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Minutes – General Meeting
6:30 pm Wednesday, 3 September 2025
By Zoom
Chair: Cr Alex Makin

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 Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Paul Bezemer	City of Brimbank
Anitha Anjay	City of Casey
Cr Ruth Jelley	City of Darebin
Kevin De Leeuw	City of Darebin
Cr Kay Rimbaldo	City of Glen Eira
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Peter White	City of Maribyrnong
Augustus Brown	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Kate McKay	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Naomi Joiner	Shire of Nillumbik
Ayman Williams	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Alex Makin	City of Port Phillip
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip

Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Sophie Wade	City of Yarra
Associates	
Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
Angela Mejia	Movement and Place
Finley Esler	Movement and Place
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies	
Cr Bernadette Thomas – Maribyrnong	Greg Day – Edunity
Cr Phil Burn – Moonee Valley	Vanessa Petrie – Darebin
Cr Rafael Camillo – Melbourne	Alex Leung – Hume
Cr Kieran Simpson – Whitehorse	Alex Reid – Kingston
Cr Daniel English – Hume	Liz Lambropoulos – Nillumbik
Cr Cam Williams – Mornington Peninsula	Philip Mallis – Yarra
Cr Lucy Nuyen – Brimbank	Graham Currie – Monash University
Cr Stewart James – Monash	Knowles Tivendale – Movement and Place
	Hans Gao – Eukai
	Will Fooks – Eukai

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 6 August 2025 meeting

Some minor amendments were noted by members.
The minutes from the 6 Augst 2025 meeting were adopted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2025 be adopted (with amendments).

Moved: Mr Simon Stainsby
Seconded: Cr Ruth Jelley

CARRIED

3. Strategic Transport Advocacy

3.1 Meeting with Minister Hon Gabrielle Williams – Post meeting discussion

The EO explained that his meeting was valuable as a way of demonstrating our preparedness to work with the minister. It was noted that the format was tight. Members discussed the briefing by the Minister.

It was noted that the Minister did not describe how obligations to comply with DDA accessibility would be achieved.

Members requested that the executive follow up on questions with the Minister.

Action: Exec to consider how to progress delivery of DDA compliance with minister (through future meetings, or perhaps by correspondence).

4. Presentation : Dr Luisiana Paginelli- The role of micromobility as a transport mode in regional Victoria

Dr Paginelli, Transport Planner at the City of Ballarat, provided a detailed analysis of the role of E-Scooters as part of the Victorian trial, in Ballarat. Sections of Ballarat are growing rapidly but public transport services are not growing with the development of residential areas, despite bus reviews having been undertaken in 2017.

She commenced with the context of Ballarat, and its Transport Plan – which called for the city to participate in the state-based trial of E-Scooters. Ballarat was the only regional city included in the E-Scooter trial.

The trial timeline ran from 2021 to 2025. Council will consider a report later in 2025 on potential further steps in utilising E-Scooters for the community.

The trial was adapted for: analysis of the designated E-Scooter area – it was expanded in 2022 during the trial; the use of designated parking spaces – to address scooters being poorly placed; a change in the fee level for use of the E-Scooters; and in 2024, the legalisation of privately owned scooters.

The detailed analysis showed that E-Scooters were well used, especially in newly developed areas, where they were used to complement the bus services – the scooters extended the accessibility of the existing bus services.

The analysis also showed that while it had been theorised that people would swap from pedestrian and motor vehicle mode to using the E-Scooters, the majority of mode shift was from walking to scooting.

Dr Paginelli also identified the following learnings from the trial:

- Behaviour issues between pedestrians and Scooter users – especially on shared paths (also noting that parts of Ballarat are not well serviced by footpaths);
- E-Scooter users were often not clear on the rules for using the mode;
- The perception that the E-Scooters are “toys”;
- The need for clearly marked E-Scooter parking areas; and
- How to provide access equity.

5. Council Information Sharing

Melton

Mr Michael Smith presented on Melton's current transport projects, noting that 7 Level Crossing Removal Projects are planned for the city. This will allow increased capacity and frequency on VLocity trains, which are now expected to commence operation a year earlier than originally mooted.

Melton is currently working on its budget submission for the 2026/27 budget – seeking funding for new roads to alleviate pressure on existing collector roads – this could involve acquisition of land.

