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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 6:15pm 2 December, 2020

Virtual meeting hosted by zoom

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Joanna Noesgaard	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Phillip Mallis	City of Darebin
Graeme Read	City of Frankston
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Douglas Rowland	City of Hobsons Bay
Alexander Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Wilson Ma	City of Manningham
Daniele Raneri	City of Manningham
Eng Lim	City of Maribynong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Jacob Bettio	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Kerri McCafferty	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Che Sutherland	City of Port Phillip

Oliver Stolz	City of Port Phillip
Tim Lecky	City of Stonnington
Serman Uluca	City of Whitehorse
Russell Trickner	City of Whittlesea
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabrielle DeVietri	City of Yarra
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Justin Rogers	TransDev
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies:

Cr Edward Crossland – Yarra	Frank Vassilacos – Manningham
Sam Romaszko – Melton	Cr Josh Fergeus – Monash
Gael Reid – Boroondara	Chloe Wright – Yarra
Ross Evans – Monash	John Bartels – Port Phillip
Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	Cr Bob Turner – Melton
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Vanessa Petrie – Darebin
Cr Tom Melican – Banyule	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd September be accepted.

Proposed: Cr Bruce Lancashire

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation: Jane Waldock – Executive Officer- MTF – Victorian 2020 Budget – Transport Review

Jane presented a summary of the Victorian 2020 Budget. She referred to Timna Jacks' reporting, and also comments provided by former Yarra Councillor, Jackie Fristacky. Jane also highlighted the State Treasurer's proposed introduction of a new tax on E-vehicles, and that there has been discussion on this acting to discourage community members from purchasing E-vehicles.

Jane noted the continuing emphasis in all projects concerning job creation, and that this theme should continue to be revisited in advocacy from MTF members. She also noted the appeal of larger projects – with big budgets, but with less complex community engagement requirements. Local

government should continue to work on how we can help state authorities to deliver on these projects for which we need their funding.

Lastly Jane referred to the opportunity for councillors to be clear about what they wish to leave as their legacy from this term, and to be as specific as possible in the wording that gets included in the Council Plan, as this will guide their officers in delivering programs and projects for the next four years.

Members then discussed the type of projects they were looking to include in their Council Plans, based on their election platforms, and feedback from the community. This ranged from electrification of rail services to Mornington Peninsula, long needed improvement to bus services in several municipalities, to supporting the normalisation of e-vehicles.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day encouraged councillors to include transport ideas in their council plans, and recommended that councillors have regular meeting with their local MPs. Greg also noted that in the next two years (leading to the 2022 state election) we will see two further state budgets, and a federal election.

Greg stressed the importance of continued advocacy for buses, and pointed to the NSW 2020 budget announcement committing to e-buses.

5. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Cr Anna Chen spoke to the August Treasurer's report, noting invoices of \$1,100 (Incl GST) for Greg Day's Aug/September services, and \$8,760.20 (inc GST) for Jane Waldock's executive officer services which had been considered and approved for payment by the Executive in October, and also noting approved payment of invoice for the update of the website from Greg Day's for \$1,100 (inc GST) .

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report for August 2020, 2 invoices approved by Executive for payment and 1 pre-approved invoice be noted.

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen
Seconded: Cr Bruce Lancashire

The motion was: CARRIED

MOTION: That the returned members of the 2020 MTF Executive are authorised to continue to approve payment of invoices for regular expenditure on services that have been foreshadowed in the 2020/21 MTF budget until the election of the 2021 MTF executive.

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen
Seconded: Cr Bruce Lancashire

The motion was: CARRIED

6. Other Matters

6.1 – Meeting Schedule for 2021

Meetings will be held on 1st Wednesday of the month, commencing at 6:15pm.
There is no meeting in January.

Meetings will likely be conducted via zoom in the early part of the year, but may also be conducted in person if meetings are allowed, and a venue can be arranged (previously meetings have been generously hosted by the City of Melbourne).

The EO advised that the meeting schedule as adopted at the 2020 AGM (held in September) had been sent to all councils. Papers are sent to members one week before the meeting.

6.2 – Possible topics for future general meetings

Members suggested the following topics/speakers:

- The future of transport
- Discussion on how to include transport outcomes in the Council Plan.
- E-Vehicles
- City of Wyndham Director City Design and Liveability, Ludo Campbell-Reid, City Planning expert and Urban Designer

6.3 – Possible topic for officer only meeting

- How train signals work – David Stosser from MRCagney

6.4 – MTF 2021 Executive election

Reminder to delegates to consider whether they wish to nominate for 2021 Executive – election will be conducted at February meeting, please contact Jane if you wish to discuss. Councillors and officers may nominate.

7. Meeting closed 7:55 pm