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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 4 December 2024
By Zoom
Chair: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country. New delegates to the MTF were warmly welcomed by the Chair and briefly introduced themselves.

Present:

Note: Not all members have appointed their Councillor delegates.

Cr Alicia Curry	City of Banyule
Cr Matt Wood	City of Banyule
Alison Wood	City of Banyule
Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
James Golub	City of Bayside
Eric Gaisie	City of Brimbank
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Bivish Ghimire	City of Hobsons Bay
Alexander Leung	City of Hume
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Michael Smith	City of Melton
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
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Kieran Simpson	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea

Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Guests	
Alex Green	DTP
Jennifer Howard	DTF
Associates	
Geoff Oulton	MAV
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Finlay Ester	Movement and Place
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Geoff Leigh – Bayside	Khan Nguyen – Boroondara
Cr Mia Shaw – Wyndham	Paul Bezemer – Brimbank
	Vanessa Petrie – Darebin
Angela Mejia – M&P	Sasha Sheko – Melbourne
	Simon Stainsby – Merri-bek
Greg Day – MTF	Emily Clarke – Morn Penn
	Liz Lambropoulos – Nillumbik

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 6 November 2024 meeting

The minutes from the 6 November 2024 meeting were adopted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2024 be adopted.

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Mr Damir Agic

CARRIED

3. Presentation: Mr Alex Green – Executive Director Greater Metro Region, DTP , and Ms Jennifer Howard – Executive Director – Inner Metro Region, DTP

Mr Green and Ms Howard presented the high level organisation structure for the DTP which shows the creation of the combined transport and planning group. Their roles are wide reaching, covering all transport projects within the portfolios. They can be contacted (as the first port of call) on any transport matter:

Alex Green

Email: alex.green@roads.vic.gov.au

Ph: 0428 369 886

Jennifer Howard

Email: Jennifer.howard@roads.vic.gov.au

Ph: 0417 306 781

This group reports to five ministers: Danny Pearson, Gabrielle Williams, Melissa Horne, Sonya Kilkenny and Colin Brooks, covering all aspects of planning and transport – including public transport, road safety, active transport and transport infrastructure. This is thought to be a world first combination of these two city making and influencing major departments.

This combined department is considered to be critical to deliver the necessary changes as Melbourne expands to a population of 8 million people over the next 25 years, and the number of trips made by residents as they work, learn, socialise and recreate more than doubles with that expansion.

They then provided an overview of the organisations reporting to and within the department, including the public transport operators – totalling over 50,000 people.

Alex gave an overview of the major transport projects being delivered by the department, including the Metro Tunnel Project, West Gate Tunnel Project, Suburban Rail Link, North East Link, Level Crossing Removal Projects, accessible PTV, Active transport and improvements to train, rail and bus operations.

He noted that the Yarra Tram network is now under the operation of Yarra Journey Makers (YJM), and that a smooth transition had occurred. YJM have a 5 year contract.

Alex also noted that regional and metro road maintenance is now managed under a single contract, and noted that the Myki ticketing system is coming to an end.

Mr Green spoke about the bus reform program which has again been nominated for consideration in the 2025 budget. The proposal under consideration includes creation of a Turn Up And Go route network, which will allow for buses to take more direct routes through the community, and also provide much greater frequency, removing the need for timetables.

Mr Green and Ms Howard generously answered many questions from attendees, and advised they can be contacted on all transport related matters.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

The MTF submission to the Victorian Government (circulated previously, and also attached to these minutes) was noted.

5. Council Information Sharing

No reports were sought this month as not all councils have appointed delegates to the MTF.

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 October 2024.

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

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2132 – September bookkeeping \$ 330.00 (inc GST)

- JW Urban – Invoice 202406 – September and October secretariat
\$ 6450.17 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for October 2024, and 2 invoices approved by the Executive for payment in November 2024 be noted.

Moved: Mr Ross Evans
Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

CARRIED

6.2 MAV

Mr Oulton provided an update to members on MAV actions.

He reminded members that the Active Transport Fund is open for bids, and encouraged members to submit multiple projects to demonstrate the high demand for these projects in all municipalities.

Mr Oulton noted that new Austroads publications have been released and noted the VicHealth Walking and Bicycle Riding messaging guide may be of interest to new councillors.

The MAV is seeking feedback on accessibility of public charging facilities for E-Vehicles.

The MAV have a transport news email.

6.3 Administration

Please let the EO know as soon as delegates are decided, so that calendar placeholders for the monthly meetings can be sent to the correct people.

7. Correspondence

Copy of Budget submission attached.

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

2025

Ms Tricia Malowney – Chief Accessibility Advocate - DTP

Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail

Victoria Walks -

9. General Business

9.1 MTF Executive Elections

A reminder that we elect our executive at the February meeting.

A nomination form should be completed. If you wish to nominate and are having difficulty finding nominators, and seconders (who should be MTF delegates), please contact the EO who will assist.

10. Meeting closed 7:43 pm