



MINUTES

Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG)

Held on 11 August 2021 at 6:30 pm on MS Teams

Present:

Councillors

Bob Turner, Councillor
Goran Kesic, Councillor (Deputy Mayor)
Lara Carli, Councillor

Council Staff

Darren Rudd, Manager City Design and Strategy
Matthew Milbourne, Coordinator Toolern Review
Sam Romaszko, Manager Engineering Services
Sean McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy

Community Representatives

Alan Perry
Dominic Peverett
Lawrence Geyer

Chairperson: Cr. Goran Kesic

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Lakhwinder Sidhu, Community Representative
Tania White, Community Representative
Tim Roberts, Community Representative

Non-Attendance

Arnab Tarafder, Community Representative
John Faure, Community Representative
Robyne Jansen, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

There were no declarations of interest, or declarations of a conflict of interest.

*MINUTES***4. General Business****4.1 Update on outgoing community representative – Matthew Milbourne**

Amy Montague has indicated that she can no longer serve on the Transport Community Reference Group.

Matthew to contact community representatives who have missed the last three consecutive meetings to confirm their ability to serve on the Reference Group.

Matthew will contact community representative successors to attend the next meeting.

4.2 Melton Council and Wellbeing Plan – Matthew Milbourne

Matthew provided a presentation on the Melton Council and Wellbeing Plan which is currently out for community comment (**Appendix One**)

4.3 Upcoming Advocacy Campaigns – Sean McManus

Sean provided information on some of Council's upcoming advocacy campaigns.

Council will be running advocacy campaigns in the lead up to the State Government and Federal Government elections in 2022.

Council will be requesting a significant investment in infrastructure in the City of Melton.

4.4 Transport Modes – Matthew Milbourne

Matthew provided a presentation that summarised who is responsible for different components of the transport system (**Appendix Two**)

4.5 Transport Resources

Matthew provided a presentation on some useful transport resources (**Appendix Three**)

4.6 Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 6.30 pm

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

Council Corporate Reporting

Induction Material 2021

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Community Vision 2041

- Recent changes made to the Local Government Act require Councils to prepare community vision statements
- Community vision statements are prepared in consultation with the community
- The community vision helps inform the content of other key Council documents and plans such as:
 - The Council and Wellbeing Plan
 - Financial Plan
 - Asset Plan
- The community vision can be found here - [community vision](#)
- The vision statement in the community vision was prepared by a Community Panel



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Community Vision 2041 (cont.)

Theme 3 – Our well-built City

- Well planned neighbourhoods with linking footpaths, bike lanes and active transport options
- Lots of parks and open spaces in unique local suburbs
- Efficient public transport and a free flowing road network
- Accessible schools, recreation and leisure facilities, a public hospital and health and community services

In 2041, we have easy access to places we need to go in order to work, learn and play.

The City is easy to get around. More people choose to walk, ride or use public transport within our community than ever before. Linking bike lanes, good quality roads and flexible public transport connect us to other suburbs within our City, as well as to other areas and employment precincts in Melbourne. For longer journeys, we enjoy frequent, linking and safe public transport options.

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Council Corporate Reporting

- Under the Local Government Act, 2020, a Council must prepare and adopt a **Council Plan** for a period of at least the next four financial years after a general election.
- Under the Act, Council is also required to prepare a **Strategic Resource Plan**, and a **Budget** for each financial year.

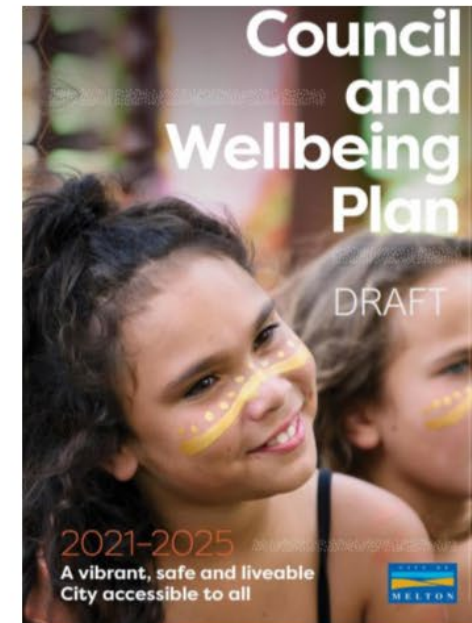


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What is a Council Plan?

