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Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15 pm Wednesday, 4 June 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:**

Cr Geoff Leigh	City of Bayside
Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Anitha Anjay	City of Casey
Cr Ruth Jelley	City of Darebin
Dave Logan	City of Darebin
Cr Kay Rimbardo	City of Glen Eira
Tim deRuitjer	City of Hume
Cr Daniel English	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Andrew Mangan	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Augustus Brown	City of Melbourne
Harry Markov	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Sam Romaszko	City of Melton
Cr Liz Irvin	City of Merri-bek
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Cr Phil Burn	City of Moonee Valley

Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Peter Bourlotos	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Naomi Joiner	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Jamie Bell	City of Stonnington
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Nuno Peres	City of Stonnington
Jonathon McNair	City of Port Phillip
Cr Kieran Simpson	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
<b>Guests</b>	
George Konstantopoulos	DTP
<b>Associates</b>	
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Angela Mejia	Movement and Place
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
<b>MTF</b>	
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Michael Nolan – Boroondara	James Golub – Bayside
Cr Gary Rowe – Casey	Bhushan Jani – Boroondara
Cr Caroline White – Kingston	Kevin De Leeuw – Darebin
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos – Kingston	Rachel Jordan – Melbourne
Cr Rafael Camillo – Melbourne	Sasha Sheko – Melbourne
Cr Chris Miles – Merri-bek	Liz Lambropoulos – Nillumbik
Cr Sam Byrne – Moonee Valley	Melissa Falkenberg – Wyndham
Cr Cam Williams – Mornington Peninsula	
Cr Kate McKay – Nillumbik	
Cr Alex Makin – Port Phillip	
Cr Jarrod Gunn – Whitehorse	
Cr Jenny Barrera – Wyndham	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of 7 May 2025 meeting

The minutes from the 7 May 2025 meeting were adopted.

**MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2025 be adopted.**

Moved: Mr Ross Evans  
Seconded: Mr Simon Stainsby

**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentation: Mr George Konstantopoulos – DTP Director - Bus Network Planning and Reform

George provided a detailed update on the 2025 budget concerning new and improved bus route and service improvements across Melbourne (also noting some bus projects in regional areas). He quoted Minister Williams announcement “The time for bus is now!” and that there has been sizeable investment in buses in the 2025 bus network.

George described new bus investment which is being channelled into Cardinia, Casey, Hume and Wyndham, particularly in growth areas. George provided further information on the capital investments associated with these initiatives. He advised that business cases were behind these upgrades, although not all proposals were able to be adopted by the government at this time. 470 new trips are being added to the network weekly.

He provided overviews of projects at Diggers Rest, Wyndham Law Courts, Thornhill Park, West Tarneit, Rockbank, Brimbank, Route 536 (Sunday), Wollert, Aintree, Beveridge, and Cross Peninsula services. He noted there is still work to do on some areas prior to launching the routes.

George then spoke about the success of the changes delivered to the Torquay and Armstrong Creek service, Grattan Street routes 505 and 546, and Route 800 service.

Lastly, George introduced the new Bus Stop and Interchange Guidelines (BSIG) which detail the requirements for the planning and design of bus stop infrastructure for public transport services, including consideration to guide decision making.

[https://content.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-05/Bus-Stop-and-Interchange-Guide-NTG\\_v1.0.pdf](https://content.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-05/Bus-Stop-and-Interchange-Guide-NTG_v1.0.pdf)

### 4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

The EO provided an update on the development of the 2025-26 strategy – which will be presented to the members at the July meeting for consideration. She intends to send it to members once endorsed by the executive to allow as much time as possible for comment.

The Executive are also planning the advocacy approach in the lead up to the 2026 election. They will meet on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### 5. Council Information Sharing

#### 5.1 Kingston

Mr Alex Reid presented on transport projects in Kingston – including:

- level crossing removals at Parkdale and Mordialloc;
- Suburban Rail Loop works at Cheltenham, and the Kingston stable yard;
- policies for charging of electric vehicles, Local Area Traffic Management;
- a pulse survey of the community for planning decisions at activity centres; and
- signals as part of traffic schemes to improve pedestrian access.

## 5.2 Manningham

Cr Anna Chen and Ms Emma Steele presented on the Doncaster Road Corridor, describing Manningham's integrated planning for the corridor (including refreshing the residential strategy, and activity centre design guidelines), advocacy for the high frequency bus service, and transport projects for the corridor (the capacity and growth assessment; the busway feasibility study and precinct masterplan; and the active transport strategy refresh).

## 6. Regular reports

### 6.1 – Treasurer's Reports

The Executive Officer presented the Treasurer's report for March 2025.

The following invoice approved by Exec in May 2025 was noted:

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2309 – bookkeeping \$ 330.00 (inc GST)
- JWUrban – Inv 202503 – Mar/Apr secretariat +  
IV draft 30 year strategy submission \$ 8379.25 (inc GST)

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's report for March 2025, and 2 invoices approved by the Executive for payment in May 2025 be noted.**

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 MAV

No report this month.

## 7. Correspondence

- Cr Thomas advised of recent correspondence from Minister Shing (in reply to MTF correspondence following meeting in mid March)

## 8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

### 2025

July – TBA – Dr Luisiana Paganelli – City of Ballarat – electric scooter trial

August Prof Jago Dodson – RMIT – VAMPIRE research.

Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail – TBC

## 9. General Business

### 9.1 MTF Executive casual vacancy –

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

## 10. Meeting closed 7:45pm