

October 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.

[October Speaker: Mr Paul Swift – Merri-bek council – EV charging stations in Merri-bek – The role of Micromobility as a Transport Mode in Regional Victoria.](#)

Mr Paul Swift presented on Merri-bek's public EV charging infrastructure, highlighting their history as pioneers with Victoria's first fast charger in 2013 and current fleet of 30 electric vehicles and 7 e-bikes. He discussed the challenges of aging chargers, the need for more fast chargers (7 currently, aiming for 25-50 by 2030), and the financial viability of different charging types, noting that DC fast chargers have a 2.5-year payback period compared to 4-5 years for solar.

Paul also covered accessibility considerations for charging stations, the integration of car share companies into EV infrastructure, and the potential of pole-mounted chargers, while emphasizing that EVs should be seen as a complement to active and public transport rather than a primary solution.

Paul presented a trial of boom-mounted EV charging stations, explaining that 20 participants have expressed interest, though heritage overlays may pose challenges. He detailed the technical specifications and safety features of the boom system, which extends 2.5 metres over footpaths, and noted that while there are no additional fees for car share providers currently, future charges are planned.

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This month we heard from Whitehorse council, and their work on their new Integrated Transport Strategy.

[Ambassador Reports](#)

Crs Chen and Makin provided updates on the Bus and Tram ambassador activities.

Cr Chen noted that while the North and North Eastern suburb bus review work was completed in 2022 by DTP there has been no implementation of pilot projects. She requested members to advise the MTF EO if your councils are advocating on bus reform to see if there are collaboration opportunities.

Cr Makin shared updates on DTP planned tram extensions in Fisherman's Bend and potential improvements to accessibility. Cr Makin identified this as an opportunity to press for better accessibility improvements along route 86, and continue advocacy for improved accessibility.

[Next meeting – 5th November 2025.](#)

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November 2025 and held on-line. Our speaker will be Mr Ed Martin from Melbourne Airport Corporation. He will cover Airport Rail, and the third runway. 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