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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 6th April 2022
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
John Liston	City of Brimbank
Warren Smith	Cit of Casey
Kevin de Leeuw	City of Darebin
Cr David Zyngier	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Cr Hadi Saab	City of Kingston
Alexander Reid	City of Kingston
Luisiana Paganelli	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Cr Simon Crawford	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	Shire of Melton
Sam Romaszko	Shire of Melton
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Justine Lewis	Shore of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik

Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Andrew Munroe	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Benish Chaudry	City of Whittlesea
Cr Peter Maynard	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Syd Herron	VTAG Rail Futures
Marian Richards	Town and Country Planning Association
Michael Hopkins	Veitch Lister
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Ross Evans – Monash
Cr Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula	Denisse Briceno – Hume
Cr Tony Anthanasopoulos – Glen Eira	Douglas Rowland – Stonnington
Cr Susanne Newton – Darebin	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	
Cr Geoff Paine – Nillumbik	
Cr Brigid O’Brien – Yarra	
Cr Sonia Castelli – Bayside	
Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	
Cr Paul Mercurio – Mornington Peninsula	

2. Casual appointments to the 2022 MTF Executive

The executive has considered nominations for the two casual vacancies on the executive. The following nominations were presented to the general meeting for consideration:

MOTION: That

- **Cr Victor Franco be appointed to the casual vacancy for the Deputy Chair of the MTF; and**
- **Mr Philip Mallis and Ms Che Sutherland be appointed to the two casual vacancies for general positions on the MTF executive.**

Proposed: Cr Jodi Jackson

Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2022 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Peter Maynard

Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

The motion was: CARRIED

4. Presentation Ms Rosie Offord and Mr Andrew Lund – Melbourne Airport - 2023 Master Plan and 3rd Runway Project -

April's presentation was "on the two topics of the 5 year master plan, and the proposal for the 3rd Runway at Melbourne Airport.

Ms Offord provided a wide ranging introduction to both the master plan and the 3rd runway project. She explained the history of the airport, and the changes around the runway configurations which have been documented in earlier master plans; the bringing forward of the master plan (usually conducted every 5 years) to ensure close correlation between the plan and the 3rd runway project; the consultation process; the approval process (this undertaken under the authority of the Federal Infrastructure Minister); and the possible timelines for the construction for the project – with the earliest possible opening of the new runway identified as 2027, but is more likely to be 2029.

Ms Offord described the current business activity levels at the airport, which are rebounding; she expects passenger air traffic at the airport to be at 2019 levels over Easter, as people travel for school holidays; and noted that Melbourne Airport is vital within not just the Victorian aviation sector, but integral to the functioning of the aviation network across the whole country.

Ms Offord described some of the many reports which have been compiled to support the application for the 3rd runway: PFAS; ecology; indigenous and European heritage; greenhouse gas and climate change. She also described the noise tool which is available on the MAC website.

The consultation period for the two elements runs till mid May and members were encouraged to make submissions, and that the airport must respond to all comments. Ms Offord explained that all submissions are included verbatim in the report which is presented to the Minister following the consultation.

Ms Offord and Mr Lund then took questions from the members covering opportunities to improve active transport access to the airport; lessons learned from the Brisbane Airport runway project; noise issues over Brimbank; rail connection to the airport; interaction between Mac and RPV and MARL; the potential underground location of the future rail station within the airport structure.

5. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day provided an update on the 2022 Town Hall forum process. He described the timeline as follows:

- April – interested councils identified and confirmed
- May – dates and venues to be confirmed
- June – September – meetings held.

He described the principles of the format: and that the ability to have Q&A was vital to the success of the event.

6. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers from Melton and Nillumbik reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities.

- Mr Michael Smith from Melton spoke about the transport planning program, and the innovative approach they are taking to incorporate VITIM to build a more accurate model. Michael offered to provide information to any interested councils on their process, noting they are lengthy and can be complex.
- Cr Stockman from Nillumbik spoke about the Diamond Creek Trail project from Wattle Glen to Hurstbridge; the collaboration with other northern councils; the Maroondah Aqueduct trail. He noted that the North East Link project is creating a potential mechanism for delivery of various east-west links.

7. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report for January 2022 was presented by the EO, noting invoices from:

- Yarra Bookkeeping (inv 1273), \$220.00 (inc GST);
- Yarra Bookkeeping (inv 1286), \$178.70 (inc GST);
- Edunity (inv 3628) \$660.00 (inc GST);
- Edunity (inv 3629) \$4642.00 (inc GST);

MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for January 2022, and 4 invoices approved by Executive for payment in March be noted;

Proposed: Cr Richard Stockman

Seconded: Cr Jodi Jackson

The motion was: CARRIED

7.2 Other events

- Mr Phillip Mallis from Yarra reminded members that the draft Yarra Transport Strategy is out for consultation and encouraged members who might be neighbours or residents to make a submission.
- Cr Stockman noted the Good Friday fund raising event will be held at the Eltham Miniature Railway.

7.3 MAV

Jacob Riley advised of the following MAV matters:

- The MAV had hosted a meeting of local government road safety officer network earlier that day;
- The MAV transport Advocacy Strategy and Campaign is now live with elements addressing both federal and state elections
- It stresses the importance of local government being at the decision making table, especially on transport matters, but also on other portfolios.
- He noted the Smart Urban Futures Conference will be held in early May; it is being planned with Victoria Walks; and provided the link to the conference for members: <https://www.mav.asn.au/events/event-presentations/smart-urban-futures>

7.4 Administration

Wider interest in a regional Transport Forum was noted.

Mr Michael Hopkins spoke about the work being undertaken by students with his company, and welcomed interest and questions from members. Mr Mallis noted that Dr Elliot Fishman had done some work on a similar matter a few years ago.

7.5 Submission

Member interest was sought in preparing a potential submission to Melbourne Airport following the presentation this evening. There was some discussion about this, and the matter will be reviewed by the executive at their April meeting. Ms Falkenberg suggested that a submission could refer to the ABC elements described in MTF's strategy. Mr Day suggested that it could include some specific points such as: bike access to the airport; the need to improve bus facilities; and that it should also provide much better transport options for airport users approaching from the east and west, not just the south.

8 Correspondence

Nil

9 Up Coming Meeting Topics

May meeting: Ms Rachel Goldsworthy and colleagues on Active Transport projects from the Department of Transport.

10 General Business

- Cr Andrew Munroe asked whether face to face meetings would resume. The Executive Officer will re start discussions with the City of Melbourne.

11 Meeting closed 7:59 pm