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## Agenda – General Meeting

### Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

6.00 pm refreshments, meeting starts at 6.15 pm

Councillors Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Melbourne Town Hall

**Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden**

#### 1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with a welcome and introduction around the table

**Present:**

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Kathleen Petras	City of Banyule
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Jo Noesgaard	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Doug Rowland	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Liz Lambropoulos	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Mary Dallas	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Oscar Hayes	City of Melbourne
Cr Josh Fergus	City of Monash
Cr Andrea Surace	City of Moonee Valley
Chris Morris	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Andrew Davenport	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Peter Fung	City of Wyndham
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Cr Jackie Fristacky	City of Yarra
David Stosser	MRCagney

Beck Roy	MTCagney
Harry Barber	Philip Boyle and Associates
Clive Motteram	Department of Transport
Raj Ramalingam	Department of Transport
Knowles Tivendale	Movement and Place Consulting
Vincent NG	Movement and Place Consulting
Nakine Thomson	Movement and Place Consulting
Greg Day	Edunity
Susie Strain	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Natalie Abboud, City of Moreland  
 Cr Jess Dorney, City of Moreland  
 Dr Hamish Reid, City of Bayside

Cr Susanne Newton, City of Darebin  
 Melissa Falkenberg, City of Wyndham  
 Cr Nic Frances-Gilley, City of Melbourne

## **2. Presentations – Resilient Melbourne on Metropolitan Cycling Network, Jason Hoernel on Jump bikeshare**

### Resilient Melbourne, Metropolitan Cycling Network

Toby Kent, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Melbourne, and Rufael Tsegay, Resilient Melbourne Support Officer, City of Melbourne, presented on the work underway from the Resilient Melbourne project, in particular progressing the Flagship Action of establishing a Metropolitan Cycling Network.

Toby Kent provided some background to the Resilient Melbourne project.

- Resilient Melbourne was instigated by a grant from 100 Resilient Cities Project pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. The two-year grant saw local government from across metropolitan Melbourne come together to create Melbourne’s first “resilience strategy”.
- Urban resilience is defined as “the ability of a city, its institutions, organisations, systems, businesses, communities and individuals and their ability to adapt, survive, and thrive in the face of whatever chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.”
- The creation of a Metropolitan Cycling Network (MCN) is a Flagship Action within the Resilient Melbourne Strategy. This is because a truly effective cycling network can help to address chronic stresses, such as declining physical health, transport congestion, and associated vehicle pollution. It can also serve as a critical transport mode when other infrastructure fails following acute shocks.
- Resilient Melbourne is working with councils across regions to coordinate a metropolitan approach to establish cycle paths and corridors that is both holistic in scope and tailored to local needs.

Rufael Tsegay went on to outline a proposal to develop a Metropolitan Cycling Network to provide a sound basis for ongoing advocacy and projects, building on all existing data sources (population growth, journey to work, straba, Vista, crash statistics, etc.) and seeking to coordinate a metropolitan approach across agencies to establish cycle paths and corridors throughout Melbourne.

Resilient Melbourne has started with the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) councils to develop a model which could then be expanded to metropolitan Melbourne. This model would seek to unify the existing and proposed bicycle infrastructure, both on and off road, from local government and state agencies as

well as crash statistics and proposing vital network links that account for the above factors. The output would be a critical advocacy tool to justify and prioritise funding for ongoing or new works.

Resilient Melbourne is seeking funding in the order of \$10 – \$11,000 per council (beyond the IMAP councils of Melbourne, Yarra, Stonnington, Port Phillip, Maribyrnong) to further develop the model across metropolitan Melbourne.

#### Bike Share in Melbourne

Jason Hoernel from Good Cycles spoke to the MTF about the new bike share system Jump which has just been launched as a 12 month trial in inner Melbourne. Jason has had experience with bike share programs, having had some involvement with the recently discontinued RACV bike share program.

Jason spoke about the need to balance between the constraints of the operator (efficiency, scale, vandalism) and needs of the user (convenience, safety, reliability).

The new bicycles are a high quality, pedal assist electric bike and with helmet attached. The bike complies with Australian standards, has automatic lights and weighs 30 kg, hopefully a deterrent to vandalism. Bikes are GPS tracked, and the app shows where can be parked, preferably locked to a rack or similar fixed item but free-standing if need be. A support team will monitor bike placement, maintain and change batteries (once every 24/48 hours).

