## *Minutes*

***City of Yarra Bicycle Advisory Committee***

22 August 2018

Collingwood Town Hall, 6.30–8.00pm

Wurundjeri Room

Attendees: Cr Fristacky (Chair), Cr McEvoy, Peter Eckersley, Simon Exon. Uyen Tran, Troy Parsons, Alyson Macdonald, Marcus Coghlan, Richard Young, Tom Taylor

Apologies: Chris Star, Bruce Echberg, Michael Bond, Steve Barnett, Jeremy Lawrence

1. **Welcome to Country**
2. **Canning/Richardson Intersection**
* Community consultation began last week with letter box drops in Carlton North and on Yarra’s social media. Consultation runs until the end of September 2018.
* A grant application for blackspot funding will be made before the end of 2018
* Detailed design and delivery is expected to be in 2019/20
* There may be implications in the process due to the upcoming Carlton North LAPM and City West Water works on Canning Street
* A drop-in session for community members will be held on the corner of Canning/Richardson 4-6pm on Wednesday the 5th of September
* The [new Moray Street roundabout](https://metrotunnel.vic.gov.au/about-the-project/news/moray-street-roundabout) was highlighted as an example of a protected roundabout

ACTION: BAC members will meet at 9am on Wednesday the 5th of September on the corner of Dorcas and Moray Streets in South Melbourne to discuss the new protected roundabout

1. **Coppin Street/Safe Schools**
* A [council resolution](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ceckerslp%5CDownloads%5C20180703%20Ordinary%20Council%20Minutes.pdf) was made by councillors on July 3rd to collect key data and information on Coppin Street and to organise an on-site visit with Melba Ward councillors

ACTIONS:

* BAC sub-committee to contact Councillor Support Unit to request an on-site visit with Melba Ward councillors
* Julian W from Strategic Transport will meet with Richmond High School to discuss safe route options
* Council officers to gather key data and information on Coppin Street as per resolution
1. **BAC revision**

Ideas to revise BAC and ensure it is more effective and less frustrating for its members included:

During the meeting

* Stop rambling
* Rigorous meeting procedure
* Strong chairing
* Note which items on the agenda are for information only and limit discussion on these
* Review checklists at the beginning of meeting

Between meetings

* Minutes distributed within 48 hours
* Distribute agenda and reading materials well in advance to allow time for people to read and prepare responses for meeting
* Agenda to have time allocations
* Minutes to have action column, including timeline and person responsible
* Sub-committees and working groups to progress items between meetings
* Close the feedback loop. When feedback is given to Council and officers, ensure BAC are later told what happened with their feedback.
* A way for channelling ideas that are initially met with a ‘no’ so that the ‘energy’ and momentum is not lost
* A running ‘bike rack’ table of ideas raised in BAC and reasons why they are stalled

Strategic

* Ensuring BAC is as effective as possible
* Dealing with issues that really matter
* Asking what we can do to really make a difference for cycling in Yarra
* Work out what we want to focus on and ensure our agenda is built around those items
* BAC has lost its way in the last few years and wandered away from its terms of reference. There have been some great high-level policies raised but not addressing the practical bike infrastructure projects. This may be because there has not been a lot of bike infrastructure projects for BAC to provide feedback on.

Officers noted

* It is useful to have input into projects that are actually happening
* It is useful to have specific matters raised
* It is useful to have BAC advocating to Council on projects, resources etc

Restructure idea

* Establish a broader ‘Sustainable Transport Advisory Committee’ with a BAC consultation ‘working group’. Note there was no strong support for this idea.
1. **Walmer Street Bridge campaign**
* A [successful rally](http://www.yarrabug.org/2018/08/07/walmer-street-bridge-coalition-work-begins-walmer-street-bridge-richmond/) was held on the 4th of August which resulted in the [State Government committing $200k](https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/funding-for-200000-walmer-st-bridge-scoping-study/) to the scoping study of a new bridge
1. **Car Share Policy**
* The policy was presented to Council on August 7th 2018 but the decision was deferred
* A 4-week community consultation will begin shortly in September/October

ACTION: Peter E will send BAC member a link to the community feedback forum on the policy and associated material once it is made available.

1. **Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy**
* Positive response to the draft strategy was given by BAC members
* Yarra has an strategic transport statement which can be found here.
* Work has recently been done on the transport policy and spatial transport planning specifically in planning scheme. Producing a new ITP is a major undertaking and will need a significant budget allocation. There are currently no funding or resources to develop a new strategy.
* It was noted that policies alone do not result in action on the ground on this basis its important to understand the driver for a new ITP and what specifically it will achieve over and above existing policy documents.

ACTION: BAC members to consider if – *there is any benefit to people cycling in Yarra if we adopt or borrow from the* [*Moreland ITS*](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/globalassets/areas/transport/draft-mits.pdf) *or their draft parking strategy?*

1. **Bike lane maintenance**
* Concerns were raised about the lack of quality control by council officers regarding reinstatement of on-road cycling infrastructure by contractors
* A bike box on Balmain Street Cremorne was given as an example

ACTION: BAC members to report issues related to construction via Access Yarra

1. **Council Budget 2018/19**
* $700k for Wellington Street Stage 2 pending planning permit and council resolution
* $100k for Traffic Spot Safety to be shared with the traffic team
* No specific budget for cycling infrastructure or bike parking
* A mid-year review of budget could rectify lack of funding
* Other bike projects are under way with the State Government through the North East Link Authority, Preston to CBD, TAC, Walmer Street Bridge
* Memorandum of understanding has been signed with NELA
1. **Bike-Train-Bike initiative**
* The European Union is currently implementing its 3-year [Bi-Ti-Bi initiative](http://www.bitibi.eu/dox/BiTiBi_Booklet_WEB_Feb2017.pdf)

**Next BAC meeting: 6.30pm Wednesday the 17th of October in the Wurundjeri Room at Collingwood Town Hall**