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Minutes – General Meeting
6:30 pm Wednesday, 1 October 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
Chris Phiniefs	City of Bayside
Cr Michael Nolan	City of Boroondara
Cr Ruth Jelley	City of Darebin
Kevin De Leeuw	City of Darebin
Ed Zhao	City of Glen Eira
Tim DeRuitjer	City of Hume
Alex Leung	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Augustus Brown	City of Melbourne
Michael Smith	City of Melton
Simon Stainsby	City of Merri-bek
Paul Swift	City of Merri-bek
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Liz Lambropoulos	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Alex Makin	City of Port Phillip
Karen Roache	City of Port Phillip
Cr Jarrod Gunn	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham

Cr Sophie Wade	City of Yarra
Associates	
Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
Allijah Mendoza	Movement and Place
Hans Gao	Eukai
David Stosser	Urban Transit Solutions
Luisiana Paginelli	RTF- Ballarat
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies	
Cr Lucy Nuyen – Brimbank	
Cr Rafael Camillo – Melbourne	Khan Nguyen – Boroondara
Cr Phil Burn – Moonee Valley	Paul Bezemer – Brimbank
Cr Cam Williams – Mornington Peninsula	Anitha Anjay – Casey
Cr Jenny Barrera – Wyndham	Vanessa Petrie – Darebin
Cr Kieran Simpson – Whitehorse	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 3 September 2025 meeting

Some minor amendments were noted by members.

The minutes from the 3 September 2025 meeting were adopted.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September be adopted (with amendments).

Moved: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Mr Ross Evans

CARRIED

3. Presentation : Mr Paul Swift – Merri-bek’s EV charging station experiences

Merri-bek's EV Charging Evolution

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.

EV Charging Station Boom Trial

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.

The discussion covered various charging solutions including overhead approaches, curb channel methods, and underground installations.

4. Council Information Sharing

Whitehorse.

Cr Jarrod Gunn from Whitehorse provided updates on the Suburban Rail Loop project and cycling initiatives being undertaken within the city of Whitehorse.

Whitehorse is developing a new Integrated Transport Strategy. Councillor Gunn presented on the data being used to develop the ITS which looked at:

- number of trips are undertaken by car.
- Whitehorse is well serviced by PT, but it is considered inefficient and infrequent;
- The number of trips currently being undertaken on bikes;
- Mode choice; and
- Gender gap and mode share demographics.

Cr Gunn noted that Whitehorse councillors have a strong interest in cycling opportunities.

5. Ambassador Reports

Cr Anna Chen, the Bus Ambassador, discussed upcoming meetings with other ambassadors and potential collaboration with Eastern Region Group of Councils' 2025 state advocacy platform document including transport.

Members are invited to advise the MTF EO when candidates for 2026 election are identified.

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.

Bus Forum planned to be held in first half of 2026.

Cr Alex Makin, the Tram Ambassador, shared updates on tram extensions in Fisherman's Bend and potential improvements to accessibility.

Noted DTP released Fishermen's Bend Integrated Plan.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/fishermans-bend-integrated-transport-plan>

The FBITP includes three broad horizons

Bus improvements are proposed in the short term.

Tram extensions, are now earmarked as "mid term" horizon. The proposed route will no longer cross the Yarra but will involve branching off the 109, and rerouting the 86 route.

Cr Makin identified this as an opportunity to press for better accessibility improvements along route 86, and continue our advocacy for improved accessibility.

6. Regular reports

6.1 – Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report for August 2025.

The following invoices approved by Exec in September 2025 were noted:

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| • Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 2416 - bookkeeping | \$ 385.00 (inc GST) |
| • Edunity -Invoice 3674 Jun-August | \$ 1980.00 (inc GST) |
| • Stan Obliubek – Invoice 513 – Finance audit | \$ 770.00 (inc GST) |
| • JW Urban – Invoice 202505 -Secretariat July/August, and Submission | \$ 7427.56 (inc GST) |

MOTION: That the Treasurer's report for August 2025, and 4 invoices approved by the Executive for payment in September 2025 be noted.

Moved: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

CARRIED

6.2 Upcoming events

Members were reminded about the upcoming Transport Camp on 3 October 2025.

6.3 Administration

Nil

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics 2025

November - Melbourne Airport Corporation – Airport Rail

2026

Dr Simon Kingham – Canterbury University (NZ) on How tweaking our streets can enhance community and enhance wellbeing

9. General Business

9.1 Dr Luisiana Paginelli on RTF

Dr Paginelli provided an update on the Regional Transport Forum (RTF), highlighting its establishment in 2024 as a collaborative initiative involving over 40 councils, state government, and transport agencies.

Luisiana detailed the forum's objectives, including knowledge sharing, capacity building, and advocacy, and shared insights from a survey conducted to guide its development.

9.2 2026 State Budget submission

Members were invited to provide information for potential inclusion in the MTF 2026 Budget submission. It was requested that information be sent to the EO by the end of October.

9.3 Upcoming Special General meeting

The EO advised that a special general meeting will be held in December (on the same day as the regular meeting) to consider changes to the MTF constitution.

10 Meeting closed 7:28 pm