

March 2025 Meeting Report

This is a brief summary of our most recent meeting which can be shared with colleague councillors, and tabled at council meetings.

[MTF Strategic Actions for 2025-26](#)

Members are invited to nominate transport actions from their own Council Plans which can be used to inform the strategic actions for the MTF. These might be policy, advocacy, or research ideas. Please let the EO know.

[February Speaker – Dr Ben Rossiter – Chief Executive – Victoria Walks](#)

Dr Rossiter provided an overview of the place that walking has in our day to day lives. – it is the most popular recreation activity, and an integral part of any transport activity. It is the mode we most recall when we take trips, and that it is vital that walking is considered fundamental when planning activity centres – which must be interesting and attractive to encourage walking around and through neighbourhoods. He said “PT is simply an interruption to a good walk”.

Ben encouraged members to advocate for a dedicated walking element with the budget, proposing that \$250million should be sought for accessible walks, and the creation of 1000 new crossings (not all of these need to be signalised) with a budget of \$100million.

[2025 Ambassador Positions](#)

The six Ambassador roles (Accessibility, Buses, Cycling, Trams, Trains and Walking) will be considered once we have our new strategic action plan.

[Council Information Sharing](#)

No reports were sought this month.

Next month we look forward to hearing from Banyule, Bayside, Boroondarah and Brimbank.

[IV Draft Report](#)

Members are reminded that submissions are invited for the Infrastructure Victoria’s draft 30 year infrastructure Strategy. Submissions close 28 April 2025.

[Next meeting – April 2025.](#)

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 2 April 2025. Dr Vicki Kotsirilos from Doctors for the Environment will be our speaker about transport and air pollution. Her talk will also cover air pollution on local roads.

Placeholder invitations have been sent to all members. More detailed papers will be sent prior to the meeting.

We welcome your interest and comments, please contact us on mtf@mtf.org.au