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# Metropolitan Transport Forum

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Agenda – General Meeting  
Wednesday, 7 June 2023  
Meeting starts at 6.15 pm meeting conducted via Zoom  
<http://bit.ly/ZoomintoMTF>

**Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden**

## **1. Welcome / Attendance / Apologies**

**Apology:** Councillor Edward Crossland (Yarra), LM Sally Capp (Melbourne)

## **2. Minutes of previous meetings**

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2023 be adopted.

Moved:

Seconded: Carried / lost

## **3.0 Presentations**

### **3.1 Panel discussion on State and Federal budgets**

Geoff Oultan, MAV  
John Hearsch, Rail Futures  
Marion Terrill, Grattan Institute  
Media person TBC

Councils are invited to bring local budget news to the meeting and / or questions about themes.

### **3.2 MCC Transport Strategy: Progress update from Richard Smithers**

Richard will provide 10 minutes on latest moves of the Melbourne Transport Strategy, including parking fees, bike lanes and next moves.

## **4. MTF Strategic Public Transport Advocacy**

#### 4.1 Ambassador program update

After an initial meeting with the Exec and most ambassadors, the executive discussed starting the program by emphasising 'quiet diplomacy' by building relationships with like minded organisations rather than media advocacy. Working with the ambassadors to develop a shared framework including:

- Focus on 'quiet diplomacy' rather than media statements
- Lines of accountability and reporting to the chair and exec
- Protocol for dealing with media
- Possible provision of agreed talking points

#### 5. Future presentations FYI

**July:**

**August:** Dr Elliot Fishman, Institute for Sensible Transport: Electric Vehicle charging: What role for councils?

**September:**

**October:** Paul O'Halloran – Metro Trains – LXP project issues (discussed with Francis Tevere March 2023)

#### 6. MTF monthly meeting format

##### **Survey results (after extending the completion deadline)**

The survey attracted 37 responses, 17 supported the current program of zoom only except for hybrid AGM and February Meeting, 12 supported an extra one or two hybrid meetings, 4 respondents supported hybrid only.

Respondents were also asked if meetings were hybrid, how would they mostly attend: 24 said mostly zoom, 8 said mostly in person, 5 said they would decide on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

Based on these results and concern that face-to-face meetings needed to be 'special' to attract an in-person audience, the executive recommended that the schedule should remain mostly zoom only with face-to-face (hybrid) for the February and September AGM with an option of additional in person events (eg Bus forum or special speaker).

**Motion: MTF monthly meetings will continue to be mostly zoom only except for the February and AGM meetings that will be in-person and zoom hybrids. The MTF Executive will have the option of adding additional in-person events if they are likely to attract significant in-person interest. This policy will be reviewed in February next year.**

Moved

Seconded

Carried / Lost

#### 7. Council Information Sharing

Four councils are invited each meeting to speak on transport actions in their Council Plans

This month: Yarra and Boroondara (rescheduled from May) plus Brimbank and Casey

## 8. Regular reports:

### 8.1 Treasurer's report

Treasurer reports from **end of March 2023**

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1557 – April bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- JW Urban – Inv 202304 – Mar-April secretariat \$ 5000.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity – Inv 3649 retainer \$ 660.00 (inc GST)

The executive also approved a payment to Yarra Bookkeeping for a fee rise backdated to July last year totalling \$198 including GST)

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's report for March 2023, and invoices approved for payment in April 2023 be noted.**

Moved Ross Evans    Seconded Tom Melican    Carried

#### 8.1.2 Invoices received FYI

Yarra Bookkeeping INV-1610		\$242
Athea Basic website maintenance plan	A2020210708	\$660
Edunity June retainer	Inv 3651	\$660

### 8.2 Upcoming events of Interest

### 8.3 Update from the MAV

### 8.4 Administration

## 9. Correspondence

Nil

## 10. General Business

## 11. Meeting close