

**Bonville Upgrade Project  
Community Interest Group**

**NOTES**

**Meeting #10  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
Project Site Office  
Bonville Station Road, Bonville  
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

**CIG members in attendance**

Tony Brindley	Trish Herraman
Gary Carr	Ron Sprudd
Ron Duncan	Mike Newcombe
Mike Edsall	

**Project representatives in attendance**

Colin Solomon, RTA	Jason Moran, Abigroup
Chris Clark, RTA	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup
	Gordon Boer, Abigroup
	Rebecca Walker-Edwards, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Cindy Douglas, Abigroup
	Martin Hicks, EMR (Environmental Management Representative)

**Apologies**

Chris Bryce, Abigroup	Ann Coyle
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**Tabled/Handouts**

Abigroup presentation – Construction Update  
Abigroup presentation – Structures Update  
Abigroup presentation – Community Update  
Abigroup presentation – Flooding (impacts on overland drainage)

No.	Item	Issues / Actions	Action by
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>Matt Frodsham - Facilitator</p> <p>Welcome to all attendees. Rebecca Walker-Edwards, Environmental Manager from Abigroup was introduced.</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p> <p>Comments from the previous meeting notes were received see Item 1.1.</p>	
1.1		<p>Abigroup advised all air-conditioning installation works have been completed.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the parties concerned with the collapsed bore are informed of the situation.</p>	
2	<b>Actions arising from last meeting</b>	<p><b>#5.1 (Mtg 7) CIG Feedback Form</b></p> <p>The CIG inquired if a feedback form from the CIG to Abigroup is a viable idea, providing Abigroup with information on how to improve future CIG meetings and if they are worthwhile for the community and Abigroup.</p> <p>Martin Hicks (EMR) provided the feedback form to members of the CIG for completion and return. Abigroup will email return address details to CIG Members and post out the form to those CIG members not in attendance.</p>	
3	<b>Abigroup Project update</b>		
3.1	<b>Construction update</b>	<p><b>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Earthworks Abigroup presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing remaining is staging works near Overhead Bridge Road.</li> <li>• Currently installing boundary fencing on all parts of the project.</li> <li>• Total distance fenced to date: 5.5 km</li> <li>• Storm water pipes placed: 8000 m</li> <li>• Permanent Sediment Basins built to date: 24</li> <li>• All Sediment Controls have been placed on the entire project.</li> <li>• Fleet 1 has re-located to Mailmans Track for the removal of existing highway.</li> <li>• Strouds Road cut to fill operations has commenced and will be completed this week.</li> <li>• Top Soil moved to date: 120 000 m3.</li> <li>• Earth moved to date: 900 000 m3.</li> <li>• Works are being undertaken between Overhead Bridge Road and Pine Creek.</li> <li>• Construction of the roundabout at Archville Station Road will commence within the next two weeks.</li> <li>• Concrete cutting between Overhead Bridge Road and Pine Creek will re-commence at the end of August.</li> </ul>	

3.1	<b>Construction update continued</b>	<p><b>Jason Moran – Project Manager, Earthworks Abigroup presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the 25th July 2007 traffic at the southern end of the Bonville upgrade, from Overhead Bridge Road to Perrys Road was diverted along a section of the service road adjacent to the existing Pacific Highway. This traffic switch will allow the construction of the main alignment of the southern section of the Bonville upgrade as well as the Mailmans Track interchange. The posted speed limit for this diversion will be 80km/hr.</li> </ul>	
3.1.1	<b>Questions</b>		
3.1.2		<p>The CIG inquired as to what was happening with the excess Topsoil.</p> <p>Abigroup informed the CIG that surplus topsoil was being recycled onto batters, donated to local schools and residents.</p>	
3.2	<b>Bridges Update</b>	<p><b>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</b></p> <p><b>Mailmans Track</b> Substructure works are complete with the super tee girders being erected. It is expected that the bridge deck will be poured early August.</p> <p><b>Pine Creek</b> Substructure works on the southern side of Pine Creek are complete with the super tee girders being erected. On the northern side substructure works are nearing completion and it is expected that all girders will be erected by late August.</p> <p><b>Reedys Creek</b> Piling for the centre pier is nearing completion. Concrete works on the centre pier are expected to commence during August.</p> <p><b>Archville Station Road</b> The central pier has been poured and work is well underway on the abutments following completion of the piling. It is expected that girders will be erected by mid August.</p> <p><b>East Bonville Road</b> Abutment and central pier footings have been poured. Works are underway constructing the reinforced soil wall at both abutments.</p> <p><b>Bonville Creek</b> Abutments and footings for the central pier are complete. Piling on the southern bank of Bonville Creek is now complete and piling works is continuing on the northern side. Construction of piers on the southern side has commenced.</p>	

