

Minutes

City of Yarra Active Transport Advisory Committee

12 October 2022 6.30–8.00pm

Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall

Decisions are recorded in blue text

Actions are recorded in green text

1. Acknowledgement of Country (1 min)

HL conducted the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Attendees and Apologies (1 min)

Apology received from Cr de Vietri.

Ella Sutton is now an employee at the City of Yarra and has had to resign from ATAC under Council's Committees Policy.

Attendees

Name	Role	Initials for minutes
Cr Herschel Landes (Chair)	Councillor, City of Yarra	HL
Philip Mallis (Minutes)	Unit Manager Strategic Transport (Acting), City of Yarra	PM
Peter Eckersley	Senior Active Transport Projects Officer, City of Yarra	PE
Yee Huynh	Senior Sustainable Transport Officer, City of Yarra	YH
Alyson Macdonald	Community Member	AM
David Cheng	Community Member	DC
Karen Hovenga	Community Member	KH
Michael Oxe	Community Member	MO
Troy Parsons	Community Member	TP
Vaughan Allan	Community Member	VA
Lara Nickless	Lime (Guest)	LN
Hugo Burt-Morris	Lime (Guest)	HBM
Yusuf Abdulahi	Neuron (Guest)	YA

- Ella Sutton – has had to resign position due to employment at Council

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest (1 min)

None declared.

4. Old Business (30 mins)

6.1 Gipps Street Ramp launch

PM provided update. Parks Victoria have gone to tender for the new Gipps Street ramp. Works to begin later this year. CoY will work with Parks Victoria on confirming details and organising a launch event in cooperation with interested community members and groups. **To remove from future agenda.**

6.2 Walmer St Bridge possible second bridge

PM provided update. Potential for second bridge alongside existing heritage bridge or future realignment of Main Yarra Trail at CUB site. **To remove from future agenda.**

6.3 Yarra Transport Strategy

PM provided update. Now adopted by Council with added targets. **To remove from future agenda.**

6.4 Planning Scheme bicycle parking requirements

PM provided update. Revisions to the current tools are in the works, including improved provisions for transport and bicycle parking.

Committee discussion on this item:

- Design standard would be a better outcome than BESS
- Current standards are outdated
- Wheels of ebikes are too thick to fit into vertical/horizontal bike parking setups
- Spacing between hoops – ensure there is room for bikes/cargo bikes
- Consideration of moped/scooter/motorbike parking in BESS

PM to check if and how feedback can be provided on BESS update.

6.5 Trennery Crescent footpath outside AEU building

PM provided update. The footpath is path of the Road Safety Study for Clifton Hill & North Abbotsford and is noted in the designs as a location that needs improvement.

Committee discussion on this item:

- Land acquisition should be explored by Council
- General discussion about issues on Trennery Crescent, street closures and Council's community engagement process improvements so that better outcomes can be achieved (e.g. utilising tools such as artist's impressions, 'in person' consultation, AR (alternative reality) and models to better communicate and discuss proposals)

6.6 20 Minute Neighbourhoods implementation in Yarra

Update to be provided at next meeting.

6.7 Impacts on transport related to COVID-19 Pandemic

Update to be provided at next meeting.

5. eScooters and eBikes Presentation (40 mins)

5.1 Presentations from Lime and Neuron

PM to circulate link to public scooter/ebike data portal and Transport for London construction management handbook.

Public Ride Report scooter and ebike data portal:

<https://public.ridereport.com/melbourne>

Construction management / temporal disruptions – [Temporary traffic management handbook - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](#)

5.2 Discussion (20 mins)

- Question about people parking scooters on narrow footpaths and if they could be parked on the road instead. Response that geofencing can be implemented to prevent this, e.g. around Richmond. Requests can be sent to scooter companies.
- Question about installing designated scooter parking areas. Response that this can be done with both 'virtual' and physical designated areas, which are being developed now.

- Question if key routes are emerging from user patterns and if they need to be better developed with infrastructure to support usage. Response that these are normally on key bike routes and better infrastructure would assist.
- Question if data collected on footpath riding could be used to show where road infrastructure is inadequate/unsafe and plan future improvements. Response that accuracy is improving so could in theory be possible, would need to work with Council & State Government.
- Question about how designated parking areas will be created. Response that operators and councils will work on finding locations, but virtual locations will be done first as they are easier to implement and change as needed.
- Question about how much growth in usage is anticipated over summer. Response that there has been a gradual increase as weather improves, both operators expecting significant uplift in usage during summer and school holidays.
- Question if route development and wayfinding is of interest to help people find good routes. Response that this would be of use.

General committee discussion about better road surfaces, improved construction management for disruptions to people walking/cycling and route development/wayfinding for active transport.

6. New Business (15 mins)

6.1 Update on current and upcoming active transport capital projects (PE – 10 mins)

Intersection upgrades

- Gipps Street (nearing completion)
- Brunswick/Victoria Pde
- Wellington/Johnston
- Balmain/Cotter/Church

Pilot trials

- Nicholson/Victoria
- Coppin Street

Other bicycle projects

- Somerset/Davison
- Madden Grove contraflow

- Griffiths Street contraflow
- Moor and Easey Streets
- Dean/Barkly

Suggestions from committee members:

- Review Lord St signage and linemarking
- Investigate more bike parking outside Rose Hotel in Fitzroy and Regent Hotel

6.2 State election transport advocacy (PM – 5 mins)

PM to circulate election advocacy statement

7. Items for Next Meeting (5 mins)

- Inclusion of bikes/peds in construction management plan and implementation
 - can bikes be considered more?

8. Other Business (5 mins)

8.1 Next ATAC meeting / Christmas breakup

PM to circulate Doodle poll to determine date.

8.2 General items for follow up

Items from committee members:

- Hoddle St near Ray Street, there's a large yellow construction sign from completed roadworks that should be removed.
- Large pothole in Gipps St outside the hotel and Masonic Hall that should be repaired.
- Next Critical Mass ride is 18 November, also a Kidical Mass Ride 10am on 16 October.
- Bicycle Network has a new CEO.

9. Next Meeting: TBC (Feb 2023)

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.