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Minutes – General Meeting  
Wednesday, 6:15pm, 6<sup>th</sup> October 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
Kathleen Petras	City of Banyule
Alison Wood	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
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Heidi Marfurt	City of Darebin
Philip Mallis	City of Darebin
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
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
Eng Lim	City of Maribyrnong
Lord Mayor Sally Capp	City of Melbourne
Sandra Worsnop	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne

Sam Romasko	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Jim Karabinis	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Oliver Stolz	City of Port Phillip
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Nuno Pires	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Edo Otang	Vicinity Centres
Josef Seidler	Vicinity Centres
Ben Vivekanandan	Vicinity Centres
Christian Griffith	Stantec
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Rachel Carlisle	Department of Transport
Raj Ramalingam	Department of Transport
Lucy Kozlowski	
Vaughn Allan	
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Adele Hegedich – Wyndham	Michael Hopkins – VLC
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Justin Rogers – TransDev
Cr Gabrielle deVietri – Yarra	
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	
Cr Edward Crossland – Yarra	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes (as amended to include Wyndham and Bayside reports in item 4) of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 be adopted.**

Proposed: Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Ross Evans

**The motion was: CARRIED**

## 3. Presentation – Mr Josef Seidler – Vicinity Centres

Ben Vivekanadan and Josef Seidler from Vicinity Centres spoke about the Trackless Rapid Transit project which has been proposed to connect Caulfield and Rowville using high frequency, long electric vehicles able to carry up to 170 passengers, within existing road space, and will connect important education, employment and residential precincts. The service is conceived as a turn up and go service.

Josef considers that the proposal, if implemented, could be delivered years earlier than Suburban Rail Link will commence passenger transport, and for a much lower cost.

It has been designed to integrate with 10 existing public transport services, including rail lines and bus routes. Dedicated TRT lanes could be installed using existing space in the road reserve which is currently used as naturestrips or parking lanes.

Josef described some of the infrastructure considerations that are required to support this type of transport, including upgraded road pavement (to account for the weight of the vehicle) and the high quality type of stops which would deliver higher standards of passenger comfort than typical bus stops.

Josef described how this service will be distinct from existing bus services. Three potential vehicle suppliers have been identified. Josef described how the proposal could potentially leverage federal funding.

Members asked questions about vehicle movements through critical intersections, project funding, mode choice and marketing,

## 4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Victor Franco (Boroondara) and Trung Luu (Brimbank) provided reports on transport issues and projects in their municipalities.

## 5. Regular Reports

### 5.1 - Treasurer's report

The Finance report from August 2021 was presented.

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

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in September

- Lynn Dean – inv 1160 – June Bookkeeping \$ 220.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity – Invoice 3622 \$1320.00 (inc GST)
- Stan Obliubek – invoice 278 \$ 550.00 (inc GST)

**MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for August 2021, 3 invoices approved by Executive for payment in August, be noted;**

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans  
Seconded: Cr Jodi Jackson

**The motion was: CARRIED**

## 5.2 – Upcoming events of Interest

### Bus Forum

The date for the bus forum has been set. It will be held on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. 140 registrations have been received so far. An exciting speaker line up has been confirmed, and registrations are still open.

## 5.3 MAV Update

Jacob Riley reported on the MAV participation in the upcoming bus forum, the MAV’s planning for advocacy for improved asset management and infrastructure spending, and its upcoming freight forums which are being organised with the DoT.

## 5.4 – Administration

Nil

## 5.5 Strategic Plan/Ambassador Update

Cr Melican, MTF’s Cycling Ambassador reported on recent cycling related policy, process and project matters including the 1.0 metre matters law, the delegation of 40kph speed limits to DoT officers (no longer needing minister sign off); the pop up bicycle lanes which have been installed as Covid response.

Tom also noted the VAGO report identifying lack of integration on major transport projects, the support from IA and IV for cycling as a form of transport; the reduction in parking in local street scapes to support businesses; the increase in congestion in local streets as people avoid buses and stay in their private vehicles; and that the emerging popularity of electric bikes and scooter is not well served by most shared paths which are not designed for these vehicles.

## 6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentation will be:

3 November – Dr Ben Rossiter – Victoria Walks.

## 7 General Business

Cr Lina Messina proposed that a Road Safety sub committee be formed. Cr Messina noted the new DoT goals of reducing crash numbers by 50% by 2030, and proposed that the MTF could expand its work as an advocate for change, focussing on education and enforcement.

Members were invited to contact the EO if they wish to be involved in a working group on road safety.

It was noted that the MAV was involved in a road safety campaign earlier in the year, and MAV rep Jacob Reilly provided a brief update. (Note this has been followed up with some further information sent by email).

Representatives from Banyule, Darebin, Wyndham, Boroondara, Hume and Maribyrnong indicated interest in the sub committee at the meeting.

The proposal from previous speaker pHd candidate Lauren Pearson inviting members to contact her was noted.

8 Meeting closed 8:00 pm