



Ordinary Meeting of Council Attachments

Monday 22 July 2024

Council Chamber

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COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 24 June 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

All items discussed at a Councillor Briefing are considered confidential in nature.

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon	Cr Linda Hancock
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	Cr Rob Steane OAM
Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Tasa Damante	
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	Item
Chris Zidak	Manager Business & Precincts	2
Jackie Paul	Business Support & Programs Officer	2
Nina Pirruccio	Acting Manager Governance & Performance	3

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)

Council Officers:

Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Nil

Items Discussed:

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	BizMonth 24
3	Election Period Policy 2020 - 2024 administrative changes
4	Community Assistance Fund
5	Advocacy Breakfast Update
6	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer
Title

Emma Hills
Governance Officer



COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 8 July 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

All items discussed at a Councillor Briefing are considered confidential in nature.

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Tasa Damante
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Mike Symon (virtual)	Cr Linda Hancock
	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	Cr Rob Steane OAM
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Taylor	Acting Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	Item
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	1 & 2
Kirstie Dench	Team Leader Sport & Recreation	1
Heidi Grave	Sport & Recreation Project Officer	1
Jeremy Cutajar	Manager Maroondah Golf Courses & Sportsfields	2
Vincent King	Manager Operations	3
Christopher Howells	Team Leader Tree Maintenance	3
Phil Medley	Manager Governance & Performance	4 & 5
Debbie Seddon	Coordinator Corporate Planning, Risk & Information	5
Kate Klep	Integrated Planning Advisor	5
Isabelle Cancino	Manager Finance & Commercial	6
Shaye Wilson	Coordinator Property, Revenue & Valuation Services	6
Daniel Van Leuverden	Team Leader Property & Valuations	6

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)

Council Officers:

Andrew Fuaux, Director Strategy & Development

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Cr Tasa Damante: Item 1 - Capital Funding for Community Organisations Program 2024/25 <i>Reason: Casual staff member at Arrabri Community House Occasional Care</i>
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Council Officers:

Nil

Items Discussed:

1	Capital Funding for Community Organisations Program 2024/25
2	North Ringwood Reserve Oval Reconstruction
3	Tender Evaluation Report - Contract 21069 Tree Data Capture Services
4	Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Results 2024
5	Maroondah 2050 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-2029 - Project Update
6	Land Exchange - Part Palmerston Road West Ringwood
7	Councillor Delegates' Meeting Report
8	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

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Attachment A

EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, 16th May 2024

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Hosted by: Online

Attendees:

Councillors

- Cr Tina Liu, City of Whitehorse
- Cr Anna Chen, Manningham City Council

Officers

- Yingnan Wang, Knox City Council
- Winchelle Chuson, Knox City Council
- Shane Hardingham, Knox City Council
- Matthew Hanrahan, Knox City Council
- Emma Steele, Manningham City Council
- Michael Blowfield, Maroondah City Council
- Terry Tillotson, City of Monash
- Sandra Worsnop, City of Monash
- Karen O’Gorman, Yarra Ranges Council
- Chris Hui, City of Whitehorse

Secretariat

- James McGarvey, The Agenda Group

Apologies

- Cr Stuart James, City of Monash (Chair)
- Cr Susan Laukens, Knox City Council
- Cr Andrew Fullager, Yarra Ranges Council
- Cr Tony Dib, Maroondah City Council
- Cr Rhonda Garad, City of Greater Dandenong
- Christopher Marshall, City of Greater Dandenong
- Frank Vassilacos, Manningham City Council
- Kim O’Connor, Yarra Ranges Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

As Crs James (Chair) and Laukens (Deputy Chair) were apologies, Cr Liu assumed the Chair and welcomed the attendees.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. Passing of Lucas Sikiotis

The acting Chair, Cr Liu acknowledged the sad news of the recent and unexpected passing of our colleague, Lucas Sikiotis from the City of Greater Dandenong.

Cr Liu and group members praised Lucas for his contributions to the ETC over many years and expressed warm regard for his collegiality and friendship as a highly respected colleague.

Lucas' family have expressed a preference for a donation to a nominated charity in lieu of flowers, and the Secretariat will consult with the Chair and Deputy Chair to arrange a suitable donation from the ETC.

4. ETC Finance Report

The finance report for the ETC for April 2024 – May 2024 is as follows:

Opening Balance for April 2024	\$37,970.91
March Invoice from TAG	\$7,500.00
Income	\$0.00
Closing Balance for May 2024	\$30,470.91

In Lieu of a quorum, the financial report was not formally approved.

