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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 5th May 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
Gael Reid	City of Boroondara
Phillip Mallis	City of Darebin
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Declan Martin	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Denisse Briceno	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Cr Roshena Campbell	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Clare Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik

Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Edward Crossland	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
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	Elias Lebbos – Travellers Aid
Cr Lina Messina – Darebin	John Bartels – Port Phillip
Cr Sally Capp – Melbourne	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Simon Stainsby – Moreland
Cr Kerri McCafferty – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Gabrielle deVietri – Yarra	
Cr Adele Hegedich – Wyndham	
Cr Bob Turner – Melton	
Cr Anthony Tran – Maribyrnong	
Cr Rick Garotti – Banyule	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Bernadette Thomas

Seconded: Cr Edward Crossland

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation – Mick Douge, Lissa van Camp and Jessica Foulds of Suburban Rail Link Authority – Briefing on Stage 1 of the SRL project.

Mick Douge provided an overview of the Suburban Rail Link project, then further information concerning Stage 1 (26 km section from Cheltenham to Box Hill), explaining the early and initial works. Geotechnical investigations have commenced. Mick noted that the western section of the Link will be delivered by a separate group, Rail Projects Victoria. Mick showed the approximate alignment, location of stations, and tunnel depth.

Lissa van Camp explained the Environmental Effects statement process. Lissa noted that Stage 1 will employ a Digital EES, which will be on display later this year. Lissa noted the high importance being placed on improving precincts and urban design. The EES panel inquiry process will commence in late 2021, will be followed by the Ministers Assessment and an outcome will be determined in Q3 2022.

Jess Foulds described the engagement process which due to Covid has largely been conducted on line. Jess noted that SRLA is currently seeking feedback on the station designs.

Members asked questions concerning location of stabling yards, and the potential to underground this facility to allow for above ground use as sports facilities; the role of Infrastructure Victoria in assessing the project's value/priority to Victoria; the potential to use buses to deliver the project outcomes much sooner than the project; the projects ability to accommodate Doncaster Rail; and the facility selection process; the investment case timeline and the project scope; and the design interchange times between new and existing stations.

4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Graeme Read (Frankston), Cr Tony Athanasopoulos, (Glen Eira) and Alex Reid (Kingston), introduced themselves, and the transport projects in their communities.

5. Regular Reports

5.1 - Treasurer's report

The Finance report from February 2021 was presented.

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in April

- JW Urban inv 2021002 – Jan-Mar executive officer \$6963.20 (inc GST)
- Lynn Dean Inv 1059 – March bookkeeping \$ 220.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity – inv 3618 – retainer Mar-Apr \$1100.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report for February 2021, 3 invoices approved by Executive for payment in April, be noted;

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

The motion was: CARRIED

5.2 – Other events

Jacob Riley advised:

- A Speed Management webinar (for officers) is being convened by the MAV on 19 May
- National Road Safety Week runs from 16-23 May

5.3 – Administration

The casual vacancy created by the resignation of Cr James Conlan from the Executive was noted.

MOTION: That Cr Victor Franco (Boroondara) be appointed to the casual vacancy on the Executive.

Proposed: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

The motion was: CARRIED

5.4 Strategic Plan

The proposal that the Strategic Plan include the appointment of a Walking Ambassador was agreed. Cr Jodi Jackson (Moonee Valley) volunteered for the role, and was accepted by the meeting.

It was noted that the executive would consider how to structure the ambassador activities, and that a rolling item would be included in future agendas (one per month for Cycling, Bus and Walking ambassadors) to allow the general committee to be kept informed.

6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentations will be:

June: Minister for Public Transport, Roads and Road Safety Ben Carroll

Suggestion from David Stosser that Heritage Victoria be included as potential speaker.

7 General Business

Jacob Riley commented on activities occurring at the MAV.

8 Meeting closed 8:02 pm