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Interim Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 1 November 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
James Golub	City of Bayside
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Cr Julie Williams	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Isuru Thilakarathne	City of Frankston
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Tim de Ruitjer	City of Hume
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Cr Sam Byrne	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Karen Roche	City of Port Phillip
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Cr Susan McIntyre	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Sophie Wade	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PBA Associates
Luisa Paginelli	City of Ballarat
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Cana Kuyucak	MAV
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies

Councillors	Officers
Cr Bruce Lancashire- Brimbank	Jim Hondrakis- Boroondara
Lord Mayor Sally Capp - Melbourne	Vanessa Petrie - Darebin
Cr Adam Pulford- Merri-bek	Catherine Thwaites - Whittlesea
Cr Stuart James - Monash	Philip Mallis - Yarra
Cr Richard Stockman - Nillumbik	
Cr Ed Crossland - Yarra	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of August meeting

The minutes from the October meeting were adopted.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

CARRIED.

3. Presentation: No speaker this month.

Note DTP Gender Tip sheets (mentioned by Dr Nicki Vincent in October meeting) can be found on DTP website, have also been emailed to members.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles

Buses – Cr Anna Chen

Cr Chen reported on the MTF Loves Buses 3 Forum was successfully held on 24 October, was opened by the new Minister for Public and Active Transport, Gabrielle Williams, with international and local speakers. In person attendance was at the MAV conference facilities, and on line attendance was also possible.

All the presentations are available at the MTF website.

4.2 – Strategic Advocacy

The Bus Awareness week activities have so far attracted 500 responses to the survey. The majority of the responses so far appear to be from Manningham. The data will be collated once the survey period closes.

Mr Day noted that it was very difficult to get MPs to commit to participating in Bus Awareness Week, but considers that it may be valuable to try again in 2024. Councillors are encouraged to raise the activity with their local MPS when they have their regular meetings.

A planned interview for 3AW as part of Bus Awareness Week was cancelled by the radio station.

5. Council Information Sharing

Manningham

Ms Emma Steele updated members on Manningham's transport program, including advocacy around SRL, NEL as par to the Big Build program. Manningham is also working on its Active Transport Strategy, looking to enhance cycling facilities in conjunction with road works, and improvements to the Main Yarra Trail. It is working on expanding its car share program which is currently focussed around Doncaster Hill. Manningham was very active during Bus Awareness Week, seeking bus passenger feedback from residents, and running an engagement on the bus service between Bulleen Park and Ride and Templestowe Village to hear from local bus users. Manningham is also looking to upgrade bus shelters, including building new shelters.

Cr Chen advised that Manningham is also continuing its advocacy for more funding around the NEL project.

Merri-bek

Mr Simon Stainsby advised that Merri-bek has been successful in getting approval for all residential streets in the municipality to become 40kph speed zones. The roll out will be completed by the end of 2024, starting in the south. Merri-bek is seeking feedback on its draft parking management policy (closes 13 November). A draft Transport Strategy will

shortly go to Council to be approved for engagement, with a view to a final version being adopted in March 2024. The principle of the draft strategy is that the transport system must work for all users, not just those in cars, and safety is a very important outcome of the strategy.

Capital works programs have also been reviewed, looking to facilitate cycling and pedestrian projects in the current year, and to bring forward other projects on the longer term capital works program. Merri-bek is also considering establishing a fixed active transport/resident budget.

Monash

Ms Sandra Worsnop described Monash's Integrated Transport Strategy program including significant investment on the Waverly Rail Trail and the Scotchman's Creek Trail. The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program is being used to make improvements, and Monash has had excellent discussions with DTP and TAC looking to address issues by exploring new solutions, with less of an emphasis on BCRs.

Sustainability projects underway at Monash include EV charging, lighting upgrades, and a refresh of the 2012 Walking and Cycling Strategy. SRL continues to be resource hungry with three station locations within Monash.

Moonee Valley

Mr Damir Agic provided an update on Moonee Valley's transport projects including the installation of a second EV charging station within one of Council's car parks. Council are also seeking expressions of interest on how to extend EV charging. A number of strategic studies are underway including active transport, (to improve connections) the Flemington Estate development, and the Moonee Valley Racecourse development.

Cr Sam Burne noted that despite recent announcements from the State government, Moonee Valley continues its advocacy for train stations at Airport West and Keilor East.

6. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer's report

No Treasurer's report this month. (September report will be presented to December meeting.)

Invoices approved in October 2023:

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1732 – October bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity - Inv 3656 – September retainer \$ 660.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity - inv 3657 - October retainer \$ 660.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the 3 invoices approved for payment in October 2023 be noted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Amanda McNeill

The motion was: CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

- Nil.

7.3 MAV

Mr Geoff Oulton provided an update on MAV transport matters.

- The MAV is refreshing its transport strategy
- Walkable community Framework (with DTP) is now expected in 2024
- The Housing Statement will have consequences for transport
- There is an upcoming seminar (with DTP) on parking rates – this will be open for consultation
- The MAV continues to engage with the state on E Scooters
- Decarbonising transport – noting that batteries in freight vehicles will impact road maintenance due to the weight of the batteries.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

Coming General meetings:

- December – Ms Alison McCormack – Bicycle Network

Mr Stosser advised that he would be able to present on a number of topics at short notice if requested.

9. General Business

Mr Stainsby noted that there is increasing discussion concerned with the potential fire risk associated with batteries on electric scooters at private homes. He is developing an OHS assessment.

Cr Melican reported that the proposal to increase standard car parking space sizes will have a major impact on councils. This topic will be considered further by the Executive.

10. Meeting closed 7:52 pm