ETC Budget

The Secretariat is seeking any thoughts from ETC Councils and their communications/IT teams on the ETC website, and their feedback will contribute to an updated budget to be considered at the next ETC meeting.

5. Ratify Previous Draft Minutes and Actions Arising

Minutes of the April ETC meeting:

In Lieu of a quorum, the April Minutes were not formally approved.

In response to a query from Cr Chen, Mr McGarvey clarified that in preparing ETC meeting minutes, it has not been policy or felt necessary to record times at which ETC Councillors or members join or leave the monthly meetings. In general discussion it was agreed that this should remain the approach to recording ETC minutes.

6. 2024 ETC Advocacy Workplan

Contact with Minister's Office

Mr McGarvey reported that he would pursue an introductory meeting with the public transport adviser from Minister Gabrielle Williams' office now that the busy period for Government of Budget delivery and subsequent Public Accounts and Estimates Committee hearings have been finalised. For those interested, Minister Williams will be appearing before the Committee at 9.45am on Monday 20th May, and the proceedings can be viewed live via the State Parliament website.

Eastern Region Trails Strategy (ERTS)

Michael Blowfield, Maroondah City Council advised the group that the ERTS working group had met today (May 16th) and had the opportunity to look at the draft campaign plan and its budget.

The ERTS working group supports the proposal, with some changes. The major change is the budget – to move the household surveys into the indicative budget and have it costed up.

Other government departments have been identified as target stakeholders for the advocacy campaign, and this advice has been forwarded to the ETC Secretariat.

Mr McGarvey advised the The Agenda Group has recruited a campaigns specialist to join its team, and she will be available to work on the next phase of detailed development of the trails campaign plan and budget in coming months.

State and Federal Budgets

Mr McGarvey reported that the Federal government has established a \$100 million fund for active transport projects. No further detail is currently available as to how the fund will work or projects be decided, but early concerns have been raised by ALGA that local government may not be considered a key partner or participant with the Federal government in the delivery of this project.

A roads funding package of \$400 million was announced, including reference to projects in Melbourne's south-east, which may be of interest to the City of Greater Dandenong, but likely cover areas further out including the Casey/Cardinia areas.

The federal budget has \$1 billion in a line item 'decisions taken, but not yet announced' which enables the Federal government to make funded announcements in the lead up to the next federal election due by May 2025.

There was no funding announcement of any type for the Caulfield – Rowville TRT project in either state or federal budgets. The current advice from those associated with the project is that the business case should be completed in the first quarter of 2025 which could potentially allow for a federal funding announcement in either of the next federal budget or as an election policy commitment.

There was some good news regarding bus services in the state budget, with funding provided for an improvement of services on the 800 bus route, which covers the Monash and Greater Dandenong local government areas. A major campaign had been run by Peter Parker with support from community and Councils.

Chris Marshall from the City of Greater Dandenong advised that the Stud Road pedestrian crossing project was funded through the state budget, receiving about \$12.7m of the \$16.7m package sought over the next 3 years. Greater Dandenong will be continuing to advocate for the construction to be completed as soon as possible.

State Parliamentary Inquiry into the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users

Chris Hui, City of Whitehorse advised the group that on May 1st, the Victorian parliament released its report on the impact of road safety behaviours on vulnerable road users.

The Inquiry was looking at changes in road safety behaviour before and after the Covid pandemic.

Recommendations of interest to the ETC addressed road safety hierarchy, the need for further investment in public transport, streamlining the speed change process and speed limits in school precincts.

Recommendation 27 will be of particular interest to the ETC as it calls for reviewing the location of pedestrian crossings on arterial roads to ensure there are regular crossings linked to public transport stops, activity centres and schools.

This is in line with the key justifications for the ETC's priority crossings package and the Parliamentary Committee's recommendation can be cited to support our advocacy on this issue.

Of note for future advocacy considerations, one of the Parliamentary Committee members is from the ETC region – John Mullahy MP, the Member for Glen Waverley.

Mr McGarvey further explained that this is a Parliamentary Committee report – not a government report – and as such the recommendations are not automatically adopted. The Government will have a period of time to consider the recommendation and will prepare a report back to the Committee on their response to each of the recommendations. This allows some opportunity to lobby the State Government on how it responds to the recommendations.

Mr McGarvey asked ETC Councils to consider each of the relevant recommendations and provide advice back to the Secretariat on items that could be considered for advocacy to government by the ETC.

Cr Chen questioned the best approach to advocacy in a fiscally constrained environment. Mr McGarvey and Mr Hui suggested that the changes recommended by the Parliamentary Committee in many cases are around regulatory or policy settings and actions, and won't necessarily require significant new funding commitments.

