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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 3 April 2024
By Zoom
Chair: Cr Victor Franco

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
Paul Bezemer	City of Brimbank
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Cillian Bell	City of Casey
Isuru Thilakaratne	City of Frankston
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Cr Pamela Sutton-LeGaud	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Tom DeRuitjer	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
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 Despi O'Connor	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Jonathon McNair	City of Port Phillip

Cr Polly Morgan	City of Stonnington
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PBA Associates
Angela Hernandez	Movement and Place
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Finley Ester	Movement and Place
Tom Dwyer	Amber Organisation
Guest	
Mr Paul O'Halloran	MetroTrains
Mr Francis Tevere	MetroTrains
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies

Councillors	Officers
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Allison Wood – Banyule
Cr Jane Karlake – Glen Eira	Jill Colson – Bayside
Cr Steve Staikos – Kingston	Kevin DeLeeuw – Darebin
Cr Bernadette Thomas – Maribyrnong	Chris Hui – Whitehorse
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	
Cr Mark Riley – Merri-bek	Alison McCormack – Bicycle Network
Cr Jennie Berrara – Wyndham	Cana Kuyucak – MAV

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 6 March 2024 meeting

The minutes from the 6 March 2024 meeting were adopted, noting that some typos should be corrected, as identified by Mr Stosser.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2024 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Jodi Jackson

Seconded: Cr Tony Athanasopoulos

CARRIED

3. Presentation: Ms Rachel Carlisle – Department of Transport

Ms Carlisle introduced the safe system approach which is part of the Victorian Road Safety Strategy (2021-2030) to members, which is based on the principle that road safety is a shared responsibility.

Ms Carlisle gave an overview of the Victorian construction vehicle fleet, noting that construction vehicles are often the oldest vehicle in the transport fleet, are often owner operated, and due to their age profile often do not have the latest safety features. The construction vehicle safety project aims to reduce the adverse effects which occur when construction works are located in areas with high active transport mode share. It includes tools for cyclists and pedestrians.

As part of the work, model contract clauses have been developed for Big Build projects (including LXP, NELP, Metro Rail and Transurban), and these clauses could also be adopted in local government contracts. The clauses also aim to provide improvements in air quality around sites, as well as safety.

The project uses HIRA – Human Impact Route Assessment – a web based risk assessment tool.

The department is implementing a public education campaign, and also doing industry outreach. Interested members can sign up for a regular newsletter. See link below.

Project Newsletter

Councillors and officers noted the suggestions, but indicated that additional resources would likely be required to successfully implement and enforce these changes.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles – Cycling Ambassador – EOs sought

Expressions of interest were sought from members to be the Cycling Ambassador to replace Cr Thomas (now Chair). Interested members should contact the Chair, or the EO. (nb Cr Athanasopoulos nominated at the meeting)

4.2 – PT Access Black Spot survey

Mr Day spoke to the inquiry re access black spots, noting the email which had been sent to members. He encouraged members to provide feedback using the SLIDO link.

4.3 – EV Seminar

Ms Waldock advised that the EV seminar subcommittee had commenced planning for the next seminar.

5. Council Information Sharing

Brimbank

Mr Bezemer updated members on transport related projects currently underway in Brimbank. These include:

- The Update the Calder Campaign
- Advocacy for Melbourne airport Rail
- And the development of Brimbank's Integrated Transport Strategy.

Frankston

Mr Thilakaratne noted that Frankston's Engineering Transport Strategy was endorsed in 2023. This sets the framework for current transport projects which include:

- An open street trial – Mr Thilakaratne noted that no trial area has yet been adopted, and officers are continuing to investigate potential partners.
- Active paths projects with Bicycle Network at two schools
- The development for a new bicycle strategy, which should go to council for adoption in August.
- The provision for funding by the TAC for a new Road Safety Strategy
- No LATMS work is currently underway.

Glen Eira

Cr Athanasopoulos noted that Glen Eira's Integrated Transport Strategy will be considered by Council next week. It notes that many cycling outcomes associated with LXP projects have been substandard. More details can be provided to the May meeting.

Cr Athanasopoulos proposed that the MTF could advocate for improved cycling outcomes as part of State infrastructure works program. This will be considered by the Exec at the next meeting.

Casey

Mr Cillian Bell advised that Precinct Plans are being developed at Croskell, Casey Fields/Devon Meadows, Collison Estate and Officer South.

Transport Projects include works at:

- Thompsons Road – Berwick-Cranbourne Intersection Upgrade;
- Hall Road Upgrade;
- Narre Warren Cranbourne Road Upgrade;
- LXP Camms Road;
- Webb Street Level Crossing Removal; and
- Clyde Road Upgrade between Kangan Drive and Bemersyde Drive

6. Ambassador's report – Buses – Cr Anna Chen

Cr Chen noted the letter sent to the Minister for Public Transport seeking an increase in bus funding in the 2024 State Budget. Cr Chen noted she had recently had opportunity to meet State politicians at the Box Hill Lunar Festival, and had advocated directly to Deputy Premier Ben Carroll. The Eastern Transport Coalition continues to advocate for improvements to bus services and routes. Cr Chen noted that the recent Benchmarking Melbourne report by the Committee for Melbourne had shown that Melbourne was dropping down the rankings.

7. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer's report

The December 2023 and February 2024 Treasurer report were presented.

The following invoices approved by Exec in March 2024

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1879 – March bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity Invoice 3662 – Greg Day – Nov, Feb, Mar \$ 1,980.00 (inc GST)
- Stan Obljubek – 2023 audit fee \$ 660.00 (inc GST)
- JWUrban – Inv 202402 – secretariat Jan-Feb 2024 \$ 5,885.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for December 2023 and February 2024, and 4 invoices approved by Executive for payment in March 2024 be noted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Jodi Jackson **CARRIED**

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

Bicycle Network – E-Bike Expo April 7 (Sunday) 11-3pm – Brunswick Velodrome

7.3 MAV

Mr Geoff Oulton provided an update on MAV transport matters.

- MAV and Vic Health are walking and cycling webinars for officers will be on 18 April
- ALGA is preparing a Road Safety Statement for consideration by the Federal body.

8. Correspondence

Letter to Minister Williams re bus funding in the 2024 State budget.

9. Up Coming Meeting Topics

May – Infrastructure Victoria – Bus Reform study in 2023.

10. General Business

10.1 Executive Vacancies

The elections have been completed, and Cr Jodi Jackson and Mr Simon Stainsby were successful. Thanks to the other applicants Cr Amanda McNeill and Mr Nuno Pires.

Other matters

Mr Stainsby advised that Merri-bek has adopted a new transport strategy.

Mr Stosser noted that a new regional transport forum has commenced.

11. Meeting closed 7:54 pm