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Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15pm Wednesday, 7 December 2022  
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
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Ted Teo	City of Casey
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Timothy de Ruijter	City of Darebin
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Bivish Ghimire	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Steve Staikos	City of Kingston
Isuru Thilakarante	City of Kingston
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Mark Ward	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Munroe	City of Whitehorse

Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
<b>Associates</b>	
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Geoff Oulton	MAV
<b>MTF</b>	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

### Guests

Peter Parker	Victorian Transport Action Group
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### Apologies

Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	Kathleen Petras – Banyule
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Keri New – Casey
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	Shekar Atla – Frankston
Cr Hadi Saab – Kingston	John Bartels – Port Phillip
Cr Simon Crawford – Maribyrnong	
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Elias Lesbos – Travellers Aid
Cr James Conlan – Merri-Bek	Michael Hopkins – Veitch Lister
Cr Stuart James – Monash	
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	
Cr Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Sarah Race – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Susan McIntyre – Wyndham	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

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

Proposed: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Mr Ross Evans

**The motion was: CARRIED**

## 3. Presentation Peter Parker, Victorian Transport Action Group

Peter provided detailed insight into the recent election campaigns, and some observations on the significant change in voting outcomes in many seats, with both party's primary vote falling in many cases. He considers public transport to be a clear "cost of living" issue which resonated

with many candidates, but felt that both major parties did not make much effort in low income seats. Peter described how the train timetable, which was designed to suit white collar 9-5 workers is no longer relevant in the post covid world, but these long standing decisions impose great control over people's choices. Peter also pointed out the transport inequality between suburbs the same distance from the CBD, where Caroline Springs services run once per hour, but Mentone services are once every ten minutes.

Peter compared NSW promises by then transport minister Gladys Berejiklian to those made by parties in the recent election, noting that in NSW investment was promised in both infrastructure and service provision, not just infrastructure. Sydney now has trains running almost every 15 minutes to all stations.

He also described how he contacted every candidate in the lead up to the election, offering to meet the candidates in the seat, and to share his views on transport issues in each seat. Peter has developed a comprehensive list of potential low cost opportunities in bus network changes. He provided each candidate with a list of achievable projects – emphasising better timetabling, and better train service frequency.

Peter provided his views on some of the transport promises made in the election, such as the Liberal promise to halve fares.

Peter recommended councils undertake detailed transport planning to support their policies, and noted the attractiveness of co-funding projects when discussing them with local members. He strongly recommended the benefits of using maps in discussions with candidates and representatives – as these allow speedy comprehension of what policy you are seeking to achieve.

Lastly Peter noted that public transport must be more diverse in considering its service – not only the customers, but the sorts of trips they take, and when they want to take them.

For more information look at Peter's blog :

## **[Melbourne on Transit](https://melbourneontransit.blogspot.com)**

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Peter also welcomed contact from councillors and officers.

## 4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

### 4.1 New MTF Strategic Plan

A draft strategy has been developed and the executive will review it. It is intended to circulate it to members in early 2023.

## 5. Council Information Sharing

Daniele Ranieri from Manningham, and Ross Evans from Monash reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities.

Mr Ranieri outlined the Manningham transport projects, which include major opportunities and challenges around the North East Link project, with Manningham looking into Transport Oriented Development opportunities around the Doncaster Park and Ride. The Bulleen industrial precinct is being demolished, and the new park and ride in Bulleen is expected to open in 2023. An economic feasibility is being undertaken on this project.

Manningham is also undertaking a trial of car share in the Doncaster Hill precinct, and continues to work on bus reform opportunities with the department.

Mr Ross Evans described the wide range of transport projects currently underway in Monash including:

- Working from the 2017 ITS which still guides the transport capital works program, including \$10.2 million on pathway works
- Installation of electric vehicle charging points at 4 locations.
- Updating the 10 year old walking and cycling strategy.
- Advocacy on school crossing supervisor budgets, and vegetation management standards
- Suburban Rail Loop.

## 6. Regular Reports

### 6.1 Treasurer's report

The finance report from September was held over to the December meeting.

The following invoices were approved by Exec in November

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| • Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1436 – November bookkeeping                            | \$ 220.00 (inc GST)   |
| • Greg Day – Inv 3639 – Hastings, Banyule, Whitehorse and Casey Town Hall Events | \$12,936.00 (inc GST) |
| • Greg Day – Inv 3640 – September retainer                                       | \$ 660.00 (inc GST)   |
| • Enotia - Inv 2292 – annual email backend.                                      | \$ 154.00 (inc GST)   |

**MOTION: That the invoices approved by Executive for payment in November be noted;**

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 6.2 MAV

Mr Geoff Oulton provided an update on the MAV Locals Know campaign used in the state election.

He advised that other current MAV projects include:

- Last mile freight projects including a pilot using cargo bikes

MAV have also made submissions on:

- Walking and bicycle riding
- Road safety
- And the “Road Rescue package” following recent floods – with emphasis on pot holes and bridges.

Geoff also noted that planning is underway for the 2023 Smart Urban Futures conference 24-25 May.

### 6.3 Administration

Nil

## 7 Correspondence

Nil

## 8 Up Coming Meeting Topics

### 8.1 Coming MTF Meetings

Coming General meetings:

- February 2022– Luisiana Paganelli and Nuno Pires on transport in Curitiba and Lisbon

## 9 General Business

Nil

## 10 Meeting closed 8:05 pm