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Agenda – General Meeting

Wednesday, 4th March, 2020

6.00 pm refreshments, meeting starts at 6.15 pm

Councillors Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Melbourne Town Hall

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with a welcome and introduction around the table

Present:

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| Cr Tom Melican | City of Banyule |
| Kathleen Petras | City of Banyule |
| Henry Lee | City of Bayside |
| Cr Bruce Lancashire | City of Brimbank |
| Jon Liston | City of Brimbank |
| Warren Smith | City of Casey |
| Jo Noesgaard | City of Casey |
| Cr Lina Messina | City of Darebin |
| Cr Jonathon Marsden | City of Hobsons Bay |
| Doug Rowland | City of Hobsons Bay |
| Cr Anna Chen | City of Manningham |
| Liz Lambropoulos | City of Manningham |
| Daniele Ranieri | City of Manningham |
| Mary Dallas | City of Maribyrnong |
| Richard Smithers | City of Melbourne |
| Oscar Hayes | City of Melbourne |
| Cr Josh Fergus | City of Monash |
| Cr Andrea Surace | City of Moonee Valley |
| Chris Morris | City of Moonee Valley |
| Simon Stainsby | City of Moreland |
| Cr Antonella Celi | Shire of Mornington Peninsula |
| Claire Davey | Shire of Mornington Peninsula |
| Cr Andrew Davenport | City of Whitehorse |
| Russell Tricker | City of Whittlesea |
| Troy Knowling | City of Whittlesea |
| Peter Fung | City of Wyndham |
| Julian Wearne | City of Yarra |
| Cr Jackie Fristacky | City of Yarra |
| David Stosser | MRCagney |

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| Beck Roy | MTCagney |
| Harry Barber | Philip Boyle and Associates |
| Clive Motteram | Department of Transport |
| Raj Ramalingam | Department of Transport |
| Knowles Tivendale | Movement and Place Consulting |
| Vincent NG | Movement and Place Consulting |
| Nakine Thomson | Movement and Place Consulting |
| Greg Day | Edunity |
| Susie Strain | MTF |

Apologies

Cr Natalie Abboud, City of Moreland

Cr Jess Dorney, City of Moreland

Dr Hamish Reid, City of Bayside

Cr Susanne Newton, City of Darebin

Melissa Falkenberg, City of Wyndham

Cr Nic Frances-Gilley, City of Melbourne

2. Presentations – Resilient Melbourne on Metropolitan Cycling Network, Jason Hoernel on Jump bikeshare

Resilient Melbourne, Metropolitan Cycling Network

Toby Kent, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Melbourne, and Rufael Tsegay, Resilient Melbourne Support Officer, City of Melbourne, presented on the work underway from the Resilient Melbourne project, in particular progressing the Flagship Action of establishing a Metropolitan Cycling Network.

Toby Kent provided some background to the Resilient Melbourne project.

- Resilient Melbourne was instigated by a grant from 100 Resilient Cities Project pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. The two-year grant saw local government from across metropolitan Melbourne come together to create Melbourne's first "resilience strategy".
- Urban resilience is defined as "the ability of a city, its institutions, organisations, systems, businesses, communities and individuals and their ability to adapt, survive, and thrive in the face of whatever chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience."
- The creation of a Metropolitan Cycling Network (MCN) is a Flagship Action within the Resilient Melbourne Strategy. This is because a truly effective cycling network can help to address chronic stresses, such as declining physical health, transport congestion, and associated vehicle pollution. It can also serve as a critical transport mode when other infrastructure fails following acute shocks.
- Resilient Melbourne is working with councils across regions to coordinate a metropolitan approach to establish cycle paths and corridors that is both holistic in scope and tailored to local needs.

Rufael Tsegay went on to outline a proposal to develop a Metropolitan Cycling Network to provide a sound basis for ongoing advocacy and projects, building on all existing data sources (population growth, journey to work, straba, Vista, crash statistics, etc.) and seeking to coordinate a metropolitan approach across agencies to establish cycle paths and corridors throughout Melbourne.

Resilient Melbourne has started with the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) councils to develop a model which could then be expanded to metropolitan Melbourne. This model would seek to unify the existing and proposed bicycle infrastructure, both on and off road, from local government and state agencies as

well as crash statistics and proposing vital network links that account for the above factors. The output would be a critical advocacy tool to justify and prioritise funding for ongoing or new works.

Resilient Melbourne is seeking funding in the order of \$10 – \$11,000 per council (beyond the IMAP councils of Melbourne, Yarra, Stonnington, Port Phillip, Maribyrnong) to further develop the model across metropolitan Melbourne.

