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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>
or

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome / Attendance / Apologies

Alex Reid - Kingston; Augustus Brown - Hobsons Bay; Cr Amanda McNeill - Whitehorse; Cr Anna Chen - Manningham; Cr Jodi Jackson - Hume; Cr Sarah Race - MornPen; Cr Sophie Wade - Yarra; Cr. Tony Athanasopoulos - Glen Eira; Damir Agic - Moonee Valley; Daniel Bowen - PTUA; Daniele Raneri - Manningham; David Stosser - PBA Transit; Douglas Rowland - Stonnington; Duane Burt - Victoria Walks; Geoff Oulton - MAV; Greg Day Acting EO; James Golub - Bayside; Jillian McQuade - Hume; John Hearsch - Rail Futures Institute; Jonathon Marsden - Hobsons Bay; Julie Williams - Darebin; Khanh Nguyen - Boroondara; Lawrence Seyers-Nillumbik; Melissa Falkenberg - Wyndham City; Michael Smith - Melton CC; Michelle Herbert - Banyule Council; Patrick Hatch - The Age; Peter White - Maribyrnong; Philip Mallis - Yarra; Richard Smithers - Melbourne; Russ Tricker - Whittlesea; Sadaf Saeed - Whittlesea; Saskia Noakes- Glen Eira; Simon Stainsby - Merri-bek; Susanne Newton - Darebin; Timothy de Ruijter - Hume City Council

Apology: Councillor Edward Crossland (Yarra), LM Sally Capp (Melbourne), Adrian Ashford Brimbank; Steve Staikos – Kingston; and Adam Pulford – Merri-bek, Ross Evans - Monash

2. Minutes of previous meetings

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

Moved:

Seconded:

Deferred

3.0 Presentations

3.1 Panel discussion on State and Federal budgets

Geoff Oultan, MAV, John Hearsch, Rail Futures and Patrick Hatch, The Age .

Delegates thanks the presenters for their insights into the budget decisions and transport.

3.2 MCC Transport Strategy: Progress update from Richard Smithers

Richard provides a brief but comprehensive summary of the latest moves of the Melbourne Transport Strategy, including parking fees, bike lanes and next moves. The slides are available on the MTF website in the LinkedIn Section.

4. MTF Strategic Public Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador program update

FYI 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

The ambassadors and exec are meeting on Tuesday 20 June (noon) to discuss protocols.

5. Future presentations FYI

July: TBC

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: Jodi Jackson

Seconded Anna Chen

Carried

7. Council Information Sharing

This month: Yarra and Boroondara were heard, with Brimbank and Casey deferred

8. Regular reports:

8.1 Treasurer's report

Treasurer reports from **end of March 2023 was deferred**

- 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

Nil

8.3 Update from the MAV

Geoff's budget report was considered as this item

8.4 Administration

Nil

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. General Business

Nil

11. Meeting close

8.00 pm