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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 7th April 2021
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
Cr Sonia Castelli	City of Bayside
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Trung Luu	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Phillip Mallis	City of Darebin
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Peter White	City of Maribyrnong
Lord Mayor Sally Capp	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Stuart James	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Kerri McCafferty	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Clare Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik

Tim Lecky	City of Stonnington
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabriella deVietri	City of Yarra
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Justin Rogers	TransDev
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Rick Garotti – Banyule	Cr Sarah Race – Mornington Peninsula
Cr Anna Psarras – Moonee Valley	Cr Bob Turner – Melton
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Cr Josh Fergeus – Monash
Cr Ed Crossland – Yarra	Cr Lina Messina – Darebin
Cr Geoff Paine – Nillumbik	Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash
Cr Adele Hegedich – Wyndham	Ross Evans – Monash

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Victor Franco

Seconded: Cr Stuart James

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation – Marion Terrill – Grattan Institute – The Rise of Mega Projects

Cost overruns already identified in just six current megaprojects exceed a head spinning \$26b. That's one of the forensic and compelling observations made by Grattan Institute Economist, Marion Terrill at the MTF April meeting.

Looking at infrastructure projects over the past two decades, she has found that megaprojects are claiming the majority of government largess. Alarming, megaprojects tend to overrun by mega amounts – creating significantly higher bottom lines than intended.

Marion summarised 4 recommendations:

- 1) Mega Projects should be the last not first resort for infrastructure spending
- 2) Collect the data for projects!
- 3) Improve the consistency of cost estimate handbooks
- 4) Publish post completion reviews of big projects (\$100million)

Some of these recommendations can also be applied to local government projects.

4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Cr Tom Melican (Banyule), Cr Jonathon Marsden (Hobsons Bay), Anna Chen (Manningham), and Phillip Mallis (Darebin) introduced themselves, and the transport projects in their communities.

5. Regular Reports

5.1 - Treasurer's report

The Finance report from January 2021 was presented.

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in March

- Lynn Dean \$660.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for January 2021, 1 invoice approved by Executive for payment in March, be noted;

Proposed: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

The motion was: CARRIED

5.2 – Other events

5.3 - Correspondence

The inaugural quarterly report was sent to all members.

6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentations will be:

May: Suburban Rail Link Authority, and

June: Minister Ben Carroll

Members are invited to propose topics and speakers for future meetings. Please contact the Executive Officer.

7 General Business

Lord Mayor Sally Capp spoke about Melbourne's efforts to prioritise pedestrians in shared zones, the roll out of 17 km of bicycle lanes, and the desire to encourage people back onto public transport, noting that car volumes are at 97% of pre-covid levels, but PT use is still very low. Geoff Oulton commented on activities occurring at the MAV.

8 Meeting closed 7:35 pm