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Interim Minutes – General Meeting
6:15pm Wednesday, 2 August 2023
By Zoom

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden; and Cr Anna Chen from 7:20pm

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
James Golub	City of Bayside
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Minh Vu	City of Brimbank
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Kevin de Leeuw	City of Darebin
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Julian McQuade	City of Hume
Tim de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Liz Lambropoulos	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Christian Jara	City of Melton
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Adam Pulford	City of Merri-bek
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash

Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Catherine Thwaites	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Daniel Mack	City of Wyndham
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Sophie Wade	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Guests

Dr Elliot Fishman	Institute of Sensible Transport
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Apologies

Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	Paul Swift – Merri-bek
Cr Julie Williams – Darebin	Saskia Noakes – Glen Eira
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Ross Savedge – Veitch Lister
Cr Sion Crawford – Maribyrnong	
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of July meetings

The minutes from the July meeting was adopted, noting that Cr Richard Stockman was also an apology.

Moved: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

CARRIED.

3. Presentation: Dr Elliot Fishman. EV Charging- policy considerations for Local Government

Dr Fishman provided a comprehensive overview of Electric Vehicle charging, and issues which local government may need to consider as more drivers purchase EVs.

He noted that EV's will not solve all problems associated with transport emissions, but are an important part of the overall approach required. EVs are part of a four-prong approach to reduce transport emissions which includes: improving fuel efficiency, mode shift, reduction in vehicle kilometre travel, and the avoidance of trips.

Dr Fishman noted the National Electric Vehicle Strategy, and compared EV policies in different states, noting that Victoria's EV tax seems to have had little (if any) impact on the change to EVs.

He noted that 90% of all EV charging is likely to occur overnight at the owner's home, but additional charging facilities will be required as the range of vehicles continues to expand (currently 350-4000km on a single charge for some vehicles).

Dr Fishman discussed various types of facilities that suit different contexts – private, public streets, service station equivalents – noting that the time taken to charge EVs is likely to dramatically alter what service stations look like, and where they are located.

Dr Fishman also spoke about the economics of EV charging points, noting that if free charging points are provided this acts as a deterrent to the private sector to introduce infrastructure – and so is not recommended. He noted that the private sector is likely to be interested in installing on-street EV charging points at no cost to councils.

Dr Fishman responded to questions, and noted that he had assisted the NSW government develop technical guidance information on charging solutions, which included such recommendations as: only install charging points on one side of a street; assess genuineness of need for on-street use (ie is off-street available for property); don't put in bike lanes; and don't install on streets with speed limits in excess of 40kph.

He also recommended that any costs for public charging should be higher than at home charging. He recommended that a fact sheet could be developed to assist businesses installing EV charging.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles

Access: Cr McNeill advised that she has identified the PTV Access Transport committee as a potential partner, and identified that the committee Chair is Liz Ellis. Cr McNeill also noted the in-round light up tactiles on Swanston St and asked if there was any information about policy and costs for the installation of these devices. It was noted that a similar feature also exists in Chapel St near the Stonnington Town Hall.

Cycling: Cr Thomas has contacted Bicycle Network and their CEO Allison McCormack. She has also identified the Amy Gillett Foundation as a possible partner. Cr Thomas would like to

make contact with BUGs and asked members to let her know of contact details for their local BUGs.

4.2 – Strategic Advocacy

Mr Day outlines the planned Bus Appreciation Week event, and requested members send him expressions of interest for participation. Options include:

- Mayors and MPs on buses – which could be combined with social media promotion of issues
- A Try the Bus day (similar to Ride to Work Day)
- And conducting a “Yes to Better Buses Survey”

These events would be arranged to suit each participating council’s resources and advocacy objectives. Councils may nominate one or several activities as suits their objectives. Please contact Mr Day if your council wishes to be involved.

5. Council Information Sharing

Mr Kevin DeLeeuw – Darebin

- LXR – Preston LX – open, but still safety improvements being sought.
- Keon Park – LX – early design phase, working with Whittlesea council
- Shared path across Johnston St to connect to northern pipe trail
- Parking permit policy consultation continuing
- Hope to move to on line applications on permits
- New parking management process endorsed in May,
- Your Street Your Say program continuing. 2000 responses from the community.
- Advocacy: Roundabout improvements.
- 40 kph speed limits, Cheddar Road to be reduced to 50kph.

Cr Tony Athanopoulos – Glen Eira

- LXR – works are nearly complete – last two underway.
- Additional works still being advocated for – shared user path, revegetation,
- Glen Eira working on shared user path to Monash Uni
- Strategic Transport Plan is being reviewed over next 12 months. Will consult again with the community. Anticipating resource constraints will be reflected in new strategy.
- Two new shared paths in Bentleigh area, and also path along Elsternwick, involving reduced speeds, sharrows.
- Advocacy: lower speeds to 40kph in the municipality to facilitate walking and cycling.

Mr Augustus Brown – Hobsons Bay

- Provided a Focus on cycling
- New cycle bridge between Altona and Williamstown
- Integrated Transport Plan
- Better places program continues – 2 suburbs at a time
 - Aim to emphasise local function of streets to make pleasant street environment
 - Maher Road cycling path will increase connectivity for cyclists

- Williamstown safety program
 - Includes painted buffered bike lanes
- Mason Street
 - Includes painted buffer bike lanes
 - Roundabouts with bicycle bypasses
- Contra flow cycling on low speed and low traffic streets
- Also working on planned Better Places – looking for funding as part of future LXP
- Street safety projects – also focussing on cyclist safety.
- LXP Maddox/Champion crossings – significant changes to road network in current design may induce traffic into some local streets
- Advocacy –
 - Blackshaws road – multi modal design being proposed.
 - Kororoit Ck Road – also multi modal design.
- E Bike fleet (Beam) of 200 bikes has been well received by community after initial high interest.

6. 2023/24 Budget

The draft 2023/24 budget was presented for consideration, based on \$3000.00 subscription fee as per AGM 2022.

MOTION: That the draft 2023/24 Budget be adopted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Richard Stockman

The motion was: CARRIED

7. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer's report

The May and June Treasurer's reports were presented.

2 invoices were approved by Exec in July 2023

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1638– July bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- CP Insurance Services – Association insurance \$ 1985.50 (inc GST).

MOTION: That the May and June Treasurer's reports and 2 invoices approved for payment in July 2023 be noted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Bruce Lancashire

The motion was: CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

Nil

7.3 MAV

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

- Upcoming sessions on Biketober and Active Travel to schools, and the Walkability committee.

- Reminder about TAC grants and Commonwealth Road safety Grants
- DTP briefing on Monday 6th August – MTF EO will circulate link
- MAV submission on vulnerable road users has been presented to parliament.

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Up Coming Meeting Topics

Coming General meetings:

- September AGM – in person available – Jon Burke UK advocate for Low Traffic Networks
- October- Dr Niki Vincent - Gender Equity Commissioner
- November – Metro Trains

10. General Business

It was suggested that it would be useful to hear more about the circumstances of the report changes to the Western Rail Plan – a possible speaker might be John Hearsch.

The status of the SRL project also remains of interest to members.

11. Meeting closed 8:04 pm