

July 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

The membership adopted the new strategic actions for 2025-26. It is summarised as:

Objective: Transport should be Equitable, Efficient and address Exceptions.

- *Equitable –providing excellent services to all community members
- *Efficient modifications to provide better services for same expenditure
- *Exceptions special cases such as completing missing links or responding to new demands/needs

This will provide direction for actions and advocacy for the coming 18 months.

2025 Ambassador Positions and Executive Vacancy

Two ambassador positions remain available: Accessibility and Trains.

A general executive position also is available.

Council Information Sharing

There were no reports from members this month.

Next month: Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne and Melton.

July – advocacy workshop.

The MTF will aim to keep Transport front and centre for the major parties in the lead up to the 2026 election.

Attending members were divided into four groups and reported on their council/shire's transport advocacy objectives as part of our preparation for meetings with current members of parliament.

Some of the themes which arose in the groups included:

- Wanting better communication/information on state projects
- The funding of cross council projects for example on arterial roads
- Bus reform, and better links to activity centres.
- Bus services/tram connectivity
- Shared pathways
- Lower speed limits
- Road safety
- Electrifying and duplication rail
- Providing more bus services with higher frequency
- Accessible tram stops

Next meeting – August 6 2025.

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 6th August 2025. Our speaker will be Professor Jago Dodson on the VAMPYRE index.

Placeholder invitations have been sent to 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