

Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG)

Held on 1 October 2019 at 6:30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: **Councillors**
Cr Sophie Ramsey

Council Staff
Matthew Milbourne, Senior Strategic Planner
Pauline Hobbs, Advocacy Officer
Sam Romaszko, Manager Engineering Services

Community Representatives
Alan Perry
Lawrence Geyer
Ian Matthews
Madeleine Connor

Chairperson: Matthew Milbourne

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Cr Bob Turner, Mayor

Cr Kathy Majdlik, Councillor

Laura-Jo Mellan, Manager City Design, Strategy and Environment

Sean McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy

Adut Dharurai, Community Representative

Alison Richards, Community Representative

Raj Arora, Community Representative

Vinea Fuimaono, Community Representative

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 Update on recent announcements to bus improvements in the City of Melton

- New route 444 – Rockbank Station to Aintree (Woodlea Estate)
- New route 454 – Melton Station to Cobblebank Station (Atherstone Estate)
- Route change 459 – Melton Station to Arnolds Creek via Westlake

4.2 Outline of Council's current requests for improvements to the bus network

Matthew distributed a paper that summarises the bus routes that service the City of Melton (**Attachment 1**). This paper identifies where the routes run, and the approximate frequency of the buses (the maximum amount of time that a person would need to wait for a bus. It was noted that best practice for bus frequencies are 10 minutes for direct route buses that run on main roads only, and 20 minutes for indirect meandering routes.

Matthew distributed plans (**Attachment 2**) that show existing bus routes, the approximate routes for the recently announced bus changes (the routes are still to be confirmed), and the routes that Council is advocating for.

Council is currently advocating for the following changes to the bus network in the City of Melton:

- Increase the frequency of all bus routes in the City of Melton. Buses should run every 10 minutes for direct routes and every 20 minutes for indirect routes.
- Review the existing bus routes to determine whether some of the indirect bus routes can be changed to direct bus routes.
- Establish two 'turn up and go' routes that run every 10 minutes:
 - Melton Station – Woodgrove – High Street, Melton – Cobblebank Station via Melton Industrial Estate
 - Caroline Springs Station – Caroline Springs Town Centre - Watergardens
- Establish the following bus routes that better connect the City of Melton to the surrounding region:
 - Melton – Melton South – Eynesbury via Weir Views (this bus would connect to Wyndham Vale Station when the southern road from Eynesbury is opened)
 - Bacchus Marsh – Melton – Watergardens via Melton Highway
 - Caroline Springs Town Centre – Werribee via Hopkins Road or Robinsons Road
 - Woodgrove – High Street, Melton – Caroline Springs Town Centre
- Establish bus routes to new estates in Aintree, Cobblebank, Deanside, Diggers Rest, Fraser Rise, Harkness, Rockbank, Strathulloh, Thornhill Park, Truganina, and Weir Views.

4.3 Discussion on whether additional changes should be made to the bus network

Discussion was held on the following matters:

- Any review of the bus network should look at creating a strong east-west and north-south grid of bus routes that run on main roads that connect people to main activity centres and train stations. These bus routes should run every 10 minutes.

- North-south routes could include Coburns Roads, Ferris Road, Mt Cottrell Road, Leakes Road, Plumpton Road / Hopkins Road, Caroline Springs Road / Gourlay Road, and Calder Park Drive / Westwood Drive / Robinsons Road.
- East-west routes could include Melton Highway, Hume Drive, Taylors Road, Western Freeway, and Greigs Road.

4.4 Other business

Meeting with Local MPs

- The MTCRG would like to invite the new member for Melton, the Hon. Steve McGhie, to a meeting in early 2020. Council officers to investigate whether the meeting can be held.

Topics to be discussed at the next meeting

- The next meeting will focus on active transport – walking and cycling route information.
- Council's updated advocacy priorities and transport budget bids for 2020 will be presented to the MTCRG.

4.5 Next meeting date

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at 7.00 pm. A later start time is required as there is a citizenship ceremony earlier that evening.

