

At Council meetings, questions from the public and from Councillors are sometimes taken 'on notice', meaning that an answer cannot be provided at the meeting itself. When an answer is available, it is provided direct to the questioner, and is also published here.

As well as the full response, the text below includes a summary of the question and the answer provided at the meeting. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time and Councillor Questions Without Notice) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

Response to question from Cr Stone

Question

Question from resident Keith Fitzgerald who has asked how council can help facilitate increased car share and car-pooling along the Eastern Freeway to reduce demand and future pressure on freeway expansion.

What opportunities are there to influence car share or car-pooling and will this be considered in the Integrated Transport Strategy?

Response at the meeting

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that Council are certainly seeking to promote car share within the municipality and you have received an adopted policy and coming back to you with an implementation plan on that but the question that has been put really relates to car share towards Yarra or away from Yarra and into Yarra. There would be advocacy as part of that and that could be, also aspects of a potential fee structures with North East Link so there would need to be some thinking on that and limited ways that Council could seek to influence probably indirectly rather than direct. Happy to take it on notice and speak with staff and that could be a consideration as part of the thinking of integrated transport strategy.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available

Response to question from Cr Jolly

Question

Residents in east Clifton Hill have requested I ask a question in relation to the traffic lights on the intersection on Hoddle Street and Roseneath Street. If you're a pedestrian or even a cyclist it can sometimes take 10 minutes to cross due to the lack of synchronicity between the railway and the traffic lights.

If Council, either through the Mayor's office or relevant Director can lobby with PTV and VicRoads to look at a better syncretisation between the traffic lights and the boom gates so that pedestrians have priority on Hoddle Street and using smart traffic signals?

Response at the meeting

The Director Planning and Place making took the question on notice and advised that a letter could be sent as part of the active transport advocacy and promotion.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available

Response to question from Cr Fristacky

Question

A resident that undertakes neighbourly rides and advertises those with a little pull-off sleeve around various posts in Yarra. He has been approached by Council with a caution because of by-laws about attaching advertising material to posts, he pays a lot of money for those and he does support sustainable transport and teaching people how to cycle.

What scope is there to deal with the situation in terms of advertising those neighbourly rides to assist people to learn and get confidence on bicycles so that we can increase the cycle mode share which is part of our transport strategy?

Response at the meeting

The Director Corporate Business and Finance took the question on notice.

Subsequent response

Council officers have spoken with the resident concerned. Rules and regulations restricting posting of bills and advertising have been explained to the resident.

Response to question from Cr Fristacky

Question

Can Councillors be provided with an update on the Lygon Street Flat, in terms of if it is offered as affordable housing or any other option?

Response at the meeting

The Group Manager Chief Executive's Office took the question on notice.

Subsequent response

Response not yet available