

## March 2026 Meeting Report

This is a brief summary of our most recent meeting which can be shared with colleague councillors, and tabled at council meetings.

### [2026 Town Hall Meetings - EOI](#)

6 members have submitted an EOI to hold a Transport Town Hall meeting.

### [March – Advocacy Workshop](#)

An advocacy workshop was held to discuss transport priorities ahead of the 2026 state election, with participants dividing into three breakout rooms focused on buses/PT, cycling, and walking.

The objective was to identify how MTF might work more collaboratively with peak advocacy groups to achieve transport outcomes in the lead up to the 2026 state election. The aim was to identify the macro issues, and seek agreement on what are common objectives.

Partner advocacy groups representatives from PTUA (Daniel Bowen), Victoria Walks (Sarah Pilgrim), Better Buses (Adam Bain) and Bicycle Network (Alison McCormack) introduced themselves, explaining their groups objectives.

MTF Members self-selected into two sessions, and reported on their council's transport advocacy objectives.

Each group reported back with the following recommendations (among others):

Cycling: The State should deliver the Strategic Cycling Corridors;

Public Transport: Existing bus routes should be extended, hours of service should be extended, and service frequency should be increased; and

Walking: Advocate for 30 kmph in residential street.

### [Ambassadors](#)

Cr Liz Irvin (Merri-bek) was appointed as the MTF Accessibility Ambassador, and Cr Anthony Walter (Casey) was appointed as the MTF Train Ambassador.

Cr Makin has advised that he will step down as Tram Ambassador – nominations from members are welcomed

### [Vulnerable Road User Forum](#)

Cr Sophie Wade, the MTF Walking Ambassador attended the Vulnerable Road User Forum on Monday 2 March.

Cr Wade provided a preliminary report to the meeting indicating that the VRU Forum voiced strong support for 30kmph speed limits in residential areas, and increased funding for delivery of Strategic Cycling Corridors.

### [Next meeting – 1 April 2026 – guest speaker](#)

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 1 April 2026. Our speaker will be Prof Simon Kingham from Canterbury University (NZ). He will present on the impact of the urban environment on wellbeing, with a specific focus on transport.

Placeholder invitations have been sent to all members. More detailed papers will be sent prior to the meeting. All officers and councillors of our members are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact the MTF executive Officer.

We welcome your interest and comments, please contact us on [mtf@mtf.org.au](mailto:mtf@mtf.org.au)