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Interim Minutes – General Meeting
6:15pm Wednesday, 6 July 2023
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
Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
James Golub	City of Bayside
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Abir Chowdhury	City of Casey
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Cr Julie Williams	City of Darebin
Kevin de Leeuw	City of Darebin
Isuru Thilakarathne	City of Frankston
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Cr David Zingier	City of Glen Eira
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Billy Fellows	City of Hume
Tim de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Cr Steve Staikos	City of Kingston
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Liz Lambropoulos	City of Manningham
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Lisa Bagnati	City of Moonee Valley

Alexandra Kearney	City of Moonee Valley
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Diana Andiano	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Sadaf Saeed	City of Whittlesea
Catherine Thwaites	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Yee Huynh	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Rebekka Gunnarson	Veitch Lister
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Guests

Hugo Burt-Morris	Lime
Yusuf Abdalahi	Neuron
Luisa Paginelli	City of Ballarat

Apologies

Cr Mark Pasquale – Banyule	Khanh Nguyen – Boroondara
Cr Bruce Lancashire– Brimbank	Saskia Noakes – Glen Eira
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	Peter White – Maribyrnong
Cr Hadi Saab– Kingston	Ross Evans – Monash
	John Bartels – Port Phillip
Cr Simon Crawford – Maribyrnong	Douglas Rowland – Stonnington
Cr Bernadette Thomas – Maribyrnong	
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	
Cr Antonella Celi– Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Sarah Race – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Louise Crawford – Port Phillip	
Cr Susan McIntyre – Wyndham	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of May and June meetings

The minutes from the May and June meetings were adopted

Moved: Cr Amanda McNeill

Seconded: Cr Julie Williams

CARRIED.

3. Presentation: Richard Smithers, Yee Huynh, Karen Roache, Yusuf Abdalahi and Hugo Burt-Morris – Melbourne’s E-scooter trial.

Richard Smithers (City of Melburne), Yee Huynh (City of Yarra) and Karen Roache (City of Port Philip), and Yusuf Abdalahi (Neuron) and Hugo Burt-Morris (Lime) provided an update on the E-scooter trial being run in the three municipalities.

Richard provided an overview of the experiences in the three councils, noting that the trial was also running in Ballarat. The trial has been extended to 5th October 2023. The trial has shown very strong demand for the transport mode, with greater than expected use of scooters. The trial has shown very strong demand for the new transport mode, with much greater than expected use of the E-scooters. The majority of scooter use is occurring in the CBD. MOUs between councils and the scooter operators have been an integral part of the trial.

Private scooter use has now been legalised in Victoria.

It was noted that as part of the Victorian trial scooter tech has been improved beyond what has been used in other countries.

It is anticipated that other councils will be able to join the e-scooter program at some stage.

A wide ranging discussion covered matters of potential expansion of the scooter zone to other councils; challenges with scooter infrastructure and user behaviour; parking management; how councils have used MOUs with the providers to get good outcomes; the excellent safety record of the mode; the value of nationwide design standards; .

It was noted that all participants have invested considerable resources in the scheme, including considerable officer time.

A comment was made that the investment (both time and infrastructure) in-scooters may mean resources are re-directed from other sustainable transport modes.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles

Cr Chen reported on the meeting of ambassadors, their planned actions, and communications protocol (MTF Chair to be spokesperson in all situations).

5. Council Information Sharing

Ms Anitha Ajay provided a comprehensive update on Casey’s transport program:

Casey's top 3 transport advocacy priorities are:

- the upgrade and extension of Thompsons Road, which would unlock thousands of jobs and strengthen the regional economy,
- the much-needed upgrade of the Clyde Road Corridor, which provides a vital north-south connection and
- Bus advocacy – improvements to existing services and new services to growth areas, especially in the absence of Clyde rail extension.

Other actions occurring in Casey include:

- Continuing to work with VPA on 5 Precinct Structure Plans;
- implementing Council's Living and Ageing Well action;
- continuing the work related to School Crossing Optimisation Program; and
- attracting participation from more schools in Casey's Safe Around Schools Program.

Updates from Darebin and Frankston were deferred to the August meeting.

6. Regular Reports

6.1 Treasurer's report

The May Treasurer's report will be presented at the August meeting.

The EO presented the Treasurer's report covering 4 invoices approved by Exec in June 2023

○ Yarra Bookkeeping Inv 1610 – bookkeeping	\$ 242.00 (inc GST)
○ Edunity Invoice 3651 - retainer	\$ 660.00 (inc GST)
○ Edunity Invoice 3652 – EO services	\$5500.00 (inc GST)
○ Edunity Invoice 3653 – website support	\$ 726.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the invoices approved for payment in June 2023 be noted.

Proposed: Cr Amanda McNeill

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

The motion was: CARRIED

6.2 Upcoming events of interest

Nil

6.3 MAV

Mr Geoff Oulton provided an update on matters at the MAV.

- The new MAV CEO Ms Kelly Grigsby will commence on 24 July
- Advised that there are several grant streams opening for transport and road safety projects
- Upcoming seminars on:
 - Better delivery of walking and cycling projects on 19 July
 - Improving Active Travel to school on 23 July
 - E-scooter (with DTP) on 24 July

6.4 Administration

The Chair and EO thanked Mr Day for undertaking the EO role while Ms Waldock was on leave.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

Coming General meetings:

- August – Dr Elliot Fishman – EV charging
- September - TBA

9. General Business

Nil

10. Meeting closed 8:00 pm