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Attachment 1

Routes	Terminus A	Terminus B	Weekday Peak	Weekday Non-Peak	Weekend	Provider
Melton						
453	Melton Station	Brookfield	60	60	60	Sita
454 *new*	Melton Station	Cobblebank Station	40	40	40	Sita
455	Melton Station	Micasa Rise	60	60	60	Sita
456	Melton Town Centre (TC)	Sunshine Station	30	40	40	Sita
457	Melton Station	Melton West	30	30	60	Sita
458	Melton Station	Kurunjang	30	30	60	Sita
459	Melton Station	Arnolds Creek	30	30	60	Sita
Rockbank						
444 *new*	Rockbank Station	Aintree	30	40	40	Sita
456 ^	Melton TC	Sunshine Station	30	40	40	Sita
Diggers Rest						
483	Sunbury	Moonee Ponds	60	60	60	Sunbury
Eastern Corridor						
215	Caroline Springs TC	Highpoint	30	30	60	Transdev
418	Caroline Springs TC	St Albans Station	20	40	40	CDC
426	Caroline Springs TC	Sunshine Station	20	40	40	Transdev
460	Caroline Springs Station	Watergardens Station	20	20	30	Kastoria
461	Caroline Springs TC	Watergardens Station	30	40	40	CDC
462	Caroline Springs South	Watergardens Station	30	60	60	Kastoria
476	Fraser Rise	Moonee Ponds	20	30	40	Kastoria
Prison Precinct						
400	Sunshine Station	Laverton Station	20	40	40	CDC
Night Bus						
943	Melton Station	Watergardens	2 services	3 services		Dysons

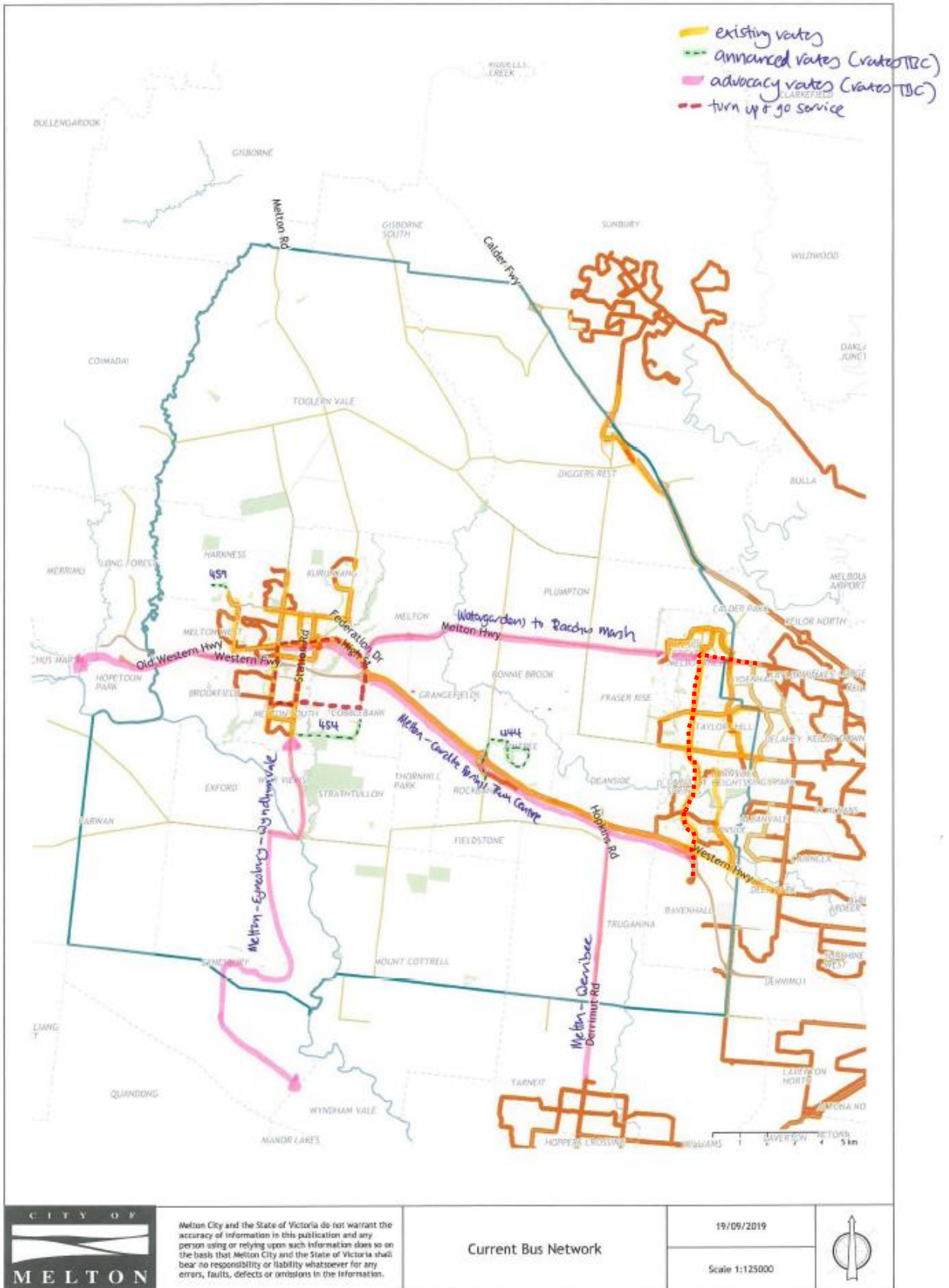
^ - every second bus on route 456 provides service to Rockbank Township (Westcott Parade)