Bike Share in Melbourne

Jason Hoernel from Good Cycles spoke to the MTF about the new bike share system Jump which has just been launched as a 12 month trial in inner Melbourne. Jason has had experience with bike share programs, having had some involvement with the recently discontinued RACV bike share program.

Jason spoke about the need to balance between the constraints of the operator (efficiency, scale, vandalism) and needs of the user (convenience, safety, reliability).

The new bicycles are a high quality, pedal assist electric bike and with helmet attached. The bike complies with Australian standards, has automatic lights and weighs 30 kg, hopefully a deterrent to vandalism. Bikes are GPS tracked, and the app shows where can be parked, preferably locked to a rack or similar fixed item but free-standing if need be. A support team will monitor bike placement, maintain and change batteries (once every 24/48 hours).

Cost is \$1.00 to unlock and 30c per minute and accessed via the Uber app. There is customer support for equipment failure, but no additional insurance (above that available to all cyclists) provided for users.

3. Executive elections

There was one general member vacancy on the MTF executive following the elections of February 2020. Existing general member Cr Andrea Surace (City of Moonee Valley) was elected to the position of Deputy Chair, and Cr Bruce Lancaster (City of Brimbank) was elected as a general member.

The MTF executive for 2020 is now

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| Chair: | Cr Jonathan Marsden |
| Deputy Chair: | Cr Andrea Surace |
| Secretary: | Cr Tom Melican |
| Treasurer: | Cr Anna Chen |
| General members: | Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Stuart James, Cr Lina Messina, Cr Bruce Lancaster |

4. Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes of the previous meeting Wednesday 5th February be accepted

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Antonella Celi

Carried

5. Strategic Public Transport Advocacy

Greg Day, Edunity, spoke to the MTF advocacy strategy which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The strategy has arisen from a strategic meeting mid-2019 plus discussion at the executive, prioritising

A - active transport with a focus on cycling and getting funding for cycling infrastructure; also the MTF to nominate a cycling ambassador as a spokesperson

B - buses, with actions to encourage councils to add bus advocacy to their meetings with local MPs, and hold a bus forum in the middle of the year

C - choices, improve transport choice with access to alternative modes

MOTION: that Cr Tom Melican be nominated cycling ambassador for the MTF

Proposed: Cr Lina Messina

Seconded: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Carried

MOTION: that the Strategic Transport Advocacy Strategy as circulated and presented be approved

Proposed: Cr Andrea Surace

Seconded: Cr Antonella Celi

Carried

Greg Day to add to the MTF social media has set up an MTF LinkedIn page and profile on which he will post items of interest and relevance to the A, B, C advocacy priorities, for use by transport professionals, see www.linkedin.com/company/37516201

6. May meeting topic

A cycling workshop has been planned for the May meeting, and discussion underway with Harry Barber to organise.

Harry suggested the following topic options

- Metropolitan cycle network
- Cycling to local services, shops
- Cycling to stations, and using bike on rail

There was support for all three topics, following discussion the decision was referred to the executive.

7. Support for Resilient Melbourne metro-wide cycling network and funding ask

Following the presentation by Resilient Melbourne, there was discussion as whether the MTF would support the request to councils for a funding contribution to develop a full metropolitan cycling network both evidence-based and optimised on user demand, connectivity and safety, for use as an advocacy tool to justify funding. Metropolitan councils are being asked for approximately \$10,000. IMAP councils have already contributed.

In light of current council budget processes, it was decided to offer in-principle support to the request for \$10,000 per council, on the provision that individual councils' budgets have the flexibility or capacity to accommodate.

8. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Anna Chen reported financials up to the 29th February 2020

Bank accounts

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| Cheque account | \$19,973.69 |
| 2 month term deposit | \$59,295.08 |
| Total | \$76,268.77 |

Subscriptions

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| Member councils | 21 of 26 paid |
| Associates | 0 of 9 paid |

Invoices approved and paid

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| Susie Strain quarterly payment | \$6,250 |
| Olive oil for speaker gifts | \$288.00 |
| Edunity retainer | \$550.00 |
| Edunity website charges | \$247.74 |
| Total | \$7,335.74 |

Interest

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| Interest received Jan 2020 | \$0.84 |
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MOTION: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Stuart James

Carried

The Treasurer also sought authorisation that retiring executive members Paul Hamilton and Cr Martin Zakharov be removed as signatories to the bank account and incoming Treasurer Cr Anna Chen and incoming Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden be approved to be registered as signatories with the Bendigo Bank account.

MOTION: that the retiring executive members Chair Cr Martin Zakharov and Secretary Paul Hamilton be removed as authorised signatories to the MTF bank account, and that newly appointed office bearers Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden and Treasurer Cr Anna Chen be registered as authorised signatories to the bank account.

Proposed: Treasurer Cr Anna Chen

Seconded: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Carried

9. Meeting close