7. General Business

Cr Liu reported that the key directions for structure planning for SRL east stations have been released, looking at how the stations support the local economy and businesses and industry niches, land use issues and environmental sustainability. This now open for public consultation and the City of Whitehorse will be making a formal submission in response. Terry Tillotson indicated that the City of Monash will also be considering a response.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be hosted at the City of Monash and online, and will commence at 6.30pm (6.00pm for diner) on Thursday, 20th June 2024

Action Summary

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline
1. Prepare an updated draft ETC budget	Secretariat	June2024
2. ETC Secretariat to arrange an introductory meeting with Minister William's adviser	Secretariat	June 2024
3. ETC Councils to consider each of the relevant recommendations and provide advice back to the Secretariat on items that could be considered for advocacy to government by the ETC	Council officers	June/July 2024

Attachment B

VTAG

VICTORIAN TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP

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Eastern Transport Coalition

23rd May 2024.

By email to: info@etc.org.au

Dear Councillors,

Re: VTAG Response to Melbourne's Tram Plan

Please find attached a copy of the Victorian Transport Action Group's paper *Melbourne's Tram Plan, Filling the Gaps*. Given your organisation's ongoing interest and involvement in public transport issues, we thought you would be interested in VTAG's views expressed in this paper.

The Melbourne Tram Plan was welcomed enthusiastically by the Victorian Transport Action Group (VTAG) when it was published by the Victorian Government last year. VTAG saw it as an important statement by Government, acknowledging how vital trams are to Melbourne's mobility and culture. It had the potential to kick off an overdue discussion about what is needed to bring our tired tram network back to a world leader among light-rail systems.

On perusal of the plan however, VTAG formed a view that the Tram Plan offers only a limited assessment of the current state of Melbourne's tram system and fails to provide updated details or status of the many previous initiatives announced by the Victorian Government over the past five years. We believe there is a need for clearer direction and action.

Accordingly, VTAG members have put together a response to the Tram Plan for consideration by Government, Yarra Trams and other key stakeholders like your group. It is our hope that our paper will lead to further discussion with all parties on the steps required for transforming the tram system into a modern light rail service that is accessible, efficient and attracts growing numbers of passengers to more sustainable public transport.

Please let us know if you would like an opportunity to discuss the views expressed in the paper with members of VTAG.

For further information or to discuss the views expressed in the paper, please contact VTAG's spokesperson for this topic: **Eric Keys on 0414 354 240**.

Yours sincerely



Glenyys Romanes AM

Chair, Victorian Transport Action Group

Attachment: VTAG Response to Melbourne's Tram Plan - Filling the Gaps

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Melbourne's Tram Plan Response

Filling the Gaps

May 2024

Summary

Melbourne's Tram Plan (the Plan) is a welcome document as the Government acknowledges the importance of trams to our city. Many other cities abandoned trams, much to their regret. Melbourne not only retained but expanded its tram network. The Plan is an essential start to an overdue discussion on ensuring we realise the network's full potential.

Yet the Plan fails to meet the basic requirements the Victorian Transport Action Group (VTAG) would expect. It offers a limited assessment of the substandard state of the tram system, including the lack of level access stops, the ageing tram fleet, deteriorating infrastructure and the lack of on-road priority. The Plan also needs to provide details of the many initiatives previously announced by the Government. The Plan's lack of detail undermines the Government's stated intent to transform our tram legacy into a modern light rail service.

Following our review, VTAG recommends that the Government embrace a few modest initiatives to provide tangible evidence of its commitment to an improved tram service, including:

- 1. Confirm its commitment to previously announced projects (listed in Table 1) and provide indicative timeframes for completion.**
- 2. Redirect routes 3, 5 and 12 (detailed in Table 2) with the opening of MM1 to improve the distribution of tram services through the central area.**
- 3. Direct Infrastructure Victoria to undertake the specific planning process as part of the next state infrastructure plan to canvas a range of possible network enhancements.**
- 4. Revise the selection of stops for upgrade to level access to include the practical considerations of technical feasibility and constructability to ensure that as many stops as possible are delivered as a priority.**
- 5. Expand the corridor-based approach being applied to upgrade stops to include the implementation of traffic priority along the selected corridors.**
- 6. Adopt a 15mins, or at least 20 mins, as the maximum headway for all Melbourne tram routes.**

VTAG has embraced the Plan as an invitation to engage with the Government and Department on the next steps to transform the system into an accessible and efficient service. A service that will further encourage urban consolidation and provide an attractive alternative to less efficient and less sustainable forms of travel.

VTAG will seek regular meetings with the Department to ensure every effort is made to create a Melbourne Tram Plan worthy of the name.

