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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 6:15pm, 3rd November 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
Claire Brace	City of Bayside
Cr Trung Luu	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Carly Goodrich	City of Casey
Kevin De Leeuw	City of Darebin
David Logan	City of Darebin
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Adil Sundhu	City of Hobsons Bay
Tim de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Sandra Worsnop	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Bahvin Mehta	City of Melton
Cr Stuart James	City of Monash
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Cr Pierce Tyson	City of Moonee Valley
Anna Psarras	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Katanya Barlow	Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Benish Chaudry	City of Whittlesea
Peter Fung	City of Wyndham
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Cr Sam Spinks	City of Shepparton
Ben Rossiter	Victoria Walks
Michael Hopkins	VLC
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Rachel Carlisle	Department of Transport
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Lod Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Alison Wood – Banyule
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Justin Rogers – TransDev
Cr Gabrielle deVietri – Yarra	Doug Rowland – Stonnington
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	Alex Reid – Kingston
Cr Kerri McCafferty – Mornington Peninsula	Melissa Falkenberg – Wyndham
Cr Bernadette Thomas – Maribyrnong	Elliot Fishman
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos – Glen Eira	Denisse Briceno – Hume
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	
Cr Lina Messina – Darebin	
Cr Geoff Paine – Nillumbik	
Cr Anna Chen – Manningham	
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Sarah Race

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation – Mr Duane Burt – Victoria Walks

Mr Duane Burt presented on the report published by Victoria Walks <https://www.victoriawalks.org.au/pedestrian-crashes> titled Understanding Pedestrian Crashes.

The report is summarised in its conclusion: “This study is a comprehensive report which employed analyses of multiple injury register datasets to develop a comprehensive understanding of the issues and factors associated with pedestrian injury across all levels of trauma in Victoria.

“The findings demonstrated that there was an encouraging increase in walking amongst Victorians, however, pedestrian trauma remained substantial, and high-risk groups included older and young adults. Clusters of pedestrian collisions were identified in urban high pedestrian activity areas and in speed zones of 60 km/h.”

Duane presented a snap shot of the data showing the detailed analysis of the available data.

Noting that if the vehicle involved in the crash is not registered, the pedestrian is not covered by TAC, Duane proposed that it would be beneficial to campaign to ensure that all pedestrian victims should be covered by the TAC.

Recommendations in the report included are around implementation of Safe System principles and include:

- reductions of vehicle speeds in high pedestrian activity areas and supporting road infrastructure,
- promotion of safer vehicles, and
- development and implementation of educational and training programs for young pedestrian groups, particularly those engaging in ‘drink walking’, and drivers.

Duane also proposed that seeking state government funding to deliver safer crossing points and traffic calming would greatly improve pedestrian safety.

Dr Ben Rossiter also noted that the recent Grattan Institute report <https://grattan.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Grattan-Car-Plan.pdf> notes that slower traffic speeds will contribute to reducing climate impacts.

4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Cr Ed Crossland (Yarra) and Ms Carly Goodrich (Casey) and Mr Kevin De Leeuw (Darebin) provided reports on transport issues and projects in their municipalities.

- Cr Crossland spoke about the development of Yarra’s Transport Action Plan.
- Ms Goodrich provided information (circulated separately) on Casey’s advocacy program.
- Mr De Leeuw spoke about Darebin’s Your Street/Your Say program in which they have commenced speaking to 1/3 of Darebin’s residents about pedestrian and bike safety, and speed limits. The project will run over 2 years.

5. Regular Reports

5.1 - Treasurer’s report

The Finance report from September 2021 was presented.

The Treasurer thanks those members who have promptly paid their subscriptions.

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in October

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1177 – September bookkeeping \$ 220.00 (inc GST)
- JW Urban – inv 2021004 - EO services July-Sep quarter \$9024.90 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for September 2021, 2 invoices approved by Executive for payment in October, be noted;

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

The motion was: CARRIED

5.2 – Upcoming events of Interest

Bus Forum

Following the success of the forum on 18 October it was proposed that another forum could be held in 2022. This will be considered further in the New Year.

5.3 MAV Update

Mr Jacob Riley reported on the MAV advocacy campaign being developed as a co-design process for the 2022 State elections, noting that funding for roads and active transport are high priorities. Jacob offered to brief MTF members on how the MAV will assist councils undertake their local advocacy.

5.4 – Administration

The EO noted that councils will shortly be considering their delegations to external committees, and requested that members inform her of the appointed delegate to the MTF for 2022 to ensure that the records are correct.

5.5 Strategic Plan/Ambassador Update

Cr Jackson was an apology for the meeting, so there was no walking ambassador update.

CR Melican noted that We Ride Australia had launched its Australian Cycling Economy report and that Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and Shadow Assistant Treasurer Steve Jones spoke at the launch. The report can be found at <https://www.weride.org.au/australiancyclingeconomy/>

It was noted that the executive has commenced a 6 month review of progress against the MTF strategic plan.

Mr Day noted that it is likely that there will two elections in 2022 – Federal to occur before the end of May, and the State election on 26 November. There may be an opportunity to promote transport themes at both elections.

6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentation will be:

1 December – Department of Transport – Freight topics

7 General Business

Mr Simon Stainsby (Moreland) noted an upcoming deadline within the Federal Disability Discrimination Act (1992)

The regulation Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 includes a requirement that

All public transport services (except trains and trams) are to fully comply with the relevant Standards by 31 December 2022

Currently announced state government funding for bus infrastructure upgrades and other public transport asset improvement works indicates this deadline will not be met.

8 Meeting closed 7:30 pm