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5.22.1-LO-