In Active Transport Melton is planning the delivery of 3.5 km of new shared paths.

Merri-bek

Mr Simon Stainsby provided the update for Merri-bek, based on the Moving Around Merri-bek Transport Strategy. This places a high priority on road safety, and includes the creation of 30kph zones around schools.

Merri-bek is also implementing its Streets for People plan, which uses the Healthy Streets Score to assess streets. Simon recommended contacting Mr Luke Pollard (at the City of Melbourne) if members are seeking training in how to use this tool.

Council is also supporting Wheel Sisters who empower local Merri-bek women, offering rides that prioritise safety, inclusion, fun and a sense of belonging.

Moonee Valley.

Mr Damir Agic described Moonee Valley's transport projects:

- Development of a new ITS (the discussion paper is out until 19 September);
- DTP's projects to upgrade tram network to support next generation trams
- LATMs;
- Installation of EV charging points; and
- Advocacy to deliver road upgrades at activity centres, and along the Mount Alexander Road corridor.

Nillumbik

Mr Ayman Williams presented Nillumbik's transport program. He noted that Nillumbik residents have a high dependency on cars, and that its policies need to reflect and respect this high use of private vehicles.

Only 1.1% of Nillumbik residents currently use active transport as their main transport mode; this is largely attributable to very limited bus services which connect to the four train stations in the municipality.

Nillumbik also experiences considerable through traffic from surrounding councils.

6. Ambassador Reports

Cr Sophie Wade provided an update on walking activities. She has recently met with the new CEO of Victoria Walks - Ms Sarah Pilgrim.

She also reported that Yarra is continuing to implement its 30km/h speed limit – which has been very popular. Cr Wade offered to help any other councils interested in commencing the process. Mr Stainsby also volunteered to share data collected by Merri-bek on their 30kph program.

7. Regular reports

7.1 – Treasurer’s Reports

The Executive Officer presented the Treasurer’s report for July 2025.

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

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2359 – bookkeeping \$ 385.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for July 2025, and 1 invoice approved by the Executive for payment in August 2025 be noted.

Moved: Cr Ruth Jelley

Seconded: Mr Ross Evans

CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events

7.2.1 Transport Camp

Transport Camp is on again in 2025. Transport Camp is an unconference series for anyone passionate about transport, mobility, and the future of cities. It brings together transport professionals, planners, technologists, researchers, designers, and community advocates to explore how innovation and collaboration can shape better transport outcomes.

For more information see:

<https://www.transportcamp.city/events/2025/10/3/transportcamp-melbourne-2025>

7.2.2 Merri-bek Community Road Safety Forum

Merri-bek Council is hosting a Community Road Safety Forum on

- Saturday 13 September 9:30am – 12:30pm
- Coburg Civic Centre – Kulin-bulok (Concert Hall West meeting room) 90 Bell Street Coburg

Representatives from DTP and Victoria Police have also been invited.

Register your interest at:

<https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/exploring-merri-bek/events/events-from-public/public-event/merri-bek-road-safety-in-discussion/>

7.2.3 Healthy Streets

The Transport Professionals Association is hosting a seminar on the ‘Healthy Streets’ framework

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Time 9.00am - 11.00am AEST

[Implementing Healthy Streets in Victoria – Opportunities and Challenges | Wed 17 September 2025](#)

A breakfast event with Lucy Saunders, the visionary founder of Healthy Streets, following her keynote address at the AITPM National Conference in Adelaide and subsequent tour across Australia.

Lucy will present her reflections on the current state of urban transport and public realm planning in Australia, drawing on her conversations with state and local governments. She will explore the current gaps and opportunities to embed the Healthy Streets Approach more deeply into policy and practice in Victoria, to create healthier, more inclusive, and people-focused environments.

Lucy Saunders is a public health specialist, transport planner and urbanist. She developed the Healthy Streets Approach and works with government, consultancies and advocates in cities and regions around the world to apply the Healthy Streets Approach to decisions around how streets are designed, managed and used.

7.3 MAV

No report this month.

7.4 Administration

Nil

8. Correspondence

The MTF Submission on Conduct on Public Transport was provided as part of papers for this meeting.

9. Up Coming Meeting Topics 2025

October – Amy’s Foundation (previously Amy Gillett Foundation)
November - Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail

10. General Business

Nil

11. Meeting closed 8:02pm