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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 2nd September, 2020

Virtual meeting hosted by zoom

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Kathleen Petras	City of Banyule
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Phillip Healy	City of Boroondara
Gael Reid	City of Boroondara
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Joanna Noesgaard	City of Casey
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Douglas Rowland	City of Hobsons Bay
Alexander Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Thomas Hardie Cogdon	City of Manningham
Danielle Ranieri	City of Manningham
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Josh Fergeus	City of Monash
Cr Andrea Surace	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Rosemary West	City of Kingston
Che Sutherland	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 Jackie Fristacky	City of Yarra
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Nick Foa	Department of Transport
Alan Fedda	Department of Transport
Rachel Carlisle	Department of Transport
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Knowles Tivendell	Movement and Place Consulting
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Natalie Abboud – City of Moreland
 Cr Lina Messina – City of Darebin
 Cr Stuart James – City of Monash
 Mary Dallas – City of Maribyrnong

2. [Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting](#)

MOTION: that the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5th August be accepted.

Proposed: Cr Antonella Celi

Seconded: Cr Bruce Lancashire

The motion was: CARRIED

3. [Presentation: Nick Foa and Alan Fedda – Department of Transport](#)

MTF September meeting was very pleased to get a comprehensive briefing from senior Department of Transport officers about the new structure and the priorities in these COVID times. This included a direct appeal to Councils to bring forward Active Transport projects for rapid approval.

Nick Foa, Deputy Secretary, Transport Operations, Department of Transport, explained the structures and priorities. While Alan Fedda provided a deep dive into the projects on the go.

The breathtaking takeaway was the scope of the new DOT: \$72B in projects, 120K jobs, 4K employees, 40 acts of parliament, and three ministers. Interestingly, within this monolithic structure, roads and public transport are covered by one Minister – Ben Carroll.

Every Department has a set of headline goals, in this case mission priorities were a reformist agenda:

- 1 Significantly less congested metropolitan networks
- 2 Faster more reliable freight movement
- 3 First and last mile mobility.

Much emphasis was given to progressing the big build despite COVID restriction. The list on projects on the go is staggering. But even so, they have one eye on the post COVID normal and another on coping with increased traffic congestion as PT usage remains lower than normal.

Alan Feeda provided a detailed insight into the roll out of congestion busting technology across the road network. This included trials of real time adjustments informed by a roll-out of 700 CCTV cameras and other data sources.

Of most immediate interest to LG was moves to make all clearways tow-away zones and increased road-occupation charges.

Mr Fedda made a direct appeal to Councils to bring forward innovative active transport projects, like pop-up bike infrastructure. He said DOT were keen to innovate to get people moving.

He said the State was already building 250kms of new active transport links.

A number of questions were raised by members in the chat zone. These have been sent to Nick and Alan for response.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day reported on the advocacy campaign commenced by writing to MPs. He noted that Nick and Alan's DoT projects were not only transport driven, but employment driven with many jobs potentially associated with their delivery. Greg noted that there is an opportunity to work on 30kph speed limits as a metro wide campaign. Greg proposed that this could be a council session on how to get better engagement on and approval of reduced speed limits from DoT. Some officers noted that their councils struggle to implement 40kph with the current infrastructure demands from VicRoads/DoT

Geoff Oulton from MAV provided an update on the walking and cycling survey completed by council officers. The survey confirmed three main issues being experienced across metro Melbourne: difficulty and length of time to get simple approvals from the DoT; the need for funding; and that speed limit reductions continue to be sought, but very difficult to get approved.

5. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Cr Anna Chen spoke to the July Treasurer's report, noting one invoice of \$1,100 (Incl GST) for Greg Day's June/July services which had been considered and approved for payment by the Executive.

MOTION: that the Treasurer's Report and the Invoice approved by the Executive are noted.

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

The motion was: CARRIED

6. Other Matters

Next Meeting – Peter Parker (Rail expert) and Loretta Lynch (TransDev) will be the guest speakers.

7. Meeting closed 7:55pm