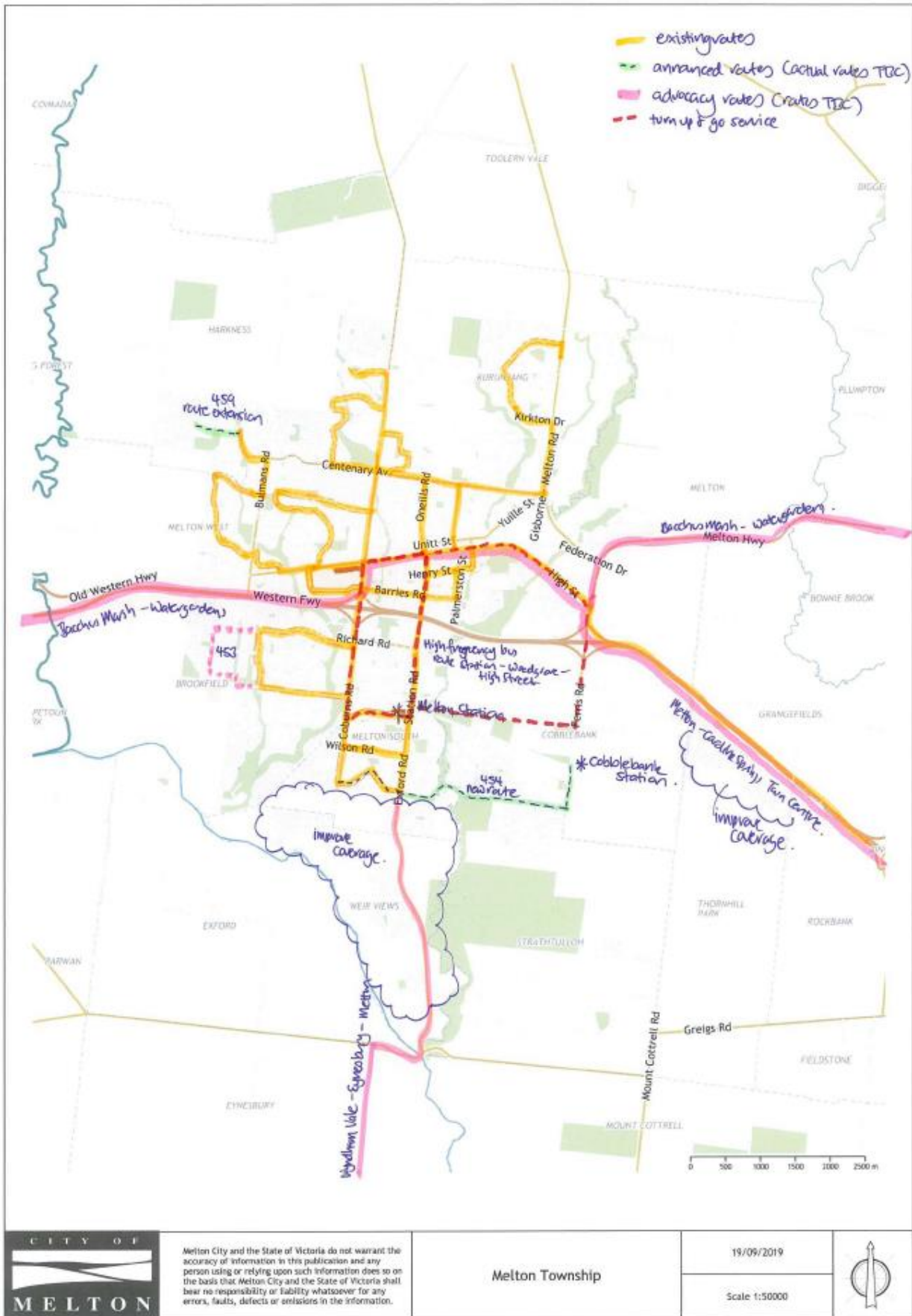
Legend

	Very poor service (More than a 30 minute wait for a bus)
	Poor service (30 minute wait for a bus)
	Okay service (less than 30 minute wait for a bus)

Best practice is considered to be main road buses (that have direct routes) run every 10 minutes, and a 20 minute frequency adopted for buses with indirect routes.

Attachment 2





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