- The **Council Plan** is key medium-term strategic plan.
- The **Council Plan** describes the strategic objectives, ways to achieve the objective, indicators for measuring progress and the resources to implement the plan for at least four years.



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What is a Strategic Resource Plan?

- The **Strategic Resource Plan** is a rolling plan of at least four years and forms part of the Council Plan.
- The **Strategic Resource Plan** outlines the resources that council requires to achieve the strategic objectives described in the **Council Plan**.
- It contains financial statements, statements of non-financial resources and other information such as capital works and human resource requirements.



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What is a Budget?

- The **Budget** reflects the first year of the **Strategic Resource Plan**.
- It describes the services, initiatives and major initiatives to be funded, including service performance outcome indicators to help monitor performance.
- The **Budget** contains financial statements and other information including capital works, human resources, grants and rating information.



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Melton Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

- Melton City Council incorporates the [Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan](#) into the [Council Plan](#).
- Council has prepared its draft [Council and Wellbeing Plan](#) for 2021-2025.
- This Plan will underpin the City's policy development, decision making, and community accountability.
- The Plan has included input from the community through a deliberative engagement process.

The draft [Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025](#) has been released for community comment.

Feedback on the Plan closes on Monday 23 August 2021.

The Plan can be viewed here:
www.conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/cwbp

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Theme Three – A fast growing, innovative and well-planned City

	Objective	Strategies
3.1	A City of 20-minute neighbourhoods	<p>3.1.1 Advocate to and work with the State Government and other stakeholders in planning for the City</p> <p>3.1.2 Investigate opportunities to enhance the connectivity and activity of existing urban areas♥</p> <p>3.1.3 Appropriately plan for future development of greenfield land and ensure linkages to existing communities and assets♥</p> <p>3.1.4 Undertake integrated open space planning to ensure all neighbourhoods have access to reserves, parks, gardens, heritage places and natural assets♥</p> <p>3.1.5 Support local place making and buy local initiatives♥</p> <p>3.1.6 Promote the take up of smart technology to connect people, enhance safety and improve liveability</p>

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Theme Three – A fast growing, innovative and well-planned City

	Objective	Strategies
3.4	An integrated transport network that enables people to move around♥	<p>3.4.1 Advocate to the state and federal governments to deliver new and upgraded transport infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing community</p> <p>3.4.2 Improve connectivity between existing and new communities♥</p> <p>3.4.3 Ensure road networks are adequate, safe and contribute to the wellbeing of the community♥</p> <p>3.4.4 Improve accessibility, comfort and connectivity of key active transport routes♥</p> <p>3.4.5 Support the creation of a connected and active community through the design and delivery of safe walking and cycling networks♥</p>

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Highlights from the 2021/22 Council Budget

- Signalisation Projects:
 - Brooklyn Rd and Station Rd, Melton
 - Caroline Springs Blvd and The Crossing
 - Caroline Springs Blvd and Rockbank Middle Rd
 - Greigs Rd and Mt Atkinson Rd, Truganina
 - Hopkins Rd and Neale Rd, Deanside
 - Taylors Rd and Sinclairs Rd (June 2023)
 - Taylors Rd and Plumpton Rd (June 2023)
 - Taylors Rd and Westwood Dve (June 2023)
- Construction of a roundabout at Minns Rd and Harkness Rd
- Duplication of Hume Drive - Calder Park Drive to Gourlay Road, Taylors Hill
- Urbanisation of Bulmans Road – High Street to Centenary Avenue, Melton West
- Extension of Boundary Road from Mount Cottrell Road to Mall Road, Truganina
- Extension of Bridge Road, Cobblebank to service the Melton Hospital

