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Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15 pm Wednesday, 7 May 2025  
By Zoom  
Chair: Cr Bernadette Thomas

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.  
Delegates to the MTF were warmly welcomed by the Chair.

**Present:**

Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Cr Michael Nolan	City of Boroondara
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Anitha Ajay	City of Casey
Cr Ruth Jelley	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Allan Middlemast	City of Darebin
Cr Kay Rimbaldo	City of Glen Eira
Cr Arabella Daniel	City of Glen Eira
Ed Zhao	City of Glen Eira
Tim deRuitjer	City of Hume
Alex Leung	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Augustus Brown	City of Melbourne
Cr Liz Irvin	City of Merri-bek
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Peter Borlotis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Cr Kieran Simpson	City of Whitehorse

Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Davina Bright	City of Yarra
<b>Guests</b>	
Alistair Campbell	SRLA
Andria Hutchins	SRLA
Lisa Ryan	SRLA
Lachlan Lee-Archer	SRLA
<b>Associates</b>	
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Caitlyn Mulvogue-Pasquali	Movement and Place
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Rachel Carlisle	DTP
Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
<b>MTF</b>	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Geoff Leigh – Bayside	Ross Evans – Monash
Cr Rafael Camillo – Melbourne	Damir Agic – Moonee Valley
Cr Kate McKay – Nillumbik	Knowles Tivendale – Movement and Place
Cr Alex Makin – Port Phillip	Liz Lambropoulos – Nillumbik
	Doug Rowland – Stonnington
	Phillip Mallis – Yarra

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2 April 2025 meeting

The minutes from the 2 April 2025 meeting were adopted.

**MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2025 be adopted.**

Moved: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Kay Rimbaldo

**CARRIED**

## 3. Presentation: Mr Alistair Campbell, Ms Andria Hutchin, Mr Lachlan Lee-Archer, and Ms Lisa Ryan - SRLA

The SRLA team provided an overview of the process being used to develop the 6 new structure plans for the east stage of the project. It was noted that the SRLA project is about more than rail – it aims to provide more homes, greater housing choice, more jobs close to where people live, and liveable and sustainable communities. Recently plans were exhibited, which will be considered by the SRLA team over the rest of the year.

A new engagement process has been developed which is making greater efforts to seek feedback from community panels, which were independently facilitated, precinct reference groups, including a youth panel, as well as the usual community touch points. Over 800 submissions were made.

Draft structure Plans and Implementation Plans, and Draft Planning Scheme Amendments will be developed over the remainder of 2025.

The Draft Planning Scheme Amendment process was outlined.

Once the engagement process has been completed, the project will move to the creation of new “Precinct Zones” planning zones – these will be areas earmarked for transformative change. It is expected that three precincts will include new types of overlays including built form and parking overlays, as well as environmental audit overlays. An aim of the parking overlay is to shift movement to sustainable transport and is likely to include maximum parking rates. It was noted that parking limits will be able to be varied during the planning process through use of current exemption methods.

The transport planning approach was described. The aim is generally to deliver better connections, empower sustainability, enrich the community, boost the economy and enhance the place in the new precincts. Transport technical reports exist for each structure plan. These set targets for 2041 for mode share – aiming to increase public transport and active transport modes above what might just be achieved if only the rail project is built (without other actions). The increase in sustainable mode share will be achieved through increasing housing density, improving active transport networks (such as bicycle links and pedestrian crossings) and managing private parking supply.

#### 4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Following the Federal election, members are invited to email their observations to the executive and Mr Gay. The Executive will review the advocacy approach for the 2026 State election, and will look to commence advocacy now. Intent will be to maximise our influence on policy, we should be practical, and have ideas that apply metro wide.

#### 5. Council Information Sharing

##### 5.1 Boroondara

Cr Michael Nolan and Ms Khan Nguyen provided a summary of the Boroondara community. Boroondara is a progressive council, with young people and strong interest in climate change which is driving projects on installation of EV chargers, and cycling infrastructure.

Boroondara has increased its infrastructure budget to reflect these considerations, and its cycling strategy now includes concepts which may involve the acquisition of property to fill in missing gaps in existing cycling routes. One objective is to reclaim the former inner city circle rail line, which involved land owned by DTP (old VicRoads offices) and the California Motel sites.

Boroondara is exploring whether open space funds can be used of the development of off road shared paths.

A conflict avoidance project is being developed to improve experiences of walkers and cyclists on shared paths – this will involve the use of corflutes, banners and decals, and will commence in Spring.

## 5.2 Casey

Ms Ajay outlined Casey's top 3 transport advocacy continues to Thompsons Rd extension into Cardinia, Clyde Road corridor upgrade and Clyde rail extension which includes the delivery of three new stations. Casey will be reviewing our Integrated Transport Strategy in 2025-26. Casey was successful in receiving GAIC funding for three new bus routes, extension of Routes 831,798 and 928. All level crossing removal works are now completed in Casey.

Ms Ajay outlined CRAF – Crossing Risk Assessment Framework- DTPs proposed new approach to school crossing supervisor funding which is being piloted in Casey. Previously funding has been determined by vehicle volumes and pedestrian volumes. A new criteria being trialled is the proximity to school gate – where a distance of 300m to the school (in metro areas) is deemed a requirement for DTP co-funding. If this approach is adopted, councils will be able to fund supervisors at other locations, but the funding will not be subsidised. Existing funded crossings will continue to be funded.

## 5.3 Darebin

Mr Allan Middlemast and Mr Kevin DeLeeuw presented on Darebin's transport projects including:

- The High Street streetscape project, which involves potential removal of clearways
- Darebin's Ride to School program which involved 5500 students on Ride to School Day
- Local Area Placemaking
- Expansion of lower speed limits in Safer Speed Zones – where speed limits will be reduced to 30kph.
- Further roll out of 40kph speed limits on local roads
- EV charging – tendering and installation of EV charging infrastructure at 9 locations, some of which are not on council property.
- Blackspot funding works.

## 5.4 Glen Eira

Mr Ed Zhao outlines the "Small is Beautiful" pragmatic approach and how it is being applied to transport projects in Glen Eira.

He also spoke about the Rosstown Rail Trail which is located on a former rail line, and is over 7km long, and the behaviour change program being run at Glen Huntley Primary School.

## 6. Regular reports

### 6.1 – Treasurer's Reports

No Treasurer's report was presented this month.

The following invoices approved by Exec in April 2025 was noted:

- Yarra Bookkeeping Inv 2285 –bookkeeping \$330.00 (inc GST)
- JW Urban – Invoice 202502 \$6179.25

**MOTION: That the 2 invoices approved by the Executive for payment in April 2025 be noted.**

Moved: Cr Bernadette Thomas  
 Seconded: Cr Anna Chen **CARRIED**

## 6.2 MAV

No report this month.

## 7. Correspondence

- Copy of MTF Submission to IV Draft 30 year Infrastructure Strategy (sent with agenda)

## 8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

### 2025

June – George Konstanopoulos – DTP – Director Bus Planning

July – TBA

August Prof Jago Dodson – RMIT – VAMPIRE research.

Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail – TBC

## 9. General Business

### 10.1 MTF Executive casual vacancy –

A general executive position is open. Please contact the EO if you are interested.

## 10. Meeting closed 7:50pm