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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 6 November 2024
By Zoom
Chair: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Note: Councillors had not been elected, so no councillors were in attendance

Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cillian Bell	City of Casey
Bivish Ghimire	City of Hobsons Bay
Tim deRuijter	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Andrew Mangan	City of Manningham
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Peter Bourlotos	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Jonathon McNair	City of Port Phillip
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Phillip Mallis	City of Yarra

Associates	
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Angela Mejia	Movement and Place
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies

Geof Oulton – MAV	Liz Lambropoulos – Nillumbik
	Emma Steele – Manningham
	Sasha Sheko – Melbourne

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2 October 2024 meeting

The minutes from the 2 October 2024 meeting were adopted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2024 be adopted.

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Mr Damir Agic

CARRIED

3. Presentation: Mr Ilya Petoushkov: Transport projects in Moscow

Mr Petoushkov was a transport planner for over ten years in Moscow prior to the invasion of Ukraine. He now lives and works in Australia.

Mr Petoushkov provided a very short history of Moscow from a planning perspective, describing how it evolved from the 1400's to current day, noting the dramatically changing political circumstances, and rapidly growing population in recent decades.

He provided a view of the city's topography and history, as it expanded from a small walled city, to a larger walled city, to the large modern city we see today. The legacy of its early days remains visible in the transport network. Drastic changes to the city streetscape occurred under the communist regime, including the widening of streets through the relocation of entire multi-storey buildings to create extremely wide streets – some capable of carrying 20 lanes of traffic.

Moscow's population density is comparable to Singapore. The dormitory suburb nature of residential dwelling was supported by an extensive rail system, and was also accompanied by a large bus network. Moscow's metro network is designed for carrying large numbers of people comfortably – with up to 38 trains operating per hour. While car ownership was relatively low, following the collapse of the communist regime, traffic congestion became a major dilemma for the functioning of the city.

In the 2010's Moscow commenced a major transformation and introduced dramatic improvements to its roads. In some instances, changes were introduced over a single summer, with roads being narrowed from 20 lanes to 10 lanes.

Moscow also embarked on important changes to the bus network, removing lengthy circuitous routes in the central city, creating more efficient and effective routes, resulting in considerable increases in bus patronage.

Streets were converted from major thoroughfares to places where pedestrians felt welcomed and safe. Mr Petoushkov provided case studies of urban improvements such as conversion of multi lane traffic environments in front of busy stations into plazas, facilitating the movement of people between transport nodes and commercial precincts.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.2 – EV Seminar

Ms Waldock reminded members that the 2 wheel EV webinar (to cover scooters and bicycles) will now be held in February 2025.

5. Council Information Sharing

No reports were sought this month as councillors were not in attendance due the elections results not being declared.

Next month: Port Phillip, Stonington, Whitehorse, and Whittlesea.

6. Regular reports

6.1 – Treasurer’s Reports

The Executive Officer presented the Treasurer’s report for September 2024.

The following invoices approved by Exec in October 2024 were noted:

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2103 – September bookkeeping \$ 330.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s reports for September 2024, and 1 invoice approved by the Executive for payment in October 2024 be noted.

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Mr Damir Agic

CARRIED

6.2 MAV

No report from the MAV this month

6.3 Administration

Nil

7. Correspondence

Nil.

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

2024

December – Alex Green - Executive Director Greater Metropolitan Region, and Jennifer Howard – Executive Director Inner Metro

2025

Ms Tricia Malowney – Chief Accessibility Advocate - DTP
Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail
Victoria Walks -

9. General Business

Nil

10. Meeting closed 7:15 pm