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Improve Bus Networks

- Get LeadWest to present to the next MTCRG on their bus campaign for the west – can we piggyback off this
- Run a community education campaign on the importance of the improvement of the bus network
- Involve the community in undertaking research into transport policies to improve the bus network
- Bus interchange based campaigns to get support from bus users
- Hand out postcards / leaflets at community meetings (Council collateral or collateral prepared by LeadWest or Public Transport Users Association)
- The campaign could address the following:
  - Assess the missing links in the network (Eynesbury, Sunbury, Watergardens) and create bus routes to cover the gaps
  - Match bus timetables to meet every train
  - Connect buses at significant hubs such as major shopping centres and railway stations
  - Assess whether there are missing links for pedestrians to get to bus stops

Regular All Day Trains and Electrification

- Hold a community forum at times that people who work in the City can attend
- Postcard / leaflet drop
- Online petition
- Station based campaigns to get support from commuters
- Promotion of campaign on main-stream radio stations
- Piggyback off campaigns run by LeadWest or the Public Transport Users Association
- Run a community education campaign on the importance of the improvement of the train line
- The campaign should also address the following:
  - Investigate relocating Melton Station to be east of Exford Road
  - Melton Station upgrade including a second pedestrian underpass
  - Removal of level crossings at Exford Road and Coburns Road

Recommendation

Council endorse the advocacy priorities of the MTCRG and ability to run community campaigns in the lead up to the elections.

Action

MM to identify advocacy campaigns being run by other parties for the improvement of the Western highway, improving the bus network, and improving the train service to Melton, and report these back to the MTCRG

MM / LJM / SRo to report to the MTCRG on possible community campaigns and complementary Council-led advocacy campaigns based on the information above

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4.5   Presentation on the development of the Road Network Plan (presented by SR)

SRo provided information on the Road Network Plan that is currently being prepared by GTA Consultants for Melton City Council. This will include a Victorian Integrated Transport Model for Council that will look at future demand for key road linkages, and the consequences to the road network in the event roads are not constructed. This model will assist Council and provide strategic justification to support budget bids to various government departments into the future.

SRo will provide project updates at future meetings that includes an assessment of the level of service currently being experienced on our road network within the municipality, and works required into the future to manage congestion. SR indicated that we are working with adjoining Councils in the development of our model.

The Road Network Plan will provide Council with a strategic model which can be used to inform what upgrades are needed and when, which can inform Council's capital works projects and advocacy campaigns.

Action

SRo to provide updates to the MTCRG on the progress of the Road Network Plan when relevant

4.6   Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 August 2018.

Requests were received to request VLine (James Pinder), the Public Transport Users Association (PTUA), Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA), and LeadWest (Craig Rowley) to provide guest speakers for meetings in the future.

Action

MM to request guest speakers for future meetings from VLine, PTUA, MMRA and LeadWest

5.   Close of Business

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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