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Agenda – General Meeting

Wednesday, 5th February, 2020

6.00 pm refreshments, meeting starts at 6.15 pm

Councillors Meeting Room, 2nd 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
Hamish Reid	City of Bayside
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Cr Phillip Healey	City of Boroondara
Oliver Mihaila	City of Boroondara
Cr Bruce Lancashire	City of Brimbank
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Cr Amanda Stapledon	City of Casey
Paul Hamilton	City of Casey
Cr Lina Messina	City of Darebin
Philip Mallis	City of Darebin
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Rosemary West	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Mary Dallas	City of Maribyrnong
Cr Nic Frances Gilley	City of Melbourne
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Cr Stuart James	City of Monash
Cr Andrea Surace	City of Moonee Valley
Kirk Ballantine	City of Moonee Valley
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Ram Kamalanandan	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr John Dumaresq	Shire of Nillumbik
Ayman William	Shire of Nillumbik
Troy Knowing	City of Whittlesea
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Intaj Khan	City of Wyndham

Cr Jackie Fristacky	City of Yarra
David Stosser	Rail Futures Institute, MRCagney
Raj Ramalingam	Department of Transport
Susie Strain	MTF

Apologies

Daniele Ranieri, City of Manningham
 Douglas Rowland, City of Hobsons Bay
 Cr Natalie Abboud, City of Moreland

Liz Lambropoulos, City of Manningham
 Cr Alahna Desiato, City of Whittlesea
 Cr Martin Zakharov, City of Maribyrnong

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting Wednesday 4th December 2019 were accepted.

Proposed: Cr Bruce Lancashire

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

Carried

3. Executive elections

Retiring Secretary Paul Hamilton called for nominations.

A nomination of Cr. Jonathan Marsden, City of Hobsons Bay, had been received for the position of Chair, nominated by Cr Jackie Fristacky (City of Yarra), seconded by Cr. Tom Melican (City of Banyule).

A nomination of Cr Tom Melican, City of Banyule, had been received for the position of Secretary, nominated by Cr Anna Chen (City of Manningham) and seconded by Paul Hamilton (City of Casey).

A nomination of Cr. Anna Chen, City of Manningham, had been received for the position of Treasurer, nominated by Cr. Tom Melican (City of Banyule) and seconded by Paul Hamilton (City of Casey).

A nomination of Cr Jackie Fristacky (City of Yarra) had been received for a general member of the executive, nominated by Cr Stuart James (City of Monash) and seconded by Cr Tom Melican (City of Banyule).

A nomination of Cr. Andrea Surace (City of Moonee Valley) had been received for a general member of the executive, nominated by Cr. Paul Hamilton (City of Casey) and seconded by Cr Anna Chen (City of Manningham).

A nomination of Cr Lina Messina, (City of Darebin), was received for a general member of the executive, nominated by Cr. Paul Hamilton (City of Casey) and seconded by Cr Anna Chen (City of Manningham).

A nomination of Cr Stuart James (City of Monash) was received for a general member of the executive, nominated by Cr Jackie Fristacky (City of Yarra) and seconded by Cr Jonathan Marsden (City of Hobsons Bay).

No nomination was received for position of Deputy Chair, and it was decided to refer to the executive, and invite nominations for the following meeting.

Paul Hamilton declared the MTF executive for 2020 as

Chair: Cr Jonathan Marsden

Deputy Chair: currently unfilled

Secretary: Cr Tom Melican

Treasurer: Cr Anna Chen

General members: Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Stuart James, Cr Andrea Surace, Cr Lina Messina

Incoming Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden acknowledged the contribution of retiring Chair Cr Martin Zakharov.

MOTION: that the MTF record a vote of thanks to Cr Martin Zakharov and appreciation for his contribution in the role of Chair for the three year period 2017–2019.

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Anna Chen

The contribution of Paul Hamilton, retiring as MTF Secretary since 2015, was also acknowledged

MOTION: that the MTF record a vote of thanks to Paul Hamilton and appreciate his contribution in the role of Secretary for five years

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Antonella Celi

Carried

4. Presentation: Dr Richard Yeo, Australian Road Research Board, spoke on the work of the ARRБ, in particular addressing the next generation of transport infrastructure for an intelligent mobility future. ARRБ is a research organisation funded by Austroads.

Rapidly changing technology and how cities operate is laying the groundwork for an 'infrastructure re-set'.

Some of the underlying factors are

- Mobility as a service
- Connected and automated
- Shared spaces
- Innovative vehicles
- Last mile mobility
- Safety
- Sustainability
- New economy

New technology will bring about change and cities need to prepare for different vehicle types, different ways of travel requiring different infrastructure. People becoming less concerned with how they travel.

ARRБ is organised into 6 strategic sections

- Future transport infrastructure
- Future transport systems
- Transport safety
- Sustainability and resilience
- Asset management
- Data collection and analysis

ARRБ now in its 60th year, and has recently moved to the National Transport Research Centre in Port Melbourne.

