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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 1 May 2024
By Zoom
Chair: Cr Bernadette Thomas

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
James Golub	City of Bayside
Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Cillian Bell	City of Casey
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Isuru Thilakarathne	City of Frankston
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Jillian McQuade	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Luke Poland	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-Bek
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Emily Clarke –	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Jonathon McNair	City of Port Phillip
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Cr Polly Morgan	City of Stonnington
Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Chris Hui	City of Whitehorse
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Cr Sophie Wade	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PBA Associates
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Tom Dwyer	Amber Organisation
Lara Elmaoula	MetroTrains
Leanne Tolra	Bicycle Network
Duane Burt	Victoria Walks
Guest	
Steve Pemberton	
Eric Keys	
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies

Councillors	Officers
Cr Jane Karlake – Glen Eira	Allison Wood – Banyule
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Jill Colson – Bayside
Cr Anna Chen – Manningham	Vanessa Petrie – Darebin
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Tim DeRuitjer – Hume
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	Andrea Taylor – Hume
Cr Mark Riley – Merri-Bek	Richard Smithers – Melbourne
Cr Despi O'Connor – Mornington	Ross Evans – Monash
Cr Jennie Berrara – Wyndham	Prof Graham Currie
	Alison McCormack – Bicycle Network
	Mr Francis Tevere – Metrotrains

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 3 April 2024 meeting

The minutes from the 3 April 2024 meeting were adopted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 2024 be adopted.

Moved: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Amanda McNeil

CARRIED

3. Presentation: Mr Eric Keys and Mr Steve Pemberton – RMIT University - **Tracking the development of apartment housing activity against public transport service provision in Melbourne: 2004-2022**

Mr Pemberton presented their study into the relationship between public transport and development over the years 2004-2022. Their work considered developments with more than 10 dwellings, which were not on greenfield sites and were within 800 metres of train stations and bus stops. He noted that due to there being some gaps in the bus data, this mode was not considered.

It was found that public transport capacity had been increased over the 19 years of the study, however, this was primarily and largely achieved through increasing capacity of rolling stock (eg by removal of seats) rather than an increase in the frequency of services. It was observed that apartments are constructed where public transport exists.

They found considerable variation in the results across individual local government areas and public transport lines/routes - some areas and lines/routes have received a larger increase in public transport services relative to population growth, while others have received less.

Their research, which is specific to apartment housing, found little to no relationship between public transport supply and socio-economic disadvantage

An online dashboard with all results is also available: <https://lnkd.in/gb9GH9Tb>:

A copy of their paper can be found at : <https://cur.org.au/cms/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/longitudinal-analysis-working-paper-final-april-2024.pdf>

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles – Cycling Ambassador

MOTION: That Cr Athanopoulos be appointed as the MTF cycling ambassador

Moved: Cr Richard Stockman

Seconded: Cr Amanda McNeill

CARRIED

4.2 – PT Access Black Spot survey

Mr Day provided an update on the responses so far to the accessibility black spot survey, requesting examples of good and bad cases. Member councils with Disability Advisory Committees are encouraged to pass the request on to the DAC.

4.3 – EV Seminar

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

5. Council Information Sharing

Darebin

Mr DeLeeuw advised that capital works programs are currently focusing on gaps in the cycling and walking network.

Other works in Darebin include LXP work, the Your Street/Your Say program, travel behaviour change projects around schools, and an EOI for E-Vehicle charging points

Darebin has recently adopted a new parking permit policy, and is seeking to join the E-Scooter trial.

Hobsons Bay

Mr Brown provided an update on projects and works in Hobsons Bay including:

- Working with the Better Buses for West Melbourne advocacy project
- A program to introduce safer speed limits – aiming to introduce 30kph speed limits in some areas
- Noted that the Vulnerable Road Users Report had been released.
- Capital works include:
 - Maddox Road
 - The Spotswood to South Kingsville Greenline
 - Strategic cycling routes
 - And road safety projects.
 - Major project works around LXP and the WestGate Tunnel continue.

Hume

Ms McQuade updated members on transport projects in Hume including:

- Hume’s draft Transport Strategy which drew considerable community feedback, particularly about poor bus services resulting in high levels of car dependence for Hume residents. The Vision of the strategy is to provide Hume with transport choices, which dovetails with the council plan environmental and economic objectives.
- The strategy makes use of the Movement and Place framework, and will develop precinct based plans.
- It aims to enhance active transport network, especially around high schools, and to create low stress solutions to improve the cycling network, by providing more separated cycling facilities (not just linemarked cycling lanes).

6. Ambassador’s report – Trams – Cr Susanne Newton

This report was deferred to next month.

7. Regular Reports

7.1 Treasurer's report

The March 2024 Treasurer report was presented.

The following invoices approved by Exec in April 2024

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1908 – March bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity Invoice 3663 – Greg Day \$ 217.25 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for March 2024, and 2 invoices approved by Executive for payment in April 2024 be noted.

Proposed: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Richard Stockman

CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

Nil

7.3 MAV

Mr Geoff Oulton provided an update on MAV transport matters:

- The Climate Resilience and Active Travel webinar was held on 18 April. A link to the presentations is <https://www.mav.asn.au/what-we-do/policy-advocacy/transport-infrastructure/walking-and-bike-riding-resource-hub/recent-webinars> ;
- The MAV has been readying for upcoming State and Commonwealth budgets;
- GAIC investments – may be used to improve bus routes; and
- Noted that the vulnerable road users report looks good and will lead to more advocacy. <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/roadsafetybehaviours>

8. Correspondence

Nil.

9. Up Coming Meeting Topics

June – Infrastructure Victoria – Bus Reform study in 2023.

10. General Business

Cr Stockman sought comments from members concerning Developer Contribution Plans and how they might improve public transport options for residents.

Ms Tolra from Bicycle Network invited interest from members who might wish to hold a Bicycle Expo event (similar to the one held in Merri-Bek). Members should contact her at Leannet@bicyclenetwork.com.au

11. Meeting closed 7:52 pm