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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 7th July 2021
Virtual meeting hosted by zoom

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Trung Luu	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Phillip Mallis	City of Darebin
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Ali Raza	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Denisse Briceno	City of Hume
Alex Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Oscar Hayes	City of Melbourne
Cr Rebecca Patterson	City of Monash
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr James Conlan	City of Moreland
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Che Sutherland	City of Port Phillip
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Cr Adele Hegedich	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabrielle Di Vietri	City of Yarra
Cr Ed Crossland	City of Yarra
Emmanuelle Brizuela	TransDev
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney
Clive Mottram	Department of Transport
Rachel Carlisle	Department of Transport
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Sonia Castelli – Bayside	Gael Reid – Boroondara
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Claire Davey – Mornington Peninsula
Cr Bob Turner – Melton	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Sarah Race – Mornington Peninsula	Justin Rogers – TransDev
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Bernadette Thomas

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentations – Lauren Pearson, Zoe McMaster

MS Lauren Pearson, PhD candidate at Monash University presented the findings of her research into attitudes to cycling within metropolitan Melbourne. Her work involved surveying 4000 participants and sought to build on the much used Portland work. Sufficient responses were received to establish statistically significant data for each LGA.

Her findings include that the “No Way/No How” segment was lower than expected, that there is great potential to build on the “Interested but Concerned” segment, especially in fringe suburbs, and that transport infrastructure projects could be better oriented towards preventing poor health outcomes, and improving transport equity.

Her work gathered data on household type, and income, and correlated the data against their bicycle ownership, use, and riding frequency.

Ms Pearson offered to provide data to MTF members. She also invited feedback/suggestions on questions which might be included in future surveys. Ms Pearson can be emailed on lauren.pearson@monash.edu.

Ms Zoe McMaster presented on the Moreland Streets for Schools pilot at East Brunswick Primary School which was run in March 2021. Following analysis of Moreland’s demographic data, and by working on the opportunity to make changes during COVID conditions, the project sought to explore the potential to re-prioritise road space to assist school families remain active, but also achieve social distancing recommendations.

Interest was sought from local schools, and over 1/3 of Moreland’s primary schools expressed interest. One school was selected. A 200 m section of the street immediately adjacent to the school was closed for an hour at the end of the school day.

The project was thoroughly planned, to ensure that the school community, and local residents were engaged in the project design. School students were heavily involved in the co-design of the events.

At the end of the project a noticeable increase in active transport had been achieved. Ms McMaster stressed that engagement activities were important to the success, but these could be as simple as providing coloured chalk to encourage the community to claim the road space which was made available for them.

4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Cr Geoff Paine (Nillumbik), Che Sutherland (Port Phillip) and Doug Rowland (Stonnington), introduced themselves, and the transport projects in their communities.

5. Regular Reports

5.1 - Treasurer’s report

The Finance report from April 2021 was presented.

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in June

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| • Lynn Dean – inv 1105 – May Bookkeeping | \$220.00 (inc GST) |
| • Edunity inv 3620 – May-June retainer 2021 | \$1100.00 (inc GST) |
| • Edunity inv 3621 – website expenses | \$ 701.25 (inc GST) |
| • JW Urban inv 2021003 – EO services Apr-Jun 2021 | \$6875.00 (inc GST) |

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for April 2021, 4 invoices approved by Executive for payment in June, be noted;

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans
Seconded: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

The motion was: CARRIED

5.2 – Upcoming events of Interest

Nil

5.3 MAV Update

Mr Jacob Riley advised:

- A Movement and Place seminar was held today (conducted with the DoT) - Mr Riley advised he would share recording/slides from Movement and Place seminar with MTF.
- VicHealth seminar is being run next week on Wednesday.
- MAV is also working with members on Asset Management.
- Potential for joint seminar with MTF on buses.

5.4 – Administration

As the current lockdown is lifting, the Executive Officer will contact City of Melbourne officers to progress the potential for face to face meetings at the Melbourne Town Hall.

5.5 Strategic Plan/Ambassador Update

Mr Greg Day advised the meeting that he is exploring dates with Opposition senior member David Davis to meet with the Executive.

Cr Anna Chen as Bus Ambassador reported. She noted:

- The State government has recently released its bus plan.
- Here is the link <https://transport.vic.gov.au/getting-around/public-transport/buses>.
- The aims of the plan are:
 - A bus network that better meets public transport needs and demand.
 - Network reforms and innovation that make the most of Victoria's \$80 billion Big Build and provide a pathway to effective and efficient future investments.
 - Cleaner, smarter fleets with more bus types that best suit the passengers who use them and the routes they take
 - Improved information delivery to passengers to let them know about their real-time services and changes to their services due to network disruptions.
 - A better managed, more efficient and fit-for-purpose bus network with services that deliver great value for money.
 - Improved accessibility and safety.
- The six objectives are:
 - Make the network simpler, faster and more reliable;
 - Introduce a cleaner and smarter fleet;
 - Better performing buses;
 - A better customer service experience;
 - Better governance and system management; and
 - Delivering better value for money.
- The DoT report that bus patronage during the pandemic has remained much higher than all other public transport modes.
- We are working on a bus forum to be held in mid October (after Term 4 has commenced). We are talking with the MAV about partnering on a half day event.
- We are also working with the MAV to get a briefing from the DoT on the bus strategy for councils, this will probably also be a day time event.

6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentations will be:

4th August – Dr Ben Rossiter and Jo Eady – Victoria Walks – Urban Speed Limits

7 General Business

Nil

8 Meeting closed 8:01 pm

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