3.2	<b>Bridges Update continued</b>	<p><b>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</b></p> <p><b>Williams Road</b> Following completion of the majority of the blasting in the Williams Road cut, work is now underway on the abutments for Williams Road Bridge. It is expected that work on the centre pier will commence late August.</p>	
3.2.1	<b>Questions</b>	<p>The CIG inquired if the weather has affected the bridgeworks schedule.</p> <p>Abigroup responded that the project bridgeworks are on schedule.</p>	
3.3	<b>Community and Communications update</b>	<p><b>Cindy Douglas – Community Relations Assistant Abigroup presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 visitors for the month of July</li> <li>• Total to date 583 visitors</li> </ul> <p><b>Complaints</b></p> <p>July 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – Construction</li> <li>• 2 – Damage (Third Party)</li> </ul> <p><b>Chamber of Commerce</b></p> <p>Matt Frodsham was invited to be a guest speaker at the Urunga/Mylestom Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on the 11th July 2007. The morning was a success with the greatest number of attendees (approx 80) the Chamber had attracted to date.</p> <p>Guest speakers were: Luke Hartsukyer MP. Matt Frodsham provided an overview of the Bonville upgrade and Chris Clark from the RTA spoke about the upcoming Macksville to Urunga Pacific Highway upgrade.</p> <p>As a result of the presentation, Abigroup has been invited to speak at the Coffs Harbour Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on the 4th September 2007.</p> <p><b>Donations &amp; Sponsorships</b></p> <p>On any new project Abigroup contributes greatly to the local economy by employing a large number of locals and bringing a large workforce to the area.</p>	

3.3	<b>Community and Communications update</b>	<p><b>Cindy Douglas – Community Relations Assistant Abigroup presentation</b></p> <p>We also actively seek opportunities to contribute and become part of the community in other meaningful ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boambee Football Club - Abigroup has committed to donating concrete and labour, assisting with the construction of the new amenities block for the club.</li> <li>• Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour in association with Coffs Harbour Triathlon Club – Abigroup is a Major Sponsor of the 2008 Coffs Coast Ocean Swims.</li> <li>• On-going donation of aluminium cans to Bonville Public School, the school uses the re-cycling of the cans for fundraising.</li> <li>• Burial of 3 horses and 1 cow</li> <li>• Assistance with the removal of a cow stuck in a dam</li> <li>• Donations of gravel</li> <li>• Donations of lucerne</li> <li>• Donations of mulch</li> </ul> <p><b>Media coverage</b></p> <p>19.07.07 Prime News - Traffic Switch  20.07.07 Coffs Harbour Advocate - Letter to the Editor  25.07.07 NBN - Traffic Switch  25.07.07 Coffs Harbour Advocate – Article: Highway changes from today  26.07.07 Coffs Harbour Advocate – Photo &amp; caption on the traffic switch</p>	
3.3.1		The CIG expressed their thanks for the site tour held on Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2007, and would welcome an invitation to tour the site at the end of the project.	
3.3.2		<p>The CIG inquired if trees would be planted on the medium strip along the alignment.</p> <p>Abigroup responded trees will be planted on the medium in accordance with the Urban Design and Landscape Plan. Essentially, where there is sufficient space for trees to be planted, the plan allows for this however the majority of the medium only allows for shrubs to be planted.</p>	
3.3.3		<p>The CIG inquired as to the level of water being used on site.</p> <p>Abigroup advised where possible water was re-used for dust suppression, Abigroup is conscious of the amount of water drawn from basins and is drawing some water from the bores. Usage has been greatly reduced due to the majority of earthworks being completed.</p>	
4	<b>Presentations</b>		
4.1		<b>Abigroup Photo Presentation</b> – Matt Frodsham, Jason Moran, Neil Pittaway	