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State Transport System

Minister	Department	Agency or Authority	Role	What they control	Private Transport Operators overseen by PTV or VicRoads		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Minister for Transport Infrastructure Minister for Public Transport Minister for Suburban Rail Loop Minister for Roads and Road Safety Minister for Ports and Freight Minister for Fishing and Boating </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; margin-bottom: 10px;">↓</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Secretary of Department of Transport </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; margin-bottom: 10px;">↓</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Deputy Secretaries</p> Policy and Innovation Network Planning Network Integration Transport Operations Investment and Technology People and Business Services </div>	Department of Transport Planning, managing and coordinating transport into one organisation	Public Transport Victoria	Manages Victoria's train, tram and bus services (including funding, timetabling, fares, ticketing, customer service, service routes) Responsible for safety regulation, funding, coordination of timetables, long term network and strategic planning, and the ticketing system	Bus network Train network Tram network	Kastoria, CDC, Sita, TransDev etc Day to day operation Staff on vehicles Maintenance of vehicles and bus stops Metro Trains Melbourne Day to day operation of train system Staff on vehicles and at stations Maintenance of trains, tracks & stations Yarra Trams Day to day operation of tram system Staff on vehicles Maintenance of trains, tracks & stations		
		V/Line Corporation	Victoria's largest regional public transport provider	Bus network Train network			
		Roads Corporation	Plans, develops and manages the arterial road network and delivers road safety initiatives	Primary Arterial Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diggers Rest Coimada Road • Vineyard Road • Gap Road • Coburns Road (Between Western Fwy & High Street) • High Street (Between Melton Hwy & Coburns Road) • Hopkins Road • Federation Drive • Gisborne Melton Road • Western Freeway • Calder Freeway • Melton Highway 			
		Freight Victoria	Coordinates the delivery of, and reports on actions in Victoria's freight plan	Freight network			
		Taxi Services Commission	Regulator of the Victorian taxi and car hire industry				
		Victorian Ports Corporation	Management of commercial shipping in the Bay, waterside emergency and pollution response				
		Major Transport Infrastructure Authority	Level Crossing Removal Project	Oversees the removal of level crossings in Metropolitan Melbourne, in addition to other rail network upgrades such as new train stations, track duplication and train stabling yards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level Crossing Removals • Mernda Rail Extension • Hurstbridge Rail Duplication 		
			Rail Projects Victoria	Responsible for the delivery of the Melbourne Airport Rail, the Metro Tunnel Project, and the Western Rail Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melbourne Airport Rail • Metro Tunnel Project • Sunbury Line Upgrade • Western Rail Plan 		
			North East Link Project	Oversees the delivery of the North East Link project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Link Project 		
			West Gate Tunnel Project	Responsible for the management of the West Gate Tunnel project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Gate Tunnel Project 		
		Major Road Projects Victoria	Oversees the delivery of major road projects around Metro Melbourne and regional Victoria. Responsible for new roads, road widenings, new bridges and freeway upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacchus Marsh Traffic Upgrade • M80 (Ring Road) Upgrade • Sunbury Road Upgrade • Western Highway Duplication • Western Roads Upgrade in Wyndham 			
		Minister for Suburban Rail Loop		Suburban Rail Loop Project	Responsible for the delivery of the Suburban Rail Loop project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suburban Rail Loop 	
		Treasurer Minister for Public Transport		VicTrack	Owns Victoria's transport land, assets and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail and tram tracks • Stabling yards • Train stations and surrounds • Communications infrastructure 	

Minister	Department	Agency or Authority	Role	What they control	Private Transport Operators overseen by PTV or VicRoads
Minister for Finance Minister for Roads & Road Safety		Transport Accident Commission	Pays for the treatment for people injured in transport accidents, promote road safety, and improve the trauma system.		
	Transport Safety Agencies	Transport Safety Victoria	Independent statutory office that seeks to improve bus, rail and maritime transport safety standards		
		Office of the Chief Investigator, Transport Safety	Seeks to improve transport safety by providing independent no-blame investigation of transport safety matters		

Local Transport System

Authority	Role	What they control
Melton City Council	Manages the local road network Advocates for State Government infrastructure improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local roads • Bridges and culverts • Paths • Drainage • Road furniture • Traffic control devices

Walking and Cycling

Walking, cycling and shared paths can be opportunistic and occupy land provided by a range of authorities including:

- VicTrack along rail tracks
- Melbourne Water and other water authority land along waterways
- Utility providers along gas pipeline, water pipeline, and electricity easements
- Parks Victoria land in regional parks and conservation areas
- Private property on specially developed easements

Transport Champions in Victoria

Walking

Victoria Walks

www.victoriawalks.org.au

- Victoria Walks is part of the International Federation of Pedestrians
- Undertakes research which informs advocacy and policy work.
- Extensive research on the benefits of walking, planning for walking, urban planning, road management, and behaviour change.
- Developed tools that can assist Councils to develop a walking strategy.

