

2023-24 STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIONS

ABCX - ACTIVE, BUSES, CHOICE, (Extras)

SECTION A – ACTIVE

MTF Statement of Purposes: The Metropolitan Transport Forum aims to promote and work for sustainable, equitable and efficient transport options across metropolitan Melbourne.

	<i>Action</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Budget required?</i>	<i>Comment /Status (Jan 2025)</i>
A1	Continue to have Cycling Ambassador	1	April	0	Bernadette Thomas from April 2023. Steve Staikos from April 2024
A2	Continue to have Walking ambassador	1	April	0	Richard Stockman from April 2023 Jodi Jackson from April 2024
A3	Liaise with the DTP Active Transport unit to understand how to best support the funding case for walking and riding infrastructure.	1	March 2023	0	Amy Child presented to May 2023 meeting. Rachel Carlisle presented to April 2024 meeting
A4	Advocate for more funding (with 10 year pipeline) for projects that improve safety for walkers and riders in local precincts.	1		0 (included in submissions line item)	Included in budget and other submissions
A5	Identify, meet with, and co-operate with other supporters to echo the case for funding.	3		0	EO met with CEO Bicycle Network in March 2023 – invited them to present to members. BN CEO presented in Dec 2023. Working with BN re possible webinar on 2 wheel EVs
A6	Develop a report/scoring module for councils and community groups to use to assess outcomes delivered by state on major transport projects – for active transport aspects – walking and cycling and access	3	By end of year 2023	\$600?	Not progressed
A7	Collate feedback on local government experience on Smarter Roads projects (3 regions so far). Create report from community perspective, comparing outcomes for active transport modes, to promote delivering benefits with more emphasis on local active trips.	3	by end of year 2023	\$1200?	Not progressed
A8	Collate outcomes from “pop up” bike infrastructure projects during Covid. Create report (perhaps sponsored by interested councils) demonstrating how working with councils can result in more successful projects.	3	by Sept 2023	\$600?	Possible forum topic? Review Wyndham work from 18 months ago – also other councils? Consider DoT review. Could ask 2-3 councils to give report at general meeting – have print version to go on website as output. Not progressed
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A9	Conduct a review of the progress and outcomes from the Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-2028 (perhaps sponsored by interested councils)	3	by end of year (2023)	April - Put out feelers to members – see what appetite is.	Aim to do Start now if possible – which councils to talk to? Not progressed
A10	Hold a bike riding forum to highlight the need for state investment in bike infrastructure	3	by July 2023 (in term 3)	\$6000 (include in 23/24 budget)	Not progressed

A11	Partner with a bicycle partner a community bike ride to highlight the lack of bike infrastructure across the City	2	Run in 2024 prior to election?	\$1200?	Councillor's/Mayor's ride. Work with Bike Network. Not completely under our control. Have built relationship with BN.
A12	Partner with a walking group a community walk to highlight local infrastructure needs for walkers			\$600?	Work with Victoria Walks Walking ambassador to continue relationship. Not progressed.

SECTION B – BUSES

	<i>Action</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Budget required?</i>	<i>Comment /Status (March 2023)</i>
B1	Continue to have Bus Ambassador	Priority 1	April		Anna Chen from April 2023
B2	Meet and work with bus campaigns in West and in Peninsula, and others.	Priority 1	Throughout 2023.		Promoted FOE/BB March 14 2024 event.
B3	Explore benefits of amending bus networks to increase access/frequency/range/schedule to connect local communities to major precincts to increase patronage.	Priority 3			Meet with Peter Parker and interested councils. Note work being done by FOE/Better buses/John Stone – seminar on 14 March 2024.
B4	Transition to E buses – look at planning/infrastructure/contract issues – meet with VTAG	Priority 2			Submission made on Transition paper by DoT in 2023
B5	Hold 2023 Bus forum – potential theme: evolution of community buses from connecting retirement villages to now being rainbow bus and others – what can we learn from this?	Priority x	October 2023	\$6000	Done

SECTION C – CHOICE

	<i>Action</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Budget required?</i>	<i>Comment /Status (Jan 24)</i>
C1	Appoint an Access Ambassador	Priority 1	April		Cr Amanda Mc Neill from April 2023.
C2	Identify an Accessibility Partner	Priority 1	April	\$0	Not progressed
C3	Appoint Tram Ambassador	Priority 1	April		Cr Susanne Newton from April 2023
C4	Appoint Train Ambassador	Priority 1	April		Steve Staikos from April 2023 to June 2024
C5	Invite Access advocates to present to meeting in 2023 – consider tram stop upgrade program, LXR program	Priority 2	2 nd half 2023	\$0	Treasurer and EO met with Ms Tricia Malowney in November 2024, Tricia will present to Feb 2025 mtg.
C6	Prepare state budget submission : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include assessment of impact of SRL planning changes – note inequity /geographic concerns more funding for projects that improve safety for walkers and riders in local precincts; highlight effects of transport inequity – costs to transport poor areas – encourage equitable investment 			\$600	Budget submission for 2025 budget made. Access Advocacy project developed with Cr Riley, a number of councils adopted access equity policies just prior to 2024 elections.

