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Interim Minutes – General Meeting
6:31 pm Wednesday, 6 September 2023
By Zoom
Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden;

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
James Golub	City of Bayside
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Heidi Marfurt	City of Darebin
Vanessa Petrie	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Cr Antonella Celi	City of Frankston
Bivish Ghimire	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Cr Steve Staikos	City of Kingston
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Adam Pulford	City of Merri-bek
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik

Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Sadaf Saeed	City of Whittlesea
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Cr Ed Crossland	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PMP Urbanists
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Knowles Tivendale	Movement and Place
Rebecka Gunnarson	Veitch Lister
Ross Savedge	Veitch Lister
Rachel Carlisle	DTP
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Tom Melican – Banyule	Leanne Deans – Brimbank
Cr Bruce Lancashire – Brimbank	Abir Chowdhury – Casey
Cr Julie Williams – Darebin	Frank Vassilacos – Manningham
Cr Jim Magee– Glen Eira	Peter White – Maribyrnong
Cr Simon Crawford – Maribyrnong	Andy Pringle – Melbourne
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Ross Evans – Monash
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	Nellie Montague – Port Phillip
Cr Stuart James – Monash	Melissa Falkenberg– Wyndham
Cr Susan McIntyre – Wyndham	
	Associates
	Emma Lake– MAV
	Geoff Oulton – MAV
	Elias Lesbos – Travellers Aid
	Peter Hill
	Greg Day – Edunity

2. Acceptance of Minutes of July meetings

The minutes from the August meeting were adopted.

Moved: Mr Adam Pulford

Seconded: Cr Cr Jodi Jackson

CARRIED.

3. Presentation: John Burke – former Hackney Councillor – Low Traffic Networks.

Jon Burke provided a comprehensive presentation on the principles of radically reimagining the public realm of cities. His aim was to create 5* experiences in the public realm, all urban spaces must be designed to a high quality.

The oldest Low Traffic Network (LTN) is now 50 years. The number of vehicles in the UK has doubled in the last 30 years to 41 million cars, but in London most trips remain under 5km in length. Sat Nav technology has changed how people drive, enabling rat running, and resulting in residential streets becoming part of the main road network. LTNs use demand side policies to get drivers to rethink their routes.

Principle of LTNs – cars can still access all roads, but cannot rat run returning streets to residents. This is achieved by use of road closures, or Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to determine whether road users are local residents or not.

John described the benefits of LTNs:

- Road injuries were reduced by 50%, without transferring crashes to other locations.
- Air quality improves
- Vehicle movements along local roads reduces by 50%
- Driving is reduced
- Street crime reduces, women feel safer in the neighbourhood, and lower socio economic neighbourhoods benefit most.

John described the success hierarchy for creating LTNs (in order of decreasing effectiveness):

- Congestions charge
- Parking and traffic control
- Limited traffic zones
- Mobility service for commuters
- Workplace parking charges
- Workplace travel planning
- University travel planning
- Car sharing
- School travel planning
- Personalised travel planning
- App for sustainable mobility.

He discussed the use of ANPR and how very quickly changes driver behaviour with drivers complying with LTNs quickly (90% reduction in infringements within 3 weeks of implementation). John also stressed that all LTNs were signed off by emergency services before being implemented.

John emphasised that clear communication on changes to the network is important with reclaimed road space being changed for the better – with public health outcomes as a result.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles

Trains: Cr Staikos advised that h the MAV will be delivering a briefing on SRL precinct panning; commenting that the recent DTP announcement did not contain much detail. He noted that walking neighbourhoods around the SRL precincts appear to have similar principles as 20 minute cities, but different terminology is being used.

Trams: Cr Newton advised that Darebin is advocating for improved accessibility on trams, including for parents with prams, and that there is an event being held on Sydney Road on 17 September near Barkly Square to advocate for accessible tram stops ahead of the LXP along the Upfield line.

<https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/exploring-merri-bek/events/whats-on/community-rally---make-sydney-road-accessible-for-all/>

4.2 – Strategic Advocacy

Ms Waldock advised that planning is well underway for the 2023 MTF loves Buses seminar to be held in October.

A “Hold the Date” placeholder has been sent to all members for 10-3 24 October.

The event will allow in person and on line attendance.

The MAV are providing their venue.

5. Council Information Sharing

Manningham – deferred to November

Kingston – Alex Reid advised that LXP works continue to generate a large workload within Kingston. Other major projects include SRL, and stage 2 of the walking and cycling consultation. The timeline is for the strategy to be adopted within the next two months. Cr Staikos added that the UDF consultation had been very successful, and had attracted much more feedback than the LXP process. He considered that the rail over solution has been a successful outcome where it has bene used.

Cr Staikos also commented on the development of LXP fatigue.

Hume – Cr Jodi Jackson advised that after 7 years of advocacy Hume has had some success with DTO concerning the cleaning and maintenance of DTP gutters. She will share Hume’s correspondence on the topic.

Hume is developing a new transport strategy and has endorsed its electric vehicle plan.

\$ major creek trails are being extended – adding 15 km of shared paths for pedestrians and bikes.

6. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer’s report

The July Treasurer’s report was presented.

3 invoices were approved by Exec in August 2023

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1664 – August bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity – G Day retainer July \$ 660.00 (inc GST)

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MOTION: That the July Treasurer’s report and 3 invoices approved for payment in August 2023 be noted.

Proposed: Cr Sarah Race

Seconded: Mr Adam Pulford

The motion was: CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

- 5:30 pm 13 September : Marco de Brommelstroet – State Library - leading expert in urban and transport planning

7.3 MAV

- Nil.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

Coming General meetings:

- October- Dr Niki Vincent - Gender Equity Commissioner
- November – Metro Trains
- December – Ms Alison McCormack – Bicycle Network

9. General Business

The MTF Chair, Cr Jonathon Marsden advised he will not be renominating for the position of MTF Chair in 2024.

David Stosser noted that DTP are planning new trams stops in Maribyrnong. Consultation is currently open until 15 October.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/route-82-planning>

10. Meeting closed 8:00 pm