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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15pm Wednesday, 3 August 2022
Meeting hosted by City of Melbourne
and also attended 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
Rachel Hudson	City of Bayside
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Ted Teo	City of Casey
Dave Logan	City of Darebin
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Alex 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
Sam Romasko	City of Melton
Bhavin Mehta	City of Melton
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Ted Teo	City of Monash

Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cory Racovalis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Diana Andino	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Munroe	City of Whitehorse
Cr Peter Maynard	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Associates	
Knowles Tivendell	Movement and Place
Michael Hopkins	Veitch Lister
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Jacob Riley	MAV
MTF	
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Guests

Cr Jim Childs	Shire of Yarra Ranges
Karen O’Gorman	Shire of Yarra Ranges
Mark Varmalis	Shire of Yarra Ranges

Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Saskia Noakes – Glen Eira
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Craig Griffiths – Moreland
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Che Sutherland – Port Phillip
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	John Bartells – Port Phillip
Cr Stuart James – Monash	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Geoff Paine – Nillumbik	Elias Lesbos – Travellers Aid
Cr Edward Crossland – Yarra	
Cr Gabrielle deVietri – Yarra	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2022 (with amended attendance record) be adopted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation Mr Bhavin Mehta and Mr Michael Smith – City of Melton.

Bhavin and Michael presented on the detailed modelling process which the City of Melton has undertaken recently as part of its planning processes. The analysis is used for Melton's advocacy on major roads projects, and is also used in engagement with residents.

The model accounts for all transport modes, and projects volumes into future decades, however, it is difficult to get satisfactory results for active transport modes. The model is used to examine the consequences of potential infrastructure treatments such as road widenings, and new links.

The model is currently being used by Melton to support its advocacy for a high quality bus network to support the growing population of the city.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 2022 Town Hall Series

Greg Day provided an update on the 2022 Town Hall forum process.

- The Melbourne Town Hall date has held on 28 July, with Government and Opposition speakers attending and speaking as part of the panel. Over 100 people attended in person, and over 300 people registered to watch on line.
- Greg noted that this event was well in advance of the election campaign which usually kicks off after Grand Final Day.
- Greg noted that the opposition speaker – Mr Matthew Bach had a strong interest in projects in the west.

5. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers from Casey and Darebin reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities. The mayor and officers from Yarra Ranges also presented on transport issues).

- Mr Ted Teo described Casey's program:
 - Safe Around Schools continues to grow with innovative initiatives such as videos to improve road user safety, education and active travel around schools. Currently there are 97 schools in Casey with 18 more planned in the future.
 - Working with the Victorian Planning Authority on three new Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) in Croskell, Casey Fields South and Devon Meadows.
 - Continued advocacy leading to the state election on:
 - Clyde Rail Link – extension of duplicated rail line from Cranbourne to Clyde
 - Clyde Road Corridor

- A complete arterial road network
 - Pedestrian and bike bridge over Princes Freeway at Soldiers Road
 - Bus advocacy.
- Casey, like other councils, faces increased pressure to deliver infrastructure due to rising costs and delays such as DoT approvals for design and construction.
- Mr Dave Logan described Darebin’s transport projects:
 - The Darebin Transport Strategy is being refreshed (it was last updated in 2015) to reflect emerging modal priorities on major networks.
 - The impact of Covid
 - Electric vehicle policy – especially vehicle charging options – looking at requirements in new developments.
 - It will also reflect community interest in safety around public transport, especially the “last mile” of the journey. The Strategy will also reflect freight management in the city.
 - The “Your Street/Your Say” engagement project which is covering 1/3rd of Darebin, and will roll through the remaining areas over the next two years.
- Mayor Jim Child described transport projects in Yarra Ranges.
 - The Yarra Ranges 2020-2040 Integrated Transport Strategy
 - The 2022 council advocacy strategy calls for improvements to roads for agribusiness.
 - The Warburton Mountain Bike Destination project is a major project.
 - The condition of the Melba Highway
 - Mr Varmalis noted the importance of the tourism economy to the municipality, and that the parks and trails strategy is a vital part of attracting tourists. These are described in the Ridges and Rivers advocacy objectives.

Council officers discussed the use of the Remix demand responsive software. It was noted that the licences for the software is expensive, and it was proposed that councils might work together to develop a combined licence arrangement resulting in lower costs per council.

6. Regular Reports

6.1 Treasurer’s report

- invoices approved by Exec in June
 - Yarra Bookkeeping (inv 1336), \$220.00 (inc GST).

MOTION: That the invoice approved by Executive for payment in July be noted;

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Andrew Munroe

The motion was: CARRIED

6.2 Other events

Nil

6.3 MAV

Jacob Riley advised of MAV activities including:

- Phase 2 of the MAV/VicHealth partnership looking at active transport with an emphasis on children and young people.
- Migrating lessons from metro council work to regional councils
- A survey has been sent to council officers concerning their walking and cycling projects

- Webinars planned over the next three months around transport issues
- Seeking case studies

6.3 Administration

Nil

7 Correspondence

- Elliot Fishman event flyer (circulated separately)

8 Up Coming Meeting Topics

August meeting: TBA

9 General Business

Feedback on the hybrid meeting is encouraged – the following comments have been received:

- The attendance (Covid) requirements need to be sent out 24 hours in advance
- These could be included in the meeting title
- The questions in the chat group were not visible to those attending in person unless they also brought their computers
- The chat/banter was enjoyable.
- A survey could be sent out seeking further feedback

10 Meeting closed 7:36 pm