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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 7th October, 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
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Phillip Mallis	City of Darebin
Graeme Reid	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
Mary Dallas	City of Maribynong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Andrea Surace	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Simran Singh	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Che Sutherland	City of Port Phillip
Kathleen Kemp	City of Port Phillip
Oliver Stolz	City of Port Phillip

Tim Lecky	City of Stonnington
Andrew Munrow	City of Whitehorse
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
Peter Parker	VTAG
Loretta Lynch	TransDev
Justin Rogers	TransDev
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Kathy Lazanas	MRCagney Consulting
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Knowles Tivendell	Movement and Place Consulting
Peter Hill	Town and Country Planning Association
Jane Nathan	
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Nic Frances Gilley	Adam McSwain
Cr Josh Fergeus	Ben Rossiter
Cr Natalie Abboud	Chris Hui
Cr Lina Messina	Elias Lebbos
Cr Stuart James	
Cr Jim Magee	

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

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

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation: Peter Parker – Victorian Transport Action Group

Peter spoke about why we should care about bus services, what's wrong with them and how they can be economically made better.

Peter described 10 bus projects across Melbourne concentrating on direct and frequent buses to major stations, universities and shopping centres, that could be quickly implemented at little or no cost.

He finished noting:

- We can cheaply have buses every 10 minutes in some areas by merging overlapping routes.
- Scope exists to expand SmartBus to key destinations eg shopping centres and universities.
- Can start getting SRL and Airport Rail benefits many years earlier with improved buses to 'prepare the ground'.
- Many local upgrades, such as improved operating hours and frequency, possible without buying new buses. Buses are quick to roll out but may still have a >2 year lead time. With government fully committed on infrastructure and an election in 2022, the time is right for local government to advocate for better buses.

4. Presentation: Loretta Lynch – TransDev

Loretta spoke about why the benefits of electric buses – and that their contribution to improved air quality is one of the reasons for their strong uptake in European cities.

She also spoke about the current electric bus trial in Melbourne, the NSW government's plans to have 1000's of electric buses, and some of the issues which are being looked at in expanding the potential use of electric buses – including the need to find locations for rapid charging stations along routes.

5. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day noted the announcement by Minister Carroll that Victoria would be adopting the Metre Matters rule, and that it would be valuable if members re-inforced the appreciation of this decision when speaking with local members.

Greg noted that our cycling ambassador Tom Melican had recently been interviewed on 3AW on the speed limits advocacy and that a key outcome for the State government is to create JOBS JOBS JOBS, so members should emphasise this outcome where appropriate.

6. 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 for July 2020, three invoices approved by the Executive for payment, and the Associate Member scale of fees are noted.

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen
Seconded: Cr Andrea Surace

The motion was: CARRIED

7. Other Matters

Chair Cr Marsden thanked the executive for their service, and the work of Greg Day, Susie Strain and Jane Waldock.

A motion of acclamation was moved to recognise the many years of passionate and valuable contribution by Cr Jackie Fristacky from City of Yarra, who is not standing for election.

Next Meeting – no general meeting will be held in November, however an officer workshop will occur on working with VicTrack.

8. Meeting closed 8:00 pm