

Minutes

City of Yarra Active Transport Advisory Committee

16 August 2023 6.15–7:45pm

Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall; Online

Attendees: Cr Herschel Landes (HL), Cr Sophie Wade (Chair) (SW), Peter Eckersley (PE), Philip Mallis (PM) (Minutes), Michael Oxer (MO), Chris Star (CS), Karen Hovenga (KH), Troy Parsons (TP), Alyson Macdonald (AM), David Cheng (DC)

Apologies: Vaughan Allan

1. Acknowledgement of Country (1 min)

- SW conducted Acknowledgement of Country

2. Attendees and Apologies (3 min)

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest (1 min)

- None declared

4. New Business (20 mins)

4.1 Road Safety Parliamentary Inquiry (CS)

- Several committee members attended Road Safety Parliamentary Enquiry.
- Topics raised included speed limit reductions, shared zones and poor processes for State Government approvals and standards.
- Discussion on its relationship to previous committees and likely impacts.
- **SW to circulate resource links from the hearings to ATAC members.**

4.2 Wellington Street Stages 3 and 4 Study (PM)

- Funding in the 2023/24 Council Budget to commence project planning, design and initial engagement in this Financial Year.
- A multi-year project, further detailed work will come in future years.

4.3 Tram Stops Upgrades (PM)

- Route 86 tram stop upgrades project on Smith-Gertrude Streets led by State Government, they have funding for early design and planning.
- Council preparing for project by conducting investigative work and potential integration with Council's policies and strategies – both Smith Street and Gertrude Street are Council roads.

4.4 Adolph Street Contraflow Bike Lane (PE)

- Possible project for future years to formalise existing contraflow arrangement on Adolph Street in Cremorne.
- Part of continuing upgrades on East-West New Deal for Cycling route running parallel to railway.

4.5 St Georges Road 40km/h speed limit (PM)

- Following many years of community and Council advocacy, State Government have agreed to lower the speed limit on St Georges Road from 60km/h to 40km/h during most hours of the day.
- Discussion on poor State Government process where action mostly takes place only after serious crash or fatality.
- Discussion on potential to 'package' speed limit reduction requests on arterial roads. **PM to circulate details of speed limits on arterial roads in Yarra.**

5. Old Business (30 mins)

5.1 Intersection Upgrade Pilots Feedback (PE)

- Your Say Yarra webpage live (<https://yoursayyarra.com.au/cyclingsafer>) and Council continues to receive mostly positive community feedback on Nicholson Street and Coppin Street pilots.
- Some complaints and suggestions for improvements that are being considered.
- Discussion on measurements and data collection. Data has been collected prior to the projects and is being collected following installation. This and community feedback will inform any final designs.

5.2 Other Recent Projects (PE)

- The Dean/Barkly intersection in Fitzroy North outside Deutsche Primary School was recently upgraded to a Modified-T to improve traffic calming, pedestrian safety and stormwater drainage.
- A new raised zebra crossing with flashing lights and WSUD garden beds will be constructed this September on Cremorne Street in Cremorne to improve pedestrian safety and amenity.

5.3 Construction Management Plans (PM)

- Discussion on how Traffic Management Plans are reviewed and checked within Council. Major disruptions and detours are reviewed by Strategic Transport. Some developments are outside of Council jurisdiction and enforcement.

- Discussion on requirements for keeping footpaths and bike lanes clear of signage – e.g. Gipps Street Ramp. **TP to send Gipps Street issue to PM.**

5.4 Gipps Street Ramp Update (PM)

- Parks Victoria progressing with construction of new ramp to replace steps. Scheduled completion in mid-2024, Collins Bridge will remain open.

5.5 Walmer Bridge Update (PM)

- Salta progressing with construction of the southern end of the Walmer Street Bridge. Expected completion by February 2024.
- Discussion on issues with coordination of detour routes, communications and on-ground signage – particularly online information in multiple places. **PM to follow up.**

5.6 Church Street 60 km/h speed limit (PM)

- Potential for speed limit reduction request on remaining 60km/h section.
- Discussion on integrating with other speed limit reduction requests as per previous topics.

6. Roundtable Discussion and Q&A (20 mins)

- Discussion about school drop-off/pick-up area at Richmond West Primary School regarding proposal to create a shared zone on Vere Street. Other improvements to the Richmond North Housing Estate are being considered and will be funded by Homes Victoria.
- Discussion about alternative names to 'bike lane' that is inclusive of micromobility modes

7. ATAC membership EOI (5 mins)

- As per the Terms of Reference, half of the members' current two year terms will expire in 2023.
- There will be an Expressions of Interest and selection process commencing shortly, similar to the previous process. All interested people will be invited to apply and selected based on the Terms of Reference and Council policy.
- **PE to confirm membership tenures of committee members.**

8. Items for Next Meeting (5 mins)

- Smart Poles in Cremorne recently installed on footpaths. PM advised that this was a State Government project and that Council has requested that the 'smart pole' be removed as it is blocking the footpath.
- Signage for local shimmy routes
- Update on New Deal for Schools work

- Rumble strips for bike lanes

9. Next Meeting: 29 November 2023 (TBC)

Meeting closed at 7:48pm.