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Interim Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15 pm Wednesday, 4 October 2023  
By Zoom  
Chair: Ms Melissa Falkenberg;

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

**Present:**

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Cr Julie Williams	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Isuru Thilakarathne	City of Frankston
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Tim de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Jillian McQuade	City of Hume
Cr Steve Staikos	City of Kingston
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	Shire of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
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
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Ed Crossland	City of Yarra
<b>Associates</b>	
David Stosser	PBA Associates
Luisa Paginelli	City of Ballarat
<b>MTF</b>	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Jim Magee– Glen Eira	Associates
Cr Simon Crawford – Maribyrnong	Emma Lake– MAV
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Geoff Oulton – MAV
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	
Cr Susan McIntyre – Wyndham	
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	
Cr Bernadette Thomas – Maribyrnong	
Cr Jonathon Marsden – Hobsons Bay	
Cr Adam Pulford– Merri-bek	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of August meeting

The minutes from the August meeting were adopted.

Moved: Cr Amanda McNeill

Seconded: Cr Richard Stockman

CARRIED.

## 3. Presentation: Dr Niki Vincent – Victorian Gender Commissioner.

Dr Vincent described the processes her team are putting in place to ensure that all public sector areas, including local government and universities are in compliance with gender equity legal requirements.

She also spoke about the research work her team has commissioned, including research to explore how the whole person's needs and experiences are considered in government programs and projects. Dr Vincent noted that traditional planning is based on a heterosexual norm, which is no longer valid.

Dr Vincent noted that the RMIT research looking at the internal structure of DTP has resulted in a road map to achieving gender equity in the organisation. A report on DTP's progress is expected in early 2024.

Importantly DTP are also developing "tip sheets" which will be applied in planning processes to improve design outcomes, in response to 45% of female transport users not feeling safe. The DTP "tip sheets" will be released before Christmas.

## 4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

### 4.1 Ambassador Roles

Cr Stockman (Walking Ambassador) advised of upcoming meeting with Victoria Walks. Councillor Stockman noted that the Mental Health Foundation in running some fund raising walks this month. He also noted the overlap with Cr McNeill's Access Ambassador role as wheelchair users are considered to be pedestrians.

Cr McNeill (Access Ambassador) advised about the her efforts to make contact with the PTV DAC, and contacts with Eastern Melbourne DACs, she noted common concerns around footpath quality - especially for wheelchair users – and how SRL and LXR projects are developed.

Mr Stainsby (Merri-bek council) noted that engagement is currently underway for the Victorian Transport Accessibility Strategy – engagement closed 16 October.

### 4.2 – Strategic Advocacy

Mr Day provided an update on the upcoming events in what he has dubbed "Bus Awareness Week". 8 Councils are running bus promotion events, and planning for the MTF Loves Buses 3 - ZEB and Beyond is well under way with local and international speakers.

## 5. Council Information Sharing

### Frankston

Mr Thilakarathne updated members on Frankston's transport program, based on the Integrated Transport Strategy which was adopted in February 2023. Other strategies directing work in Frankston are the Bicycle Strategy, and the Nepean Boulevard Master Plan. Work also continues on SRL and LXR projects.

### Melbourne

Mr Richard Smithers provided an overview of some of Melbourne's transport projects including its current engagement around the Future Streets project – which is open until 11 October; the consultation around bicycle infrastructure in Arden and Macauley Roads is

complete; that the improvements to Grattan Street associated with Metro works is nearing completion, reducing Grattan Street to a single lane. Work also continues around the MM@ project, and to extend the tram network to Fishermans Bend.

### Melton

Mr Michael Smith described Melton's advocacy and grant seeking approach with a view to achieving improved active transport outcomes. Council has also been investigating how it can achieve improved roads around developments, having found limitation on the outcomes which can be achieved through current DCP processes.

Mr Smith noted that Melton has commenced its E-Scooter pilot with Beam, and that 150 scooters are now in use around Melton.

## 6. Regular Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer's report

The August Treasurer's report was presented.

2 invoices were approved by Exec in September 2023

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1700 – September bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- JW Urban Inv 202305– EO secretariat services – July-Aug 2023  
\$ 7925.00 (inc GST)

**MOTION: That the August Treasurer's report and 2 invoices approved for payment in September 2023 be noted.**

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 7.2 Upcoming events of interest

### 7.3 MAV

- Nil.

## 7. Correspondence

Nil

## 8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

Coming General meetings:

- November – Ms Alison McCormack – Bicycle Network
- December - TBA

## 9. General Business

Cr Chen advised of Manningham's transport related motions which are being taken to the MAV conference on 13 October. All councils were invited to share any transport related motions via the EO.

Mr Stainsby raised that he would like to see more information on Shared User Path land access agreements with Metro; these agreements are often part of the LXP upgrades.

Mr Stosser noted that there may have been a change in policy at Bicycle Network – now supporting mandatory use of helmets.

10. Meeting closed 7:54 pm