



All Aboard Action Network

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

1:00pm . 3:00pm, Wednesday 10 June 2020
Zoom teleconference

Present:

Roger Bruhn (WYNDAG)
James Griffiths (Shire of Wellington Access Inclusion and Advisory Group)
Ray Jordan (Co-admin All Aboard, DDAC, Chair)
Karleen Plunkett (Individual Advocate)
Parry Serafim (BusVic)
David Simmonds (PTV Inclusion Team)
Chris Stewart (Disability Planner . City of Greater Dandenong)
Prof Carolyn Unsworth (Central Queensland University)
Bonnie Watt (PhD student Central Queensland University)

Apologies:

Rhiannon Wapling (VCOSS)

1. Welcome and introductions

This was the first fully teleconferenced meeting of the All Aboard network. The Chair welcomed everyone and we all introduced ourselves.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting (February 2020) were confirmed.
- b. Outstanding items: none.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

4. Presentation and Discussion

For this meeting we tried a new style. The major focus of the meeting was to allow everyone in turn to talk about what they have been up to in the accessible public transport space.

Carolyn Unsworth

A brief look-back at the presentation (February All Aboard meeting) by Professor Unsworth on the subject of wheelchair restraints on buses.

Work continues in this area, with regular contact between Professor Unsworth and PTV.

This issue may also have a place in the modernisation of the Transport Standards.

Ray Jordan

The National Inclusive Transport Advocacy Network (NITAN) has held more meetings by Zoom.

Work is progressing on the modernisation of the Transport Standards.

Public consultations should begin late 2020 or early 2021.

Non-disclosure agreements are required by those directly involved, so very little information is available to the public at this time.

Karleen Plunkett

New VLocity trains . good virtual presentation. Trains have a catering area with plenty of space.

Safe for people on two feet.

120km/h pretty stable.

Long haul train service.

David Simmonds

Unprecedented challenges working from home.

Very productive working virtually from home.

Travelling in the shoes of others has been paused.

Try before you ride . more events, but more targeted. Focus on disruptions.

Business as usual as far as possible.

Enormous pipeline of projects . all require advice from the accessibility team.

Recruitment for PTAC completed. First meeting 3 June.

Good work from previous PTAC.

Economic stimulus packages . accessibility projects should benefit from more funding.

Reform of DSAPT . David is on the committee.

Melbourne airport rail link . early discussions.

Melbourne urban rail is progressing with a lot of accessibility input.

Executive accessibility team . heads of divisions meet bi-monthly.

VAGO review into accessible trams . assisting.

Accessible tram stop strategy . roll out across Melbourne as funding permits.

Health crisis . assessing.

COVID . vulnerable passengers . public transport was operating at about 18% of capacity before schools went back . 26% of capacity this week . motor vehicle use increased even more, to 81% of capacity.

People staying away from public transport.

Increased cleaning and other hygiene considerations.

More vulnerable passengers tend to be more tactile, touching surfaces.

More automated doors etc so people need to touch buttons.

Etiquette campaigns for more vulnerable passengers, in part with Guide Dogs Victoria.

More use of priority seating.

Conductors on V/Line trains are keeping distance from passengers, including not going through carriages checking tickets.

Buses not opening front doors unless passenger requires it (wheelchairs etc).

Action being taken against drivers if they refuse.

Trams front doors only unless passenger requires it.

Asking for funding for trials around wheelchair restraints.

HCMT will hit revenue service Q4 this year.

Updating PTAC at July meeting.

Question about whether hand sanitisers have an audio feature so they can be located by a person with vision impairment?

Hand sanitiser for after using handrails?

Conveyances (buses) are not carrying public use hand sanitiser.

James

Amanda Laurie Jones public transport meeting consultation.

National travel pass, rather than state by state?

Need more accessible public transport in rural and regional areas.

Importance of personal hygiene . touch with elbows rather than hands

Attended a DRC focus group

Roger

Over the past couple of months, has used 30 to 40 taxis and great service.

Very good. Random drivers and most have hand sanitiser.

Parry

Working groups to do with communication within bus networks.

Changes to DSAPT. Long process. Looking at legislation.

National approach to communications in bus industry

V/Line has new coach specification. Accessible entrance front door. Front lift.

Transdev is setting up an accessibility reference group.

Chris Stewart

Continues to work on advocacy.

Some of the information provided by other attendees was as a result of probing questions from Chris.

a. Trains

No formal discussion except that above.

b. Buses

No formal discussion except that above.

c. Trams

No formal discussion except that above.

d. Taxis and Hire Cars

No formal discussion.

e. Air Travel

No discussion.

f. Ferries

No discussion.

5. Other items

6. Close

The meeting closed at 3:00 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 12 August 2020 . probably on Zoom only

Actions Outstanding

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