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Melton Transport Community Reference Group

Held on 24 April 2018 at 6:30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present:

Councillors

Bob Turner (BT)
Sophie Ramsey (SR)
Kathy Majdlik (KM)

Council Staff

Matthew Milbourne (MM), Senior Strategic Planner
Kerry Walton (KW), Transport and Traffic Coordinator (delegate by Manager Engineering Services)

Community Representatives

David O'Connor (DO)
Vinea Fuimaono (VF)
Adut Dharurai (AD)
Ian Matthews (IM)
Lawrence Geyer (LG)
Madeleine Connor (MC)
Alison Richards (AR)

Chairperson: Bob Turner, Councillor (Mayor)

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne, Senior Strategic Planner

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Frederic Blevin (FB), Community Representative
Alan Perry (AP), Community Representative
Raj Arora (RA), Community Representative
Laura-Jo Mellan (LJM), Manager City Design, Strategy and Environment
Matthew Hutchinson (MH), Acting Manager Engineering Services
Dan Hogan (DH), Manager Engagement and Advocacy

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

There were no declarations of interest, or declarations of a conflict of interest.

4. General Business

4.1 Welcome to new Committee Member

Jennifer Perena is no longer able to serve on the Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG).

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Alison Richards had been identified as a successor in the event that a community representative member withdrew from the MTCRG (as per the resolution at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 5 February 2018).

Alison was welcomed to the group.

4.2 Organisations that manage the different parts of transport system in the City of Melton (presented by MM)

MM made a presentation on the different State Government departments and agencies, and which parts of the transport system in Victoria they manage (refer **Attachment 1**).

4.3 Management of the local transport network in the City of Melton (presented by KW)

KW presented an overview on the management of the local transport network, which included information on:

- Speeding complaints and investigations
- Road safety design
- Parking issues
- Signs and linemarking

KW then walked the MTCRG through the Roads and Traffic webpage on Council's website. <http://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Services/Building-Planning-Transport/Roads-and-traffic>

The MTCRG members were encouraged to look at the information on Council's website, which provides information on how Council manages roads and traffic in the City of Melton.

4.4 Advocacy Groups (presented by MM)

MM provided details on some of the transport champions in Victoria, which are advocating for the improvement of transport modes across Victoria (refer **Attachment 2**):

- Walking – Victoria Walks
- Cycling – Bicycle Network
- Public Transport – Public Transport Union of Australia (PTUA), and the Metropolitan Transport Forum
- Motorist – Royal Automobile Club Victoria (RACV)
- Freight – Australian Logistics Council, and the Victorian Transport Association
- Special Needs Transport – Disability Advocacy Resource Unit, and the Victoria Community Transport Association

MM's presentation also included information on the following groups that are advocating for change to the transport system which will specifically impact the City of Melton:

- LeadWest
- Ballarat Rail Line Action Committee
- Western Highway Action Committee



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- Calder Highway Improvement Committee
- National Growth Areas Alliance

DO noted that there is an additional group which are active in the City of Melton, the *Calder Action Group*, which are a community based action group focused on the improvement of the Calder Highway in the vicinity of Calder Park Drive.

Action

MM to circulate details of the Calder Action Group to the MTCRG.

4.5 Moving Melton advocacy action

General discussion was held on the importance of community based advocacy, and the types of advocacy campaigns that could be run particularly in the lead up to the State election in November 2018.

Discussion was held on some of the transport problems that we face in the City of Melton relating to the public transport system and arterial roads. It was agreed that there is much room for improvement with our current bus, rail and arterial road systems to better manage current demand, and to cater for future demand with the projected increase in population.

Discussion was held that once the MTCRG has identified its top priority (priorities) that it may be efficient to partner with an existing advocacy campaign being run by one of the aforementioned transport champions or advocacy groups in Section 4.4 above.

It was agreed that the MTCRG members will look at *Moving Melton* and the *City of Melton Advocacy Priorities*, and pick their top two items to be actioned. If there is common ground on those actions, they will be the matters the MTCRG will advocate for in the short term.

