## *Minutes*

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

19 February 2020 6.30–8.00pm

Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall

1. **Welcome to Country**
2. **Attendees**

Cr Fristacky (Chair), Peter Eckersley, Simon Exon, Marcus Coghlan, Troy Parsons, Michael Bond, Nick Mahony, Aaron Green, Ed Crossland, Jonathan Nolan

Apologies: Cr Searle, Bruce Echberg, Jeremy Lawrence, Alyson Macdonald

1. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None.

1. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Adopted.

1. **Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

* Carlton North LAPM is currently being revised. There will be an update to BAC at the next meeting in April.
* An update on Coppin Street will be provided in the second half of 2020.

1. **External Presentations**

None.

1. **Old Business**

7.1 Elizabeth Street Pilot Trial

* PE provided an update on the pilot trial including its rationale, approach and estimated cost. The project is intended to begin in May this year.
* Cr Fristacky added that the approach is similar to Vancouver and has been successful in other North American cities.
* SE explained the community consultation will take part during the trial and will be comprehensive.

7.2 Gipps Street

* PE advised that the Gipps/Hoddle intersection upgrade will be put on hold until the end of 2021 because of a large development currently underway at 71-93 Gipps Street.
* The Gipps/Wellington intersection will be upgraded (pending DoT approval) in the coming months with a new section of protected bike lane for westbound cyclists on Gipps and a hook-turn box for right-turners from Wellington.
* Questions were asked about the swept paths of cyclists and large vehicles, and the possibility of pushing the right-turn traffic lane on Gipps Street further back which is not possible.

7.3 Brunswick Street Streetscape Masterplan

* The draft Masterplan is currently out for a second round of community consultation. Feedback can be made on [Your Say Yarra](https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/brunswickstreetmasterplan).

7.4 Walmer Street Bridge

* SE provided an update on the status of the proposed new bridge. There is currently an application being considered by Heritage Victoria for the existing bridge to have heritage status. While the application is being considered, some temporary new ramps are being proposed by the developers Salta to join the new Walmer Plaza with the bridge but there are a number of constraints.
* If the heritage status is upheld, a new bridge will be needed nearby.

7.5 Integrated Transport Policy

* SE advised that a budget has been allocated for a new ITP and its scope will be considered over the next 18 months. The Climate Emergency Plan that is currently being developed will support better transport outcomes. A new bike strategy will be developed following the goals and objectives outlined in the new ITP.
* EC commented that City of Melbourne and Moreland’s new ITPs had different scopes and some community members were confused about how they would be impacted on. SE confirmed that the new Yarra ITP will not have a high level of detail but contain broader visions and guidelines.
* It was noted that a new Active Transport Advisory Committee terms of reference is being developed by the Governance team and a report will go up to Council soon.

7.6 IMAP Bike Modelling

* A report has been developed by the Institute of Sensible Transport to forecast and model cycling in the inner city of Melbourne to make the case for better bike infrastructure, and ie. improved safety and less crashes. The target audience for the report is State Government agencies, state and local politicians, and the general public.

7.7 JUMP Bike

* Cr Fristacky advised that a MOU has been signed between City of Yarra, Melbourne and Port Phillip to launch a new e-bike sharing scheme for a 12-month period in early March. The initial release will be 400 bikes but more will be released incrementally. The media has previously been critical of such schemes but appears to be more enthusiastic this time.
* It was noted that lessons have been learnt from the Obike failure and higher community acceptance is likely with Jump. In particular, bike parking will be monitored and its use will be better regulated.
* Cr Fristacky added that she has been advocating to the Department of Transport for more bike parking at train stations to encourage bike-train-bike trips. A new high-capacity bike corral prototype has been developed by Monash University School of Design in partnership with DoT and is being rolled out in some outer Melbourne train stations.
* Jump has partnered with the social enterprise Good Cycles who will be responsible for servicing the bikes and replacing batteries

1. **New Business**

8.1 Child Cycling Participation Rates

* Cr Fristacky commented that she attended the AGM of the organisation WeRide Australia on January 30 in which the CEO made a presentation on the decrease in sales over the last 4 years for children’s bicycles.
* It was noted that there is a need to collect data and better understand child cycling participation rates in Yarra. The ABS Table Builder is a useful tool to use. PE added that a key part of a new bike strategy would be focused on increasing journey-to-school rates.

8.2 Freestyle Cyclists protest ride

* The next national protest ride against mandatory helmet laws will be held on March 14. More details about the event can be found on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/events/168499017764106/).

8.3 Super Tuesday Counts

* MB added that the counts will take place on Tuesday March 3 7-9am. Bicycle Network is still looking for volunteers to count some sites in Yarra if BAC members are available.

1. **Items for Next Meeting**

* Carlton North LAPM
* Bike Spot
* Elizabeth Street Pilot Trial
* Bennett Street Priority Crossing

ACTION: TP will organise a bike ride before the next meeting to visit the new cycling infrastructure in Fitzroy North.

1. **Next Meeting: 6.30pm Wednesday April 15 in the Wurundjeri Room at Collingwood Town Hall**