Cost is \$1.00 to unlock and 30c per minute and accessed via the Uber app. There is customer support for equipment failure, but no additional insurance (above that available to all cyclists) provided for users.

### **3. Executive elections**

There was one general member vacancy on the MTF executive following the elections of February 2020. Existing general member Cr Andrea Surace (City of Moonee Valley) was elected to the position of Deputy Chair, and Cr Bruce Lancaster (City of Brimbank) was elected as a general member.

The MTF executive for 2020 is now

Chair: Cr Jonathan Marsden

Deputy Chair: Cr Andrea Surace

Secretary: Cr Tom Melican

Treasurer: Cr Anna Chen

General members: Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Stuart James, Cr Lina Messina, Cr Bruce Lancaster

### **4. Minutes**

MOTION: that the minutes of the previous meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February be accepted

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Antonella Celi

Carried

## **5. Strategic Public Transport Advocacy**

Greg Day, Edunity, spoke to the MTF advocacy strategy which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The strategy has arisen from a strategic meeting mid-2019 plus discussion at the executive, prioritising

A - active transport with a focus on cycling and getting funding for cycling infrastructure; also the MTF to nominate a cycling ambassador as a spokesperson

B - buses, with actions to encourage councils to add bus advocacy to their meetings with local MPs, and hold a bus forum in the middle of the year

C - choices, improve transport choice with access to alternative modes

MOTION: that Cr Tom Melican be nominated cycling ambassador for the MTF

Proposed: Cr Lina Messina

Seconded: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Carried

MOTION: that the Strategic Transport Advocacy Strategy as circulated and presented be approved

Proposed: Cr Andrea Surace

Seconded: Cr Antonella Celi

Carried

Greg Day to add to the MTF social media has set up an MTF LinkedIn page and profile on which he will post items of interest and relevance to the A, B, C advocacy priorities, for use by transport professionals, see [www.linkedin.com/company/37516201](http://www.linkedin.com/company/37516201)

## **6. May meeting topic**

A cycling workshop has been planned for the May meeting, and discussion underway with Harry Barber to organise.

Harry suggested the following topic options

- Metropolitan cycle network
- Cycling to local services, shops
- Cycling to stations, and using bike on rail

There was support for all three topics, following discussion the decision was referred to the executive.

## **7. Support for Resilient Melbourne metro-wide cycling network and funding ask**

Following the presentation by Resilient Melbourne, there was discussion as whether the MTF would support the request to councils for a funding contribution to develop a full metropolitan cycling network both evidence-based and optimised on user demand, connectivity and safety, for use as an advocacy tool to justify funding. Metropolitan councils are being asked for approximately \$10,000. IMAP councils have already contributed.

In light of current council budget processes, it was decided to offer in-principle support to the request for \$10,000 per council, on the provision that individual councils' budgets have the flexibility or capacity to accommodate.

## **8. Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Anna Chen reported financials up to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Bank accounts**

Cheque account	\$19,973.69
2 month term deposit	\$59,295.08
Total	\$76,268.77

### **Subscriptions**

Member councils	21 of 26 paid
Associates	0 of 9 paid

### **Invoices approved and paid**

Susie Strain quarterly payment	\$6,250
Olive oil for speaker gifts	\$288.00
Edunity retainer	\$550.00
Edunity website charges	\$247.74
Total	\$7,335.74

### **Interest**

Interest received Jan 2020	\$0.84
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**MOTION: that the Treasurer's report be accepted.**

**Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky**

**Seconded: Cr Stuart James**

**Carried**

The Treasurer also sought authorisation that retiring executive members Paul Hamilton and Cr Martin Zakharov be removed as signatories to the bank account and incoming Treasurer Cr Anna Chen and incoming Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden be approved to be registered as signatories with the Bendigo Bank account.

**MOTION: that the retiring executive members Chair Cr Martin Zakharov and Secretary Paul Hamilton be removed as authorised signatories to the MTF bank account, and that newly appointed office bearers Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden and Treasurer Cr Anna Chen be registered as authorised signatories to the bank account.**

**Proposed: Treasurer Cr Anna Chen**

**Seconded: Cr Jackie Fristacky**

**Carried**

## **9. Meeting close**