Richard provided a sample of the work of each section

Future transport infrastructure

Research laboratories enabling full scale pavement performance testing using an accelerated loading facility. This enables cost-effective all-weather roads with improved durability, optimal resource use and life cycle costing

Future Transport Systems

- Smart traffic management
- Network operations planning
- Intelligent transport systems assets
- Advanced mobility technologies

This section covers a lot of the issues around road and infrastructure design for the new technologies, and readiness for connected and automated vehicles.

Transport safety

- Transport safety policy
- Transport user behaviour
- Safe road infrastructure
- Safe mobility

Richard noted the long-term reducing road toll, but there are some failures in the current system in the field, and a transformative approach to road safety needed.

A new national road safety strategy will address this. Vision 0 by 2050 is well achievable, in fact can be bettered.

Sustainability and Resilience

- Resilient transport systems
- Sustainable transport planning
- Freight and logistics
- Transport policy

Richard gave the example of smart materials and recycled materials in road construction and surfacing, addressing the whole of the road life cycle. ARRB is currently working on the Hume Highway in conjunction with VicRoads.

Asset management, data collection and analysis

The critical importance of good data collection and analysis to support decisions

iPAVE – intelligent pavement assessment vehicle

iSSAVE – intelligence safety surface assessment vehicle

Note ARRB local government guides setting out best practice for road and bridge maintenance.

Richard issued a general invitation to MTF councils to visit the ARRB laboratory in Port Melbourne for a tour and presentation.

4. Strategic Public Transport Advocacy

Greg Day, Edunity, had provided advocacy suggestions to progress the A (active), B(buses) and C(choices) priorities for the MTF for 2020.

- Nominate a cycling ambassador
- Encourage member councils to include bus advocacy in meetings with state MPs
- Organise a bus forum mid 2020.

The incoming executive will review the strategy and present to the March meeting for council endorsement.

5. Council Information Sharing

Discussion as to value of council information sharing, and how to best organise the time

- Useful to promote local issues
- Learning from others
- Useful advice regarding rail crossing removals
- General support
- Could be better organised with a topic focus for councils

Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Update on new better buses campaign

Now 94,000 people on line

Officers working closely with the Department of Transport, preparing budget submissions.

Active involvement of Mayor, CEO and local politicians.

Thanks to MTF for support, hope to schedule a presentation at a further meeting

City of Darebin

Reservoir Station has opened, and more rail work coming

City of Moreland

City of Moreland is in the process of implementing the new Integrated Transport Strategy, and would like an opportunity to present, suggesting July or August.

City of Maribyrnong

40 kph rollout, results of a before and after survey ready in June. A presentation of interest to members

City of Kingston

7,8 level crossing removals underway

Also Mordialloc freeway under construction with significant loss of trees and native vegetation, project includes road upgrades on the major approaches.

22 hectare site in the green wedge under pressure for development, campaign to retain

City of Banyule

North East Link Environmental Effects Statement supported Banyule on 5 key points but all were rejected by the Minister.

Concerns were expressed about the design process. The reference design is approved by the EES. Some early works underway and already impacting on residents. However the final design is not committed or known until the contract is signed.

City of Brimbank

Expecting the business case for airport rail soon

City of Casey

Paul Hamilton spoke of the value of the MTF as adds value to both officers and councillors. Over time the MTF has extended its focus from inner to all metropolitan councils. However it can be difficult to find consensus with a broad membership. By maintaining a bipartisan, non-adversarial and facilitative approach, the MTF has developed valuable links to upper levels of state government, both the bureaucracy and political, enabling good speakers and relationships. The bus forums have also provided value, and Paul encouraged councils to maintain membership.

City of Yarra

- Improved tram route, including stops, from Alexander Parade to Moreland
- 40 kph along Nicholson Street
- Launch of bike share scheme for Melbourne, Yarra, Port Phillip
- Transdev briefing about the introduction of an electric bus into the fleet

City of Monash

Progress with Suburban Rail Loop

City of Wyndham

Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy

City of Manningham

North East Link briefing in January. Council has option to challenge the process, or negotiate with the North East Link Authority

Hobsons Bay

Current focus includes a level crossing removal and submission to the parliamentary inquiry into increased road toll

City of Wyndham

Current issues Leekes Road, Dohertys Road, drone taxis, trackless trams

Shire of Nillumbik

- Roadworks between Lower Plenty Road and Fitzsimmons Lane
- Government commitment to a bike path along Hurstbridge line to Montmorency
- Road under construction Yan Yean to Greensborough

6. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Jackie Fristacky reported financials up to the 31st January

Bank accounts

Cheque account	\$20,709.43
2 month term deposit	\$59,295.08

Total	\$80,004.51
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Subscriptions

Member councils	16 of 26 paid
Associates	0 of 9 paid

Invoices approved and paid

Enotia	\$166.10
Susie Strain reimbursement	\$113.00
Lynn Dean finance officer	\$550.00

Invoices for approval

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 Dec 2019	\$94.57
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The Treasurer also sought authorisation that retiring executive members Paul Hamilton and Cr Martin Zakharov be retained as signatories to the bank account until incoming Treasurer Cr Anna Chen and incoming Chair Cr Jonathon Marsden are registered with the bank.

MOTION: that the Treasurer's report be accepted and interim signatories retained with the bank

Proposed: Cr Jackie Fristacky

Seconded: Cr Stuart James

Carried

7. Meeting close