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Minutes – General Meeting
Wednesday, 2nd June 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
Kathleen Petras	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
Carly Goodrich	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Heidi Marfurt	City of Darebin
Isuru Thilakatathne	City of Frankston
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	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
Eng Lim	City of Maribyrnong
Lord Mayor Sally Capp	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Deb Cailles	City of Melbourne
Cr Stuart James	City of Monash
Cr Rebecca Patterson	City of Monash

Ross Evans	City of Monash
Cr Jacob Bettio	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Geoff Payne	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Che Sutherland	City of Port Phillip
Oliver Stoltz	City of Port Phillip
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabrielle Di Vietri	City of Yarra
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney
Clive Mottram	Department of Transport
Knowles Tivendell	Movement and Place
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

Apologies

Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Tim Lecky – Stonnington
Cr Kerri McCafferty – Mornington Peninsula	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	
Cr James Conlan – Moreland	
Cr Edward Crossland – Yarra	
Cr Sonia Castelli – Bayside	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 be adopted.

Proposed: Cr Jodi Jackson

Seconded: Cr Trung Luu

The motion was: CARRIED

3. Presentation – Ben Carroll, Minister for Public Transport, Roads, Road Safety

Build back better, together

The Minister for Public Transport, Roads and Road Safety, Ben Carroll MP, was the guest presenter at the June MTF meeting.

Mr Carroll talked about his commitment to improving public transport, supporting active transport and working closely with local government and communities.

He praised local government for action on pedestrianisation, pop-up bike lanes and promoting cycling. Inside the Department he wants to make Active Transport another section alongside motor vehicles and public transport.

Responding to a suggestion from MTF cycling ambassador Cr Tom Melican that the State should consider 50/50 funding of cycling infrastructure with councils, Mr Carroll welcomed the idea noting it as an opportunity to have local government leading the way on cycling.

Talking about trams, he foreshadowed the positive contribution the next generation trams would have on access across the network.

He also highlighted the planned shift to Zero Emission Buses set to start in 2025, with all new buses from that date being electric. He was confident that ZEBs and reforming poor performing routes would help boost patronage. 'A \$1 investment in buses returns \$5 to the community, so they are a better cost benefit to the community than even rail,' he said.

Responding to concerns about difficulties integrating buses and active transport ideas into big build infrastructure projects, Mr Carroll said that bus integration and active transport must be considered in all major projects. He said his staff would follow up on this matter.

A theme in his presentation was working with local government as partners.

4. Council Information Sharing

MTF representatives Cr Stuart James and Cr Rebecca Patterson (Monash), Cr Jacob Bettio (Moonee Valley) and Simon Stainsby (Moreland), introduced themselves, and the transport projects in their communities.

5. Regular Reports

5.1 - Treasurer's report

The Treasurer noted that the current year is likely to result in a small deficit (lower than budgeted) and that even with careful management of expenses, future years are also likely to result in further deficits based on current subscription levels, with a continued erosion of the reserve. This situation will be considered by the Executive as it considers the 2021/22 budget and proposed fee for 2022/23..

The Finance report from March 2021 was presented.

Noting of invoices approved by Exec in May

- Lynn Dean – inv 1089 – May Bookkeeping \$220.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the Treasurer’s report for March 2021, 1 invoice approved by Executive for payment in May, be noted;

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Patterson

The motion was: CARRIED

5.2 – Other events

Nil

5.3 MAV Update

Mr Jacob Riley advised:

- MAV is running Active Transport seminars in rural and regional areas.
- Has commenced discussions with the DoT with a seminar on speed limits likely in near future.

5.4 – Administration

It was noted that the City of Melbourne are generously assisting in exploring how to return to face to face meeting. This will be dependent on Lockdown restrictions.

5.5 Strategic Plan/Ambassador Update

Mr Greg Day advised the meeting of the feedback from members on the strategic plan and their municipalities transport objectives, noting there was strong correlation, verifying the directions set in the MTF Strategic Plan.

He noted the executive is aiming to meet with MPs from Liberal, Greens, Reason, and Transport parties over the coming months.

Mr Day also commented that there may be opportunities to develop cycling funding by leveraging off the State governments focus on mode shift as part of its climate strategy.

Cr Tom Melican as Cycling Ambassador reported He noted:

- The MAV Strategic plan has wins for cyclists
- The Bike Industry expects 1.75million bikes to be sold in Australia this year, and that there has also been a 50% increase in sales of bicycle parts.
- MaAV is trying to reanimate the State Cycling Council to create a single coalition of cyclist groups that are able to speak with united voice and have consistent messaging.
- Noted that electric bikes and scooters are perceived as intimidation on shared paths by a proportion of users, that regulations around these options are weak.

6 Upcoming Meeting Topics

Upcoming presentations will be:

7th July - Zoe McMaster, Moreland Open Street Project

- Lauren Pearson, Monash Uni – Desires and Barriers to cycling

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

Mr Eng Lim advised his interest to present on Maribyrnong's 40kph implementation.
Mr Richard Smithers suggested an update on the Metro Tunnel Project be added to the potential speaker list.

7 General Business

Nil

8 Meeting closed 7:47 pm

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