Cycling

Bicycle Network

www.bicyclenetwork.com.au

- Organisation of bicycle riders with more than 50,000 members in Australia.
- Advocate to government to create safer riding conditions with more facilities, run behaviour changing programs, support riders, and run events.
- Campaigns include footpath riding, extend TAC coverage, dooring, minimum passing distance laws

Public Transport

Public Transport Union of Australia

www.ptua.org.au

- Consumer organisation representing passengers on all forms of public transport.
- Lobby governments and public transport authorities.
- Promotes public transport and educate the community about the benefits of sustainable transport policies.
- Undertakes research into transport policies which will improve services.
- Current major campaigns:
 - o Westgate Tunnel
 - o Public Transport not Traffic
 - o Every 10 Minutes to Everywhere

Metropolitan Transport Forum

www.mtf.org.au

- Advocacy group comprising members from local government, associate members representing transport companies, and participants from State Government and environment groups.
- Works towards effective, efficient and equitable transport in metropolitan Melbourne by providing a forum for debate, research and policy development, and sharing and disseminating information to improve transport choices.
- Recent advocacy has had a priority focus on buses.

Examples of Other Groups

Motorist - RACV – www.racv.com.au

Special Needs Transport - Disability Advocacy Resource Unit – www.daru.org.au

Freight - Australian Logistics Council – www.austlogistics.com.au

Freight - Victorian Transport Association – www.vta.com.au

Think Tank of Transport Professionals –Transport for Melbourne - <https://www.transportformelbourne.org/>

Transport Advocates

LeadWest - www.leadwest.com.au

- LeadWest is a regional organisation for Melbourne's West, which is focused on advocacy for the region. It is a nonpartisan and not-for-profit, membership-based organisation.
- Includes all six local governments in Melbourne's West and they are joined by major companies and other organisations, each with substantial operations or interests that are based in Melbourne's west.
- Advocates for improvements to education and skills, the regional economy, health and wellbeing, environment and liveability, transport and infrastructure, and experience and enjoyment.
- Advocacy for transport issues via the Western Transport Alliance.
- Relevant documents:
 - o Western Agenda
 - o Freight Infrastructure Investment Plan
 - o Western Transport Strategy.

Ballarat Rail Line Action Committee

- Local Government based body (Brimbank, Melton, Moorabool, Ballarat, Pyrenees and Ararat Councils) campaigning for high quality rail infrastructure on the Ballarat Rail Line.
- Successfully campaigned for the rail duplication to Melton.
- Working with rail experts to formulate a list of transformative development of rail services and infrastructure to meet the short and long term needs of commuters. Including the electrification of the Melton rail line.

Western Highway Action Committee

- Group of 10 Councils along the Western Highway corridor from Melbourne to SA border
- Pursuing the improvement, safety, upgrading and amenity of the Western Highway
- Lobby and obtain allocation of Government funding for approved strategies for planning, construction and maintenance of the Highway
- Current priorities include the upgrade of the Highway to Melton to Freeway standard

Calder Highway Improvement Committee

- Local Government based body – representatives from all Councils along the Calder Highway, VicRoads, and the community
- Extensive lobbying to upgrade the Calder Highway
- Work together to identify long term strategies that will allow the building and upgrading of infrastructure to improve the performance of the highway for all road users
- Current number one priority is the upgrade of the Calder Park Drive Interchange
- Number two priority is additional traffic lanes Melton Highway to Keilor Park Drive

Calder Action Group - www.calderactiongroup.com.au

- Community based action group comprising business leaders and residents
- Extensive lobbying for the immediate funding for the upgrade of the Calder Highway to create a safer upgraded road environment
- The current focus is on the upgrade of the Calder Park Drive intersection

National Growth Areas Alliance – www.ngaa.org.au

- NGAA advocates at the Federal Government level for a stronger focus on the needs of Australia's outer suburbs. Advocates for dedicated funding for critical infrastructure and services for outer growth areas.
- Campaigns have included *Catch Up with the Outer Suburbs* and *Nightmare Commute Day*.