses directly affected by work at Bridge Street for out of hours work. ▪ Email / fax notifications for the work were sent to members of the Traffic and Transport Stakeholder Group and Emergency Management Stakeholders Group. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A newspaper article in the Border Mail on the 8 November about work on Bridge St also covered the possibility of people trespassing being prosecuted. ▪ A newspaper article on the 20 October regarding the closure of the intersection of Borella Road and Schubach Street. ▪ The Weekly Times photographer was on site to capture images for an upcoming feature they are doing on the project. ▪ The start of works along Bridge Street and the Schubach Street intersection closure and the new children's crossing received coverage on Prime TV. ▪ ABC news had 2 pieces go to air about the Project ▪ Community Relations Manager did a radio interview with Ray Kington of 2AY about trespassers on the alignment in East Albury. ▪ Presentations about freeway construction have been made to The Scots School, the SES and the ABC. ▪ Notifications about the permanent closure of service roads at Short and Schubach streets near the intersection with Borella Road were delivered to directly affected residents. ▪ East Albury residents received notifications regarding the closure of the intersection of Borella Road and Schubach Street to allow for construction of half of the new roundabout. 	
4	Design and construction activities	<p>General progress of the freeway is on track despite 72 rain affected days in the 142 calendar days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weather issues are ongoing – 166.4mm of rain received during the months of October/November. ▪ Borella Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridge construction progressing well. ○ Completion of south side of bridge and road scheduled for March 2006 with traffic switch and completion of north side July 2006. ○ Traffic management plan in place with detours back to Schubach Street during closure with temporary school crossing across Borella between Short and Schubach streets set up and working successfully. ○ Half roundabout construction, with Schubach Street to be reopened 20 December 2005. • Dallinger Union link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Target is to seal link road end of December 2005. ○ Target opening to traffic early in the new year. ▪ Jelbart Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curb and sealing in December. ○ Target opening to traffic before Christmas or early in new year. ▪ North Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work progressing well with target opening April 2006. ▪ Bridge Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilities relocations (Gas, water, 	

		<p>electricity) are ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sequence of construction of rail bridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Piling will take place from 20 November to 21 December 2005 with some out of hours work (subject to DEC approval) ▪ ARTC have identified 27-30 December 2005 as best time to place headstocks. DEC approval for out of hours works being sought. ▪ New bridge will be built on site near existing bridge and put into place over Easter 06 during next extended period of possession. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The issue of uncovered trucks to and from the quarries was discussed. Members were reminded the freeway is not the only destination for these trucks. Abigroup reiterated trucks supplying fill for the freeway are rejected if the load is not covered. ▪ The question of sediment ponds and potential affect on ground water was raised. Abigroup confirmed the ponds have been designed based on advice about local hydrological conditions and they would not affect ground water. In response to a question about security of the ponds, Abigroup indicated the ponds would be fenced. ▪ The condition of Jelbart Road for use by cyclists was raised. Abigroup agreed to look at the surface but reminded the CLG that the new Jelbart Road would be open within weeks. ▪ Construction of the Bridge Street rail bridge was discussed particularly in the context of the ARTC windows during which Abigroup can work. It was explained that traffic on Bridge Street will at times be affected by construction of the new rail bridge between now and the beginning of the new year. There will be traffic control in place with traffic at times reduced to one lane in each direction and other times one lane. Motorists can expect modest delays. 	
5	Presentation	<p>East Albury operational noise management plan.</p> <p>There are a number of methods available to mitigate traffic noise from roads, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low-noise pavement surfaces (Stone Mastic Asphalt) will be used on the main carriageways throughout the built-up section of the project from Corrys Road to Murray River. ▪ Roadside earthmounds and/or noise walls. ▪ Noise treatment to buildings. <p>Information on building treatment was provided to members at the September meeting.</p> <p>There will be one-on-one consultation with individual property owners identified for at house noise treatment as a result of the operational noise modelling. This consultation will occur progressively within each noise catchment area (NCA), as early as possible in the new</p>	

		<p>year, following DEC approval of the detailed noise assessment for each area.</p> <p>Freeway noise between Borella Road and Bridge Street (NCA 14) will be managed with a combination of a retaining wall, earth mound and noise wall. The overall height will be between 9 and 10 metres from the road surface.</p> <p>There will also be a section of noise wall from Borella Road along the eastern side of the on ramp.</p> <p>Some of the current work includes moving dirt into place to enable noise mounds to be constructed as early as possible.</p>	
6	General discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was discussion concerning the operation of the CLG following a question seeking clarification of its role in relation to the conditions of approval. The group discussed the operation of the CLG and the level of information provided to members and to the community. The protocols and guidelines agreed to by the group were highlighted. Abigroup and the RTA believe the operation of the group is consistent with the guidelines and protocols of this CLG and the project's conditions of approval. There was discussion of situations when changes to construction approaches, outlined to the CLG, have changed and been notified, before the next meeting of the CLG. Abigroup explained that there will be times when, for reasons of safety or in an effort to reduce community inconvenience, program changes (discussed with and agreed to by relevant authorities such as the RTA and AlburyCity) may be made between CLG meetings. The commitment to ensure the CLG is kept informed of construction activities impacting on the community between meetings was reiterated. There was acknowledgement that several suggestions put forward by the group had been taken on board and acted upon by Abigroup. ▪ The issue of pedestrian access in East Albury was raised. Abigroup to provide timetable for construction and opening of Kenilworth Bridge at the next meeting. ▪ The project website (www.rta.nsw.gov.au/albury) will be online and fully functional as soon as final RTA approval received. ▪ Abigroup will close its office and the community display centre from 22 December 2005 to 4 January 2006. The community information line (1800 674 934) and email address (albury@abigroup.com.au) will be monitored. 	Abigroup
9	Meeting #10	<p>Wednesday 25 January 2006, 6pm – 8pm</p> <p>Dallinger Road site office</p>	