

Minutes

City of Yarra Active Transport Advisory Committee

8 March 2022 6.30–8.00pm

Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall

1. Acknowledgement of Country (1 min)

- HL delivered the acknowledgement

2. Attendees and Apologies (1 min)

- Committee welcomed Cr Wade to the committee
- Apology received for Vaughan Allan (VA)
- Members introduced themselves

Attendees

Name	Role	Initials for minutes
Cr Herschel Landes (Chair)	Councillor, City of Yarra	HL
Cr Sophie Wade	Councillor, City of Yarra	SW
Philip Mallis (Minutes)	Principal Strategic Transport Planner, City of Yarra	PM
Peter Eckersley	Senior Active Transport Projects Officer, City of Yarra	PE
Alyson Macdonald	Community Member	AM
Karen Hovenga	Community Member	KH
Michael Oxer	Community Member	MO
Troy Parsons	Community Member	TP
Chris Star	Community Member	CS

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest (1 min)

- None to declare

4. Old Business (20 mins)

6.1 Planning Scheme bicycle parking requirements

PM provided update. Updates to the Yarra Planning Scheme are coming through future BESS updates.

Committee discussion on current planning applications and Merri-bek City Council installing 100 bike hoops per year. **PM to circulate link to requesting bike parking, item to remove from future agenda.**

6.2 Trennery Crescent footpath outside AEU building

No update. **Item to be removed from future agenda.**

6.3 20 Minute Neighbourhoods implementation in Yarra

PM provided update. Work being done now to prioritise projects and works from the Yarra Transport Strategy and creating 20 Minute Neighbourhoods forms part of how this is done.

Committee discussion on how Yarra coordinates with other councils, particularly City of Melbourne, and how Yarra is already made up of 20 Minute Neighbourhoods but just need transport links for them to work. **Item to be removed from future agenda.**

6.4 Impacts on transport related to COVID-19 Pandemic

Presentation being done tonight

6.5 Inclusion of bicycles and pedestrians in construction management plans

PM provided update on Gipps St Ramp and Walmer Street Bridge detour routes and the improved internal Council processes.

Committee discussion on pedestrian and cyclist inclusion in Construction Management Plans (CPMs) and construction sites in general. Specific issue in Cremorne on Balmain Street with a large sign blocking footpath at a construction site 'end roadworks' sign, narrow footpaths closed, no safe crossings, cars prioritised and people with a disability. Remediation post-construction, on Wellington Street – south-eastern bike lane, poor/dangerous surface (especially near Langridge) **PM to talk to relevant Council teams.**

6.6 Update on Gipps Street steps

PM provided update. Construction commencing imminently, to be completed early 2024 according to Parks Victoria.

5. Impacts on transport related to COVID-19 Pandemic (40 mins)

5.1 Presentation (PM - 20 mins)

PM presented on how the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed travel patterns around Melbourne and Yarra.

Committee discussion on weekday vs weekend traffic, increase in car ownership during pandemic, traffic volumes and mode share. **PM to circulate slides to Committee members.**

6. New Business (15 mins)

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

Completed:

- Wellington St/Gipps St Intersection Upgrade
- Hoddle St/Gipps St Intersection Upgrade
- Madden Grove contraflow bike lane
- Lord Street contraflow bike lane
- Lambert Street contraflow bike lane
- Griffiths Street contraflow bike lane

Committee discussion that there is no longer a left turn arrow for bikes turning left from Wellington Street into Gipps Street after signal upgrade. **PE to follow up.**

Planned:

- Balmain/Cotter/Church St Upgrade
- Wellington/Johnston St North Upgrade
- Brunswick St/Victoria Pde Upgrade
- Capital City Trail St Georges Road Crossing Upgrade
- Formalised pilot trials are awaiting DTP approval
- Moor St/Brunswick St Bike Corral
- Easy St/Smith St Bike Corral
- Cremorne St Zebra Crossing
- Scotchmer Street Priority Crossing Upgrade
- Lennox St/Swan St Upgrade

State election transport advocacy (PM – 5 mins)

Nothing to report. **To be removed from future agenda.**

7. Items for Next Meeting (5 mins)

- Update on Walmer Street Bridge construction
- Transport issues on Lennox Street between Highett Street and Elizabeth Street. Includes resident requests for pedestrianisation, issues with existing narrow

footpaths, hostile transport environment, continuation of east-west pathway onto Ripley Street, and continuation of contraflows in the area. There may be some opportunity to collaborate with North Richmond Precinct and Homes Victoria.

- Church Street has a 60km/h speed zone. **PM to follow up if there are any plans to change.**

8. Other Business (5 mins)

8.1 Next ATAC meeting

Scheduled presentation on Linear Park Masterplan from Urban Design Team.

8.2 Walking Tour of Yarra

TP interested in possibly organising a walking tour of parts of Yarra. If people are interested, contact TP. Particularly interested in intersections, kerb ramps, etc.

8.3 Next meeting date discussion

PM to send around a poll to see if Monday is a workable date. Can't be last Monday of the month. Avoid Council meeting dates.

8.4 New linemarking outside Richmond Station

PE provided an update. The existing ramp has had its linemarking redone in response to people falling over the kerb which was previously difficult to see, as it was previously unclear what it was for.

8.5 Responsibility for vegetation trimming on shared paths for sightlines and clearance.

PE provided an update. Council arborists and staff check shared paths twice a year to trim vegetation. Any issues can be reported to Council.

8.6 Freestyle Cyclists Ride is happening through Yarra on Sunday 19 March 2023 at 11am – details contact TP. TP to circulate information.

9. Next Meeting: TBC