

Delivering Melbourne Better Transport Outcomes



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Doing More with Less

Transport for Melbourne

Forum Round Table: Friday 15th November 2024

Venue: The Green Building conference room
Ground floor 60 Leicester Street, Carlton
Near Queen Victoria Market

Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm (registrations from 12.30)

Chair: Roger Taylor, Chair Transport for Melbourne

Registrations: Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite using the link

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Whilst this event is free, seating is limited so it is important to book early

Speakers



[Hon Janet Rice](#) served in the Australian parliament for ten years as an Australian Greens Senator retiring in April 2024. She held a range of portfolios for the Greens, including social and community services, LGBTIQ+ and transport. Janet was a Councillor of the City of Maribyrnong from 2003- 2008, including a year as mayor in 2006, and was Chair of the Metropolitan Transport Forum for most of her time on Council. She was also a recipient of the MAV Fellowship during that time which enabled her to undertake a study tour on community attitudes to sustainable transport and planning across North America and Northern Europe.



[Professor Graham Currie](#) is Chair of Public Transport and Director of Research (Transport and Engineering), Monash University. Graham holds Australia's first professorship in public transport based at the Institute of Transport Studies, researching and providing training in public transport planning. He has 30 years' experience as a transit planner and is a member of the US Transportation Research Board committees on Bus Transit, Light Rail Transit and Transit Development and Planning.



[Dr Elliot Fishman](#) is Director of the Institute for Sensible Transport. Elliot has 18 years' experience as a sustainable mobility specialist. He completed his PhD at the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety on the topic of shared micromobility. He is ranked by Stanford University in the top 2% of scientists globally for his contributions to transport. His work has been published in the top-ranking industry journals including the British Medical Journal and the Journal of Transport Geography. He has advised the Australian Prime Minister's Office on sustainable mobility as well as the New York City Department of Transport and Transport for London regarding bike share.



[Dr Luisiana Paganelli](#) is a senior urban planner and architect from Curitiba, Brazil, specializing in sustainable transport governance, with a focus on developing integrated multimodal transport systems, that combine new mobilities with existing transport modes. Luisiana has more than 20 years' experience in executive, technical and research roles, mainly within local government, in sustainable transport and infrastructure, shared mobility governance, urban planning, sustainability, and architecture. She holds a master's degree in Urban Management, with additional studies in Urban Planning, Sustainable Transport, Architecture, an MBA in Business Administration, and a Ph.D. on transport planning at RMIT University's Centre for Urban Research. Since 2011 her research explores the role of governance (policies, regulations, and other related initiatives) in supporting car sharing as an integrated transport mode.

Introduction

Big spending on monumental infrastructure projects will not solve our transport problems. We need well targeted programs designed to improve the efficiency of our transport system in a way that enables it to meet greenhouse emission reduction targets, promotes more efficient modes of travel, particularly active and public transport, and encourages people to travel less, in a way that makes more efficient use of infrastructure.

We cannot continue to build our way out of trouble. We need to use our infrastructure more efficiently. Other cities have demonstrated this is possible and it is time we applied lessons learnt from international best practice and there is also a financial imperative to do so.

So what should our priorities be in this situation? What strategies should we propose to ensure they are implemented, at a time when all government agencies, and communities they represent are under increasing pressure to do more with less, and what roles will State and local governments play in progressing this. This will be the subject of our forum.

Program

12.30pm	Registration
1.00-1.10 pm -	Welcome Roger Taylor; Chair Transport for Melbourne
1.10 - 1.30	Keynote Address: Janet Rice – Key issues
1.30-1.50pm	Prof Graham Currie – Public transport
1.50-2.10pm	Dr Elliot Fishman – Active/micro transport
2.10-2.30pm	Dr Luisiana Paganelli – Curitiba and local initiatives
2.30-2.55pm	<i>25 -minute BREAK</i>
3.00 - 3.15pm	City of Merri-Bek - local government case study
3..15- 4.45	Workshop and Panel Discussion Review current situation, application of lessons from international best practice, barriers to change and ways forward, with a focus the on the role of state and local governments
4.45- 5.00	Summary
5.00pm	Close

About

Transport for Melbourne

Transport for Melbourne is a think tank and advocacy group of transport professionals whose mission is to promote a better understanding of transport issues that Melbourne faces now and how these can be better addressed by applying lessons learnt from cities that have been confronted with similar problems and become models of international best practice. Our concern is that the transport crisis we face today in Melbourne is a result of our government's failure to largely appreciate and apply these lessons.

The transport problem is always seen in terms of infrastructure: 'we don't have enough, therefore we must pour money into building more'. But the immediate problem is that we don't use what we have effectively and efficiently. There are many cities in the world with superior transport systems that have far less infrastructure than Melbourne but its better designed and used more efficiently.

Environmental change, resource depletion, climate change and global warming are forcing major changes in thinking about the way we live and service industries such as transport, how they operate and the challenge to reduce emissions and their environmental footprint. It is also forcing cities to review notions of best practice.

Achieving better transport outcomes cannot be achieved by focusing on a particular mode of transport. It requires a plan for the transport system as a whole ie all modes with the over-riding imperative to travel and transport goods and services less, less often over shorter distances as well as more efficiently. There are no simple single fix solutions, but smart cities recognize the need for active transport to underpin their city transport plans as an integral part of the city plan.