SECTION X – EXTRAS

	Action	Priority	When	Budget required?	Comments /Status (April 2023)
X1	Collate feedback of engagement experiences of members on various projects eg SRL and LXR, NELP and other Big Build projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement experience (inform vs consult) Timing of engagement (eg for EESs) does not respect member governance requirements Identify examples and opportunities where value can be/has been achieved by better engagement time lines and processes? <i>Use this information in advocacy.</i>	Priority 2	2023	Data collection \$0 Data review and analysis \$1200.	Not progressed
X2	Invite speaker on How Myki system is adapting following Covid – what could replace year long ticket as hybrid work becomes the norm – what are issues for State and users?	Priority 3	2 nd half 2023	\$0	invite speaker from university/Grattan Inst Not progressed
X3	Develop and hold E-Transport Seminar/Webinar in first half of 2023 – possible content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developments in EV policies and practicalities, EV affordability and support/charging facilities access, kerb side charging, risks to councils, etc E scooters – policies, opportunities, management, challenges 	Priority 1	Maybe August	Up to \$6000	4 wheel EV webinar held in August 2024. Further 2 wheel seminar proposed for 2025.
X4	Explore transport infrastructure investment by state-discussion – develop map of projects and mode vs socio economic	Priority 3	2024	??	
X5	Make written and in-person submissions to state and federal hearings and bodies on transport matters as opportunities present, aligning strategies and plans with the Victorian Transport Plan	Priority 1	As opportunities present – Exec to approve in advance.	\$600- \$1200 per submission	Submissions on Accessibility and Transition to E Buses, and State Budget 2025
X6	Host a transport equity forum to highlight the inequality of transport options between inner councils and growth area councils.	Priority 1	Late 2023	\$6000	Not progressed
X7	Invite Department of Transport and Planning to present on <i>Movement and Place</i> framework	Priority 2	2 nd half 2023		Not progressed
X8	Investigate development of north/west transport member advocacy	Priority 2			EO met with John Stone and FOE Better Buses in early 2024

MTF PROFILE

SECTION G – MTF LINKS WITH GOVERNMENT

	Action	Priority	When	Budget required?	Comment /Status (Jan 2025)
L1	Seek participation of more DoT personnel in the MTF monthly meetings and special events; contact speakers/presenters from Dept of Transport and Planning - have zoom meeting – get their ideas on how to increase participation – include LXP/NELP, SRL/ MRPA and IV.	Priority 2	As situations arise	\$0	Speakers from IV, DTP, Bus companies, Metro Trains presented to meetings.
L2	Continue to offer to assist state agencies in engagement with local government when guest speakers and when meeting at events.	Priority 1		\$0	Ongoing
L3	Liaise with the DOTP Active Transport unit to understand how to best support the funding case for riding infrastructure;	Priority 1		\$0	Active Transport team presented to May 2023 meeting.
L4	Meet with Infrastructure Victoria and Infrastructure Aust. – invite to present to members	Priority 2		\$0	Done
L5	Meet with government, opposition and Greens transport Minister/ spokespeople in 1 st year of new government.	Priority 1		\$0	Executive met with Ben Carroll (then Transport minister) who presented to general meeting in 2023, and Matthew Guy (opposition transport spokesman)
L6	Build regard for Local Government engagement expertise in transport sector – Audience? Politicians mainly.	Priority 2		\$0	Links in to L5

SECTION P – MTF LINKS WITH PARTNERS (including new/potential)

	Action	Priority	When	Budget required?	Comment/Status (March 2023)
P1	Invite more participation with other groups in MTF meetings (as presenters or observers) University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT, Grattan Institute, Committee for Melbourne, Bicycle Network, Victoria Walks, Better Buses, Amy Gillet Foundation, Vic Health, etc • Identify and co-operate with others to echo the case for funding.	Priority 2			Ambassadors and Mr Day making connections with potential partners. Speakers from Monash University, RMIT,
P2	Encourage participation of MTF people in other organisations events eg Better Buses campaign in the west – invite delegates to report on events at general meetings.	Priority 3			Not progressed
P3	Meet with new Bicycle Network CEO – Alison McCormack	Priority 1	1 st half 2023	\$0	EO met with Alison Cormack and Emilie van der Graaf in March 2023. See action A5
P4	Joint advocacy with MAV/Victoria Walks/Bicycle Network on selected issues – eg improved funding for active transport				MAV partnered on 2023 Bus forum, and other webinars
P5	Chair and EO to meet quarterly with MAV (nb: other Exec also welcome)	Priority 2	Throughout year.		MAV attend monthly meetings, and partnered on Bus Forum. Quarterly meetings occurred in 2023, but did not continue in 2024.
P6	Connect transport planning/engineering PhD students to relevant councils as needed	Priority 3	As opportunities present		Not progressed
P7	Engage with Auditor General office on transport themes – make pro-active contact if appropriate.	Priority 2	2 nd half 2023	\$0	Not progressed

SECTION R - INCREASE MTF RECOGNITION – among non-member councils and non-attending councillors and also wider public.

	<i>Action</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Budget required?</i>	<i>Comment /Status (March 2023)</i>
R1	Maintain Linked In	Priority 1			Greg Day - ongoing
R2	Maintain website	Priority 1			Greg Day - ongoing
R3	Refresh/develop new MTF logo for next decade.	Priority 3	Dec 2023	\$5000-10000 (estimate)	Not essential but needs doing.
R4	More clearly define role for ambassadors – eg develop report card on all ambassador modes /projects by state	Priority 2	September 2023	\$0	Have meeting with all Ambassadors once appointed – see what they are prepared to commit to. Not progressed
R5	Develop and award MTF “Good Bad Ugly” transport project awards	Priority 2	Dec 2023		Call for nominations from members in September – review in October, and announce at December meeting. Not progressed
R6	Keep track of commitments made in 2022 election - all parties – track how new government delivers	Priority 1	Nov 2023	???	Review at 12 months after election

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