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Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15pm Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
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
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Eliza Booth	City of Bayside
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Ted Teo	City of Casey
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Timothy de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Luisiana Paganelli	Shire of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Damon Rao	City of Melbourne
Leo Hoffman	City of Melbourne
Sam Romasko	City of Melton
Cristian Jara	City of Melton
Bhavin Mehta	City of Melton
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Joseph John	City of Monash

Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr James Conlan	City of Moreland
Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cory Racovalis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Munroe	City of Whitehorse
Benish Chaudry	City of Whittlesea
Cr Peter Maynard	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Cr Gabrielle deVietri	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Dr John Stone	University of Melbourne
Michael Hopkins	Veitch Lister
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Alison Wood – Banyule	Warren Smith – Casey
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Elias Lesbos – Travellers Aid
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	Che Sutherland – Port Phillip
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Richard Smithers – Melbourne
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Jacob Riley – MAV
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	
Cr Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Paul Mercurio – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Mark Riley – Moreland	
Cr Richard Stockman – Nillumbik	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2022 be adopted.**

Proposed: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Peter Maynard

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 3. Presentation Mr John Stone – University of Melbourne.

Mr John Stone, Senior lecturer in the Urban Planning Program at the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne spoke on Better Buses for Melbourne's West.

John provided the context for his work, noting that transport is a significant contributor to cost of living pressures; the current bus contract model is not appropriate to the complexities of running electric buses, and that this will require a shift in the way we operate buses.

John described his recent analysis which looked at the bus network in the inner west, and how it might be used to persuade the State government to rethink the transport mode in the lead up to the next election. (John stressed that his work is not fully developed, but nonetheless is useful to stimulate discussion).

His work is based on recent changes which have been successfully implemented in Auckland, with the aim of creating a much more frequent service (the motto was "Frequency is Freedom"). The Auckland project is delivering 5 x the increase in PT user growth compared to population growth.

John's conclusions are as follows

- He believes the issue is a capital not operational expense, as the reconfiguring of the bus network and thinks a relatively modest \$30m/year of capital investment will be required.
- Some road infrastructure (eg bridges) will be required to deliver this type of service.
- It would require a change in maximum distance to a bus stop from 400m to 800m but believes the high frequency service will be seen as a net benefit to bus users.

John identified three stages for the successful campaign, noting that Auckland's project took 10 years from idea to implementation.:

- Gain popular support (a complex and sophisticated engagement campaign would be required)
- Get a political mandate with clear commitments
- Bed down the technology within transport agencies.

John is happy to discuss the findings further, and can be contacted on [stoneja@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:stoneja@unimelb.edu.au) or 0405 729 839.

### 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 been set 28 July, with Government and Opposition speakers confirmed.
- Tickets are be available to be booked online.
- Greg asked members to promote the event through their social media.

#### 4.2 MTF Strategic Plan

Many councillors attended the ALGA conference in Canberra 1 July. It was noted that the agreed advocacy program includes a transport element, which features active transport.

Once the opposition has appointed a replacement for its Transport portfolio, we will seek a meeting.

## 5. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers from Banyule and Brimbank reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities.

- Ms Kathleen Petras described Banyule’s transport projects, .

Banyule’s current transport projects include

- continuing discussions with the state government over the location of Greensborough Bus Interchange,
  - North East Link, including:
    - new stations at Montmorency and Greensborough
    - advocacy seeking to further extend the tunnel length for the NEL project
  - Banyule Transport Action Plan (which is being updated)
- John Liston described the transport context of Brimbank being at the centre of the West Metro regional area, which is experiencing lots of growth and includes the Sunshine economic precinct.

Current transport projects in Brimbank include:

- Major rail projects to the airport, , including upgrades to Sunshine station and advocacy for a new Albion station
- The implementation of the Transport Priorities paper which was adopted by Council in April
- And the Creating Streets for People policy.

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

- finance report from May 2022
- invoices approved by Exec in June
  - Edunity (inv 3630), \$1320.00 (inc GST);
  - Edunity (inv 3631), \$726.00 (inc GST);
  - Edunity (inv 3632), \$660.00 (inc GST);
  - JW Urban (inv 202203) \$7394.00 (inc GST); and
  - Yarra Bookkeeping (inv 1336), \$220.00 (inc GST).

**MOTION: That the Treasurer’s reports for May 2022, and 5 invoices approved by Executive for payment in June be noted;**

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans  
Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 6.2 Other events

Nil

### 6.3 MAV

There was no report from the MAV this month as Jacob is on leave.

### 6.3 Administration

Nil

## 7 Correspondence

- Elliot Fishman event flyer (circulated separately)

## 8 Up Coming Meeting Topics

August meeting: TBA

## 9 General Business

- It was noted that a complaint against the MTF is being taken to VCAT.

## 10 Meeting closed 7:34 pm