It was requested that MM look into having guest speakers in the future from transport providers or advocacy groups. Suggestions included the operators of Melbourne Airport, or LeadWest. It was requested that no speakers be sought for the next meeting in June, as this will be focussed on identifying the MTCRG's priorities for action. MM requested MTCRG members email him suggestions for speakers, and contacts for speakers.

Action

MTCRG members to review the actions in *Moving Melton* (Council's Integrated Transport Strategy) and the *City of Melton Advocacy Priorities*, and identify their top two actions for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 26 June 2018.

MTCRG members to email MM suggestions for guest speakers for future meetings.

4.6 Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 June 2018.

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 8:09pm.

Attachment 1

Minister	Department	Agency or Authority	Role	What they control	Private Transport Operators overseen by PTV or VicRoads
Minister for Public Transport Minister for Roads and Road Safety Minister for Ports	Transport for Victoria Planning, managing and coordinating transport into one organisation	Public Transport Victoria	Manages Victoria's train, tram and bus services (including funding, timetabling, fares, ticketing, customer service, service routes) Responsible for safety regulation, funding, coordination of timetables, long term network and strategic planning, and the ticketing system	Bus network Train network Tram network	Day to day operation Staff on vehicles Maintenance of vehicles and bus stops Micro Trains Melbourne Day to day operation of train system Staff on vehicles Maintenance of tracks, tracks & stations Yarra Trams Day to day operation of tram system Staff on vehicles Maintenance of tracks, tracks & stations
		V/Line Corporation	Victoria's largest regional public transport provider	Bus network Train network	Day to day operation of train system Staff on vehicles Maintenance of tracks, tracks & stations
Secretary of Department Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources	Office of the Coordinator General	Roads Corporation	Plans, develops and manages the arterial road network and delivers road safety initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Arterial Roads Diggers Rest Comadali Road Vineyard Road Gap Road Coburns Road (Between Western Hwy & High Street) High Street (Between Melton Hwy & Coburns Road) Hopkins Road Federation Drive Gisborne Melton Road Western Freeway Calder Freeway Melton Highway 	
		Taxi Services Commission	Regulator of the Victorian taxi and car hire industry		
		Victorian Ports Corporation	Management of commercial shipping in the Bay, waterside emergency and pollution response		
		Level Crossing Removal Authority	Oversees the removal of level crossings in Metropolitan Melbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level Crossing Removals Merrids Rail Extension Hurstbridge Rail Duplication 	
		Melbourne Metro Rail Authority	Responsible for the delivery of the metro tunnel project and regional rail revival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro Tunnel Project Regional Rail Revival (including the Ballarat rail upgrade) 	
		North East Link Authority	Oversees the delivery of the North East Link project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North East Link Project 	
		Western Distributor Authority	Responsible for the management of the West Gate Tunnel project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Gate Tunnel Project Monash Freeway Upgrade 	
		VicTrack	Owens Victoria's transport land, assets and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rail and tram tracks Stabling yards Train stations and surrounds Communications Infrastructure 	
		Transport Accident Commission	Pays for the treatment for people injured in transport accidents, promote road safety, and improve the trauma system.		
		Transport Safety Victoria	Independent statutory office that seeks to improve bus, rail and maritime transport safety standards		
Office of the Chief Investigator, Transport Safety	Seeks to improve transport safety by providing independent, no-blame investigation of transport safety matters				



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	Melton City Council		<p>Manages the local road network</p> <p>Advocates for State Government Infrastructure Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local roads Drainages and culverts Paths Drainage Road furniture Traffic control devices 	

Walking and Cycling

walking, cycling and shared paths can be opportunistic and occupy land provided by a range of authorities including:

- YET rack along rail tracks
- We laurine Water and other water utility land along water ways
- Utility providers along gas, pipeline, water, pipeline, and electricity easements
- Parks Victoria land in regional parks and conservation areas
- Private property on specially developed easements

Attachment 2

Transport Champions in Victoria

WalkingVictoria Walks - www.victoriawalks.org.au

- Victoria Walks is part of the International Federation of Pedestrians
- Undertakes research which informs advocacy and policy work.
- Extensive research on the benefits of walking, planning for walking, urban planning, road management, and behaviour change.
- Developed tools that can assist Councils to develop a walking strategy.