4.2		<p><b>Abigroup Flooding Presentation - Gordon Boer</b></p> <p>Gordon Boer, Abigroup Design Manager presented a summary of the principles behind the drainage design for the Project (Environmental, Statutory and technical).</p> <p>Drawings relating to storage of road drainage, wetland continuity and maintenance of fauna passage at each of the creek crossings were tabled and explained.</p> <p>Gordon then explained the methodology and background to the analysis of likely flood levels after construction of the bypass. Because of the absence of any flow data within Bonville or Pine Creek catchments, Never-Never River catchment, which has similar size and features and good data relating rainfall to flow rates and volumes, was used. Using parameters determined from the analysis of the Never-Never river catchment, Abigroup's designers were able to confirm that impacts to flood levels in Bonville and Pine Creek catchments, as a result of the construction of the Upgrade, would be within the limits mandated by the Environmental documents.</p>	
4.2.1	<b>Questions</b>		
4.2.2		<p>Martin Hicks inquired why our model for Pine Creek is based on the design of the existing bridge not on the new bridge.</p> <p>Abigroup responded the design was modelled on the existing bridge because it has more of an influence on the upstream flow.</p>	
4.2.3		<p>Martin Hicks inquired if there is a requirement to do a post construction audit to test assumptions.</p> <p>Abigroup responded there is no requirement to do a post construction audit as design was based on the current technology.</p>	
4.2.4		<p>The CIG advised there is a floodmark near the existing bridge and if it could have been used in the modelling.</p> <p>Abigroup acknowledged the floodmark indicators but would require more accurate details for it to be taken into account during the design phase.</p>	
4.2.5		<p>The CIG inquired as to what happens if the model is incorrect, and if logs and debris floating downstream had been considered with the design of the new bridge.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the design of the new bridge is wider than the existing bridge with a 30m span. The impact of floating logs and debris had been taken into consideration during the design phase.</p>	
4.2.6		<p>The CIG inquired if the road between Pine Creek and Reedys Creek will be affected by flooding.</p> <p>Abigroup responded that the 1 in 1000 event of flooding would flood the existing bridge however; the new bridge is approximately 1m higher.</p>	

<b>5</b>	<b>General Discussion</b>		
5.1.1		<p>A CIG member was concerned about the potholes on Williams Road.</p> <p>Abigroup's monitoring program ensures all pothole repairs are attended to promptly.</p>	
5.1.2		<p>A CIG member inquired if the new alignment to designed for B-Triples.</p> <p>The RTA advised the CIG that the Federal Government has announced that B-Triples would not be able to operate on the Pacific Highway.</p>	
5.1.3		<p>A CIG member expressed concern at the number of persons speeding along Bonville Station Road.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the issue of speeding is taken seriously and it will be raised at the next toolbox meeting. Abigroup advised residents to record vehicle details including the number plate and report the details to Abigroup to assist in reducing speeding vehicles.</p>	
5.1.4		<p>The CIG requested pedestrian access near the bridge works along Bonville Station Road be widened as the walk way has insufficient room to walk along without having to go out onto the road.</p> <p>Abigroup will undertake investigations and report back to the CIG.</p>	<b>Abigroup</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Meeting #11</b> 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007</p> <p>Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	