

Minutes

Transport Advisory Committee



Date	1 June 2026
Time	6pm-8pm (Started at 1809)
Location	Meeting Room 1, Richmond Town Hall, MS Teams
Chair	Cr Ken Gomez
Minute taker	Philip Mallis
Content Manager Reference	

Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

Attendees

Councillor/s	Councillor Ken Gomez (Chair)
Committee members	Michael Oxe, Cameron Roberts, Aaron McDonnell, Matt Douglas (left 1936), Catherine Noone, Glenn Morrison, Alex Lamb, Theresa Saldanha, Anne Sampson (arrived 1818)
Council Officers	Philip Mallis – Acting Unit Manager Strategic Transport
Guests	
Apologies	Simon Exon – Unit Manager Strategic Transport Lee Dowler – Acting Principal Strategic Transport Planner Beck Roy – Senior Active Transport Project Officer

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country Attendance and apologies Minutes from last meeting	<i>Meeting started at 1808 hours, Cr Gomez in the chair</i> No other apologies received.
2.	Declarations of conflicts of interest	No declarations in accordance with Council's <i>Conflict of Interest Policy</i>
7.	Other business	<i>Started: 1811 hours</i> Discussion on Operation of the Transport Advisory Committee was brought forward by agreement. Committee members present wished to discuss the terms of reference and how they currently operate. Discussion that the Committee needs to be more involved in council projects and decisions and have their position heard earlier in the process. The Committee agreed that they do not feel that they had an opportunity to have input into projects and decisions, e.g. Building a Safer Wellington Street. The Committee agreed that meeting discussions should be strategic in nature and include all forms of transport.

		<p>The Committee agreed that members need time to consider matters discussed prior to the meeting itself before being asked to provide feedback on the night.</p> <p>Suggestions to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee can make resolutions to make a position of the committee, some other advisory committees do this. • Agenda to be sent out earlier • Any pre-reading material to be sent out before meetings • Request to prepare and circulate a schedule of future meetings and topics to discuss. <p><u>Actions for officers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standing agenda template to be used for future meetings, including time allocated for general discussion on strategic transport topics. • Draft minutes to be emailed directly to all members after meetings. • Officers to check accessibility requirements for sending material to committee members. • Bring projects from all areas of council earlier in the process to the Committee wherever possible.
3.	Building a Safer Wellington Street	<p><i>Started: 1839 hours</i></p> <p>Officers presented a summary of Council’s resolution.</p> <p>Discussion on whether a separate Committee meeting is required to discuss actions on the project.</p> <p>Discussion on whether Council’s resolution responds to safety issues and community concerns.</p>
4.	Kerbside and Parking Strategy	<p><i>Started: 1850 hours</i></p> <p>Officers presented on the development of the Kerbside & Parking Strategy. The presentation will be circulated to Committee members.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the following points as feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Australia Post vehicles and their use on footpaths • Consideration of event parking management, particularly around the MCG • Use and designation of shared user paths • Consideration of relative space intensity of different uses of the kerbside and of parking • Accessibility requirements • Consideration of the recent changes to the Victorian Planning Scheme changing parking requirements and the need to provide infrastructure for non-car transport options • How the Strategy will interact with accessible tram stops and how street space is allocated in these circumstances • Extension of the Free Tram Zone into Yarra on event days • Discussion on how free public transport has influenced travel behaviour.
5.	Safer Streets for Schools – Princes Hill Primary	<p><i>Started: 1920 hours</i></p>

	School	<p>Officers provided an update on the project near Princes Hill Primary School.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that it was a worthwhile project and was supported.</p> <p>The Committee discussed some of the main concerns raised in community engagement. The Committee agreed that a one-way system in the vicinity would make it simpler to use the streets, thereby making it safer for all.</p>
6.	Other projects	<p><i>Started: 1930 hours</i></p> <p>Officers provided an update and the Committee discussed the following transport projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coppin St / Bridge Rd & Coppin St / Swan St • Intersection upgrades • New Deal for Walking • PT advocacy • New Deal for Schools – Richmond West Primary School • Congestion Levy • Popup bike lanes (State Government) • 2026-27 State Budget <p>Officers confirmed that the design of the Coppin Street / Swan Street intersection upgrade has been modified from the pilot design to respond to identified issues and community feedback. Construction is scheduled for Q1 in the 2026/27 Financial Year.</p> <p><u>Actions for officers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate Council resolution on Coppin Street intersection upgrades • Recirculate previous information provided on the New Deal for Walking
7.	Other business	<p><i>Started: 1945 hours</i></p> <p>The Committee discussed the venue, day and time. The Committee agreed that the current day and time of Monday 6pm – 8pm is to remain. There was no consensus on the venue. Safety and access issues were identified at Collingwood Town Hall, especially after hours with a lack of passive surveillance and lack of lighting. A poll will be sent to all Committee members by email to finalise venue preference. The Committee agreed to continue hybrid in person online until otherwise agreed.</p> <p>The Committee raised an issue with the removal of bicycle parking outside the Richmond Leisure Centre on Gleadell Street in Richmond. Officers responded that the bicycle parking has been moved to the pedestrian crossing nearby due to development of netball courts.</p> <p>The Committee raised an accessibility issue outside 480 Swan Street. A person with a disability regularly uses this space to be dropped off. Due to the lack of a kerb ramp they cannot easily access the footpath. The Committee member will send more information to council officers for investigation.</p> <p><u>Actions for officers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate poll for Committee meeting venue

8.	Close	<i>The meeting closed at 1955</i>
Next scheduled meeting		Location: Richmond Town Hall Date: Monday 3 August 2026 Time: 6-8pm