

Minutes

City of Yarra Active Transport Advisory Committee

6 December 2021 7.30–9.00pm

Virtual Meeting

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Attendees:

Name	Role	Initials for minutes
Cr Herschel Landes (Chair)	Councillor, City of Yarra	HL
Peter Eckersley	Senior Active Transport Project Officer, City of Yarra	PE
Philip Mallis (Minutes)	Principal Strategic Transport Planner, City of Yarra	PM
Alyson Macdonald	Community Member	AM
Chris Star	Community Member	CS
David Cheng	Community Member	DC
Ella Sutton	Community Member	ES
Karen Hovenga	Community Member	KH
Michael Oxer	Community Member	MO
Troy Parsons	Community Member	TP
Vaughn Allan	Community Member	VA

1. Welcome to Country

2. Attendees and Apologies

- Members introduced themselves and things they would like to see changed

PM and KH joined the meeting at 7:35pm.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- None declared

4. Terms of Reference

- PE briefly outlined the Terms of Reference for the Committee
- PE briefly proposed operation of Committee – notification of meetings and member terms of two or four years
- Discussion about timing of committee meetings and potential options for additional interactions – e.g. site visits
- Agreement that where possible, plans and other materials to be circulated to members before the meeting

5. Member Presentations

- AM: presentation on international and domestic examples of good design and designs that need improving. Data and information are valuable for good implementation. Opportunities in Yarra for strategic policy and projects.

- CS: presentation on Yarra Bicycle Users Group and YarraBUG radio and the role of both in the Yarra and broader community. Strategic network planning – e.g. Principal Bicycle Network and Strategic Cycling Corridors – and ongoing issues and gaps such as east-west routes and links into neighbouring areas.
- DC: presentation on personal background and issues around walking and cycling. Health benefits of walking and riding bikes. Changes during the COVID-19 Pandemic, outdoor dining as one of these in Yarra. Issues around bicycle parking, e.g. incorporating electric bikes, scooters, etc. Lighting and perception of safety at night. Gertrude Street raised as a particular safety issue.
- ES: presentation on making walking and cycling safe, easy, comfortable and make people feel welcome. Different ideas to achieve this – e.g. ‘green wave’ for traffic signals, places to rest, behaviour change campaigns.
- KH: presentation on bike issues and opportunities in Yarra. Signage and wayfinding important to help people find quiet streets and safe routes. Opportunities in Richmond for improvements to help more people walk and ride – e.g. North Richmond Housing Estate access, Highett Street, Palmer/Burnley St, better bicycle parking. Dooring zones a high risk in many places.
- MO: presentation on bike issues and opportunities in Yarra. Some key areas of focus: safe and encouraging environments around schools, safe and easy walking/cycling access near aged care precincts, clear wayfinding ‘on the ground’ and maps of Yarra’s bicycle networks, improving safety at intersections, transitions between local government boundaries.
- TP: presentation on personal background and key issues around walking and cycling in Yarra. How cycling fits into creating better cities that are less car oriented. Not enough space for safe walking/cycling, space allocation needs reform. Opportunities for modal filters using cheap and easy interventions such as bollards. Need for positive communications and ‘selling’ active travel.
- VA: presentation on potential solutions to cycling issues. Bike hangers as secure bike storage for people without space in their homes – e.g. apartments in Yarra. Intersection safety upgrades that also improve walkability. Shared streets as opportunities. Speed limit reductions. How projects are funded and implemented is a key question to consider.

6. Old Business

6.1 Elizabeth Street and Park Street Pilot Trials (PE – 5 mins)

- PE provided an update on Elizabeth Street Pilot Trial. Was deferred by Council to 7 December 2021 Council meeting.
- PE provided an update on Park Street Pilot, which was approved by Council for an extension of the trial.

6.2 Farm Link Road Alphington (PM – 5 mins)

- PM provided an update on the Farm Road connection. Council currently working with VicRoads on the design. Community engagement coming early 2022.

7. New Business

7.1 Trennery Crescent Road Safety Study (PE – 5 mins)

- PE provided an update on Road Safety Studies and the new process. Trennery Crescent as the current Study. Shared the website to show how it operates. Consultation closes on Friday 10 December. URL here: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/trennerycrescent>

8. Items for Next Meeting

- MO asked if it would be possible to obtain email addresses for other Committee members. PE will share email addresses, but if members are not comfortable, please email PE this week.
- CS asked if an acknowledgement could be made for previous members of previous committee members. [The Committee acknowledged and thanked previous members for their extensive service and contributions.](#)

- TP suggested a ride/walk around with other members. **Committee members to send ideas for rides to PM. PM will organise and coordinate a ride for those who wish to join.** Ideas included looking at new bike lanes at Napier Street and the DoT pop-up bike lanes at other locations.
- PE: minutes for this meeting will be circulated to Committee members before the end of this week.

9. Next Meeting: 16 February 2022 (TBC)

- PE: next meeting date to be confirmed with councillor diaries. Meetings to be held in the future generally every three months on a Wednesday.
- Any items for the next meeting to be sent to PM.

Meeting closed: 09:12PM