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Minutes – General Meeting  
6:15 pm Wednesday, 6 August 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:**

Michelle Herbert	City of Banyule
James Golub	City of Bayside
Chris Phinierfs	City of Bayside
Cr Michael Nolan	City of Boroondara
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Cr Lucy Nguyen	City of Brimbank
Paul Bezemer	City of Brimbank
Anitha Anjay	City of Casey
Cr Ruth Jelley	City of Darebin
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Cr Kay Rimbaldo	City of Glen Eira
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
Peter White	City of Maribyrnong
Augustus Brown	City of Melbourne
Alex Weinstock	City of Melbourne
Harry Markov	City of Melbourne
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash

Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Cr Phil Burn	City of Moonee Valley
Alexandra Kearney	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Naomi Joiner	Shire of Nillumbik
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Jonathon McNair	City of Port Phillip
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Cr Kieran Simpson	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
<b>Guests</b>	
Prof Jago Dodson – RMIT	
<b>Associates</b>	
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Luisiana Paganelli	RTF
Hans Gao	Eukai
Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
Cath Mulvogue-Pasqual	Movement and Place
<b>MTF</b>	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Geoff Leigh – Bayside	Peter Borloutos – Mornington Peninsula
Cr Daniel English – Hume	Denise Castro – DTP
Cr Rafael Camillo – Melbourne	Graham Currie – Monash University
Cr Cam Williams – Mornington Peninsula	Melissa Falkenberg – Wyndham
Cr Alex Makin – Port Phillip	Sarah Pilgrim – Victoria Walks
Cr Sophie Wade – Yarra	Damir Agic – Moonee Valley
	Emily Clarke – Mornington Peninsula

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

The minutes from the 2 July 2025 meeting were adopted.

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

Moved: Mr Simon Stainsby

Seconded: Cr Ruth Jelley

**CARRIED**

### 3. Strategic Transport Advocacy

#### 3.1 Meeting with Minister Hon Gabrielle Williams

Mr Day presented the draft questions developed following the advocacy workshops. Members provided feedback and the questions will be finessed before the meeting.

Members will be provided with the Zoom Link next week.

### 4. Presentation : Prof Jago Dodson – VAMPIRE index

Professor Jago Dodson provided members with an overview of the factors used in developing the VAMPIRE (Vulnerability Indices for Mortgage, Petroleum and Inflation Risks and Expenditure) analysis, a program which is hosted by the Australian Urban Observatory at RMIT. (see [www.auo.org.au](http://www.auo.org.au)). The index looks beyond housing costs to an index that includes petrol pricing, inflation, expenditure and mortgage costs. It assesses socio-economic oil price vulnerability in Australian cities based on an analysis of socio-economic indicators from the ABS. This technique has been successful in linking socio-economic data with an improved understanding of socio-spatial structure of vulnerability from rising transport and housing costs.

He noted that over 80% of Australia's fuel is imported, making us very reliant on foreign fuel supplies. In the event of a fuel supply disruption of any kind, people living in the outer suburbs where there is greater car dependence will be very exposed.

Prof Dodson's analysis demonstrates that access to transport (especially train networks) makes residents less vulnerable.

Professor Dodson talked about how to "Vanquish the Vampire" – by making cities less car dependent, but warned that increasing density is not necessarily the best solution. Analysis of car ownership in East Brunswick shows that mode share has barely shifted despite more dwellings being built. Also analysis of Box Hill's Transport Oriented Development shows that car use remains greater than 50%. He noted that flats may result in reduced car ownership – but only if they are built within 400m of a station.

### 5. Council Information Sharing

#### Hume

Mr Alex Leung presented Hume's current Transport projects – using the example of the pilot being undertaken in Sunbury. This work uses a high level of detail to assess walking networks – which are based on real footpath presence, rather than "as the crow flies" distance, to assess the walkability of a neighbourhood. This work is being used to assess how to increase Hume's "walk to School" statistics, which found that only 29% of schools are within a 10 minute walk of a school, and this further reduces if school zones are considered.

#### Maribyrnong

Mr Peter White presented on Transport Projects and Initiatives in Maribyrnong.

These projects include the Sunshine Precinct Activation, the West Gate Tunnel, pop up bike lanes and a Bus Interchange at Footscray Railway Station.

Maribyrnong also has multiple projects advocating for road safety upgrades across the municipality.

Melbourne.

Mr Augustus Brown provided an overview of the transport projects at the City of Melbourne. Current projects include investigations into how to increase the capacity of footpaths around the Victoria Market and Exhibition Street theatre precincts, where demand regularly exceed capacity. Other work occurring in Melbourne includes the tram renewal and realignment works, buses to Fisherman's Bend, and the stations being constructed as part of Melbourne Metro.

## 6. Ambassador Reports

The EO advised that Ambassadors would meet after the meeting.

## 7. 2025/2026 Budget

The Treasurer presented the draft 2025/2026 Budget for adoption, noting line items which were significantly different to previous years (line item for Advocacy and Research).

The Treasurer also advised that the additional expenditure for Advocacy and Research was based on costing described in the adopted strategic actions.

**MOTION: That the draft 2025/26 budget be adopted.**

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

**CARRIED**

## 8. Regular reports

### 8.1 – Treasurer's Reports

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

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

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2359 – bookkeeping \$ 330.00 (inc GST)
- CP Insurance Services \$ 1560.90 (inc GST)

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

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Lucy Nguyen

**CARRIED**

### 8.2 Upcoming events

A meeting with Minister Williams' will be held (on-line) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 1:30pm. It will be on-line, and only for members. The EO will update the invitation to all members to include the Zoom Link.

### 8.3 MAV

No report this month.

### 8.4 Administration

Nil

## 9. Correspondence

Nil

## 10. Up Coming Meeting Topics

### 2025

September (AGM) Ms Luisiana -Paganelli – Ballarat’s E-Scooter experience.

October – Amy’s Foundation (previously Amy Gillett Foundation)

Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail – TBC

## 11. General Business

### 11.1 MTF Executive casual vacancy –

Cr Jelley’s Expression of Interest was considered by the executive, and recommended to the general meeting.

**MOTION: That Cr Ruth Jelley be appointed to the casual vacancy on the MTF Executive.**

Proposed: Cr Kay Rimbaldo

Seconded: Mr Simon Stainsby                      CARRIED

### 11.2 Snap shot of RTF

This item was deferred to the September meeting.

### 11.3 Engagement on Behaviour on Public Transport (DTP).

Members provided feedback on concerns their communities have raised with the proposed changes to carriage of E-bikes and E-Scooters on public transport following a fire due to a faulty “Frankenbike”.

It was noted that many people use properly built E-transport, and that fires are most often associated with home upgrades. It was also noted that safety on public transport is very important.

This feedback will be reflected in a submission being prepared on behalf of the MTF.

### 11.4 Ambassador Vacancies

The Train and Accessibility ambassador roles remain unfilled.

### 11.5 AGM – 3 September

September meeting – AGM – in person attendance at Melbourne Town Hall an option – but you must RSVP!!!

## 12. Meeting closed 8:00pm