CyclingBicycle Network - www.bicyclenetwork.com.au

- Organisation of bicycle riders with more than 50,000 members in Australia.
- Advocate to government to create safer riding conditions with more facilities, run behaviour changing programs, support riders, and run events.
- Campaigns include footpath riding, extend TAC coverage, dooring, minimum passing distance laws

Public TransportPublic Transport Union of Australia - www.ptua.org.au

- Consumer organisation representing passengers on all forms of public transport.
- Lobby governments and public transport authorities.
- Promotes public transport and educate the community about the benefits of sustainable transport policies.
- Undertakes research into transport policies which will improve services.
- Current major campaigns:
 - o Public Transport not Traffic
 - o Every 10 Minutes to Everywhere

Metropolitan Transport Forum - www.mtf.org.au

- Advocacy group comprising members from local government, associate members representing transport companies, and participants from State Government and environment groups.
- Works towards effective, efficient and equitable transport in metropolitan Melbourne by providing a forum for debate, research and policy development, and sharing and disseminating information to improve transport choices.
- Advocacy in 2017/2018 has a priority focus on buses.

Examples of Other GroupsMotorist - RACV – www.racv.com.auSpecial Needs Transport - Disability Advocacy Resource Unit – www.daru.org.auSpecial Needs Transport - Victoria Community Transport Association – www.vcta.org.auFreight - Australian Logistics Council – www.austlogistics.com.auFreight - Victorian Transport Association – www.vta.com.au



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Transport Advocates

Leadwest - www.leadwest.com.au

- LeadWest is a regional organisation for Melbourne's West.
 - LeadWest is focused on advocacy for the region. It is a nonpartisan and not-for-profit, membership-based organisation.
 - Includes all six local governments in Melbourne's West and they are joined by major companies and other organisations, each with substantial operations or interests that are based in Melbourne's west.
 - Advocates for improvements to education and skills, the regional economy, health and wellbeing, environment and liveability, transport and infrastructure, and experience and enjoyment.
 - Advocacy for transport issues via the Western Transport Alliance.
 - Relevant documents:
 - o Western Agenda 2012-2016
 - o Western Transport Strategy, 2012
 - o Freight Infrastructure Investment Plan, 2017
 - o Melbourne Airport Link, 2017
 - Currently preparing a refresh to the Western Transport Strategy.
- Current campaign in the lead up to the State Government election in November 2018 is the *Time for the West* campaign www.timeforthewest.org.au

Ballarat Rail Line Action Committee

- Local Government based body (Brimbank, Melton, Moorabool, Ballarat, Pyrenees and Ararat Councils) campaigning for high quality rail infrastructure on the Ballarat Rail Line.
- Successfully campaigned for the rail duplication to Melton.
- Working with rail experts to formulate a list of transformative development of rail services and infrastructure to meet the short and long term needs of commuters. Including the electrification of the Melton rail line.

Western Highway Action Committee

- Group of 10 Councils along the Western Highway corridor from Melbourne to SA border
- Pursuing the improvement, safety, upgrading and amenity of the Western Highway
- Lobby and obtain allocation of Government funding for approved strategies for planning, construction and maintenance of the Highway
- Current priorities include the upgrade of the Highway to Melton to Freeway standard

Calder Highway Improvement Committee

- Local Government based body – representatives from all Councils along the Calder Highway, VicRoads, and the community
- Extensive lobbying to upgrade the Calder Highway
- Work together to identify long term strategies that will allow the building and upgrading of infrastructure to improve the performance of the highway for all road users
- Current number one priority is the upgrade of the Calder Park Drive Interchange
- Number two priority is additional traffic lanes Melton Highway to Keilor Park Drive

National Growth Areas Alliance – www.ngaa.org.au

- NGAA advocates at the Federal Government level for a stronger focus on the needs of Australia's outer suburbs. Advocates for dedicated funding for critical infrastructure and services for outer growth areas.
- Campaigns have included *Fund our Future* and *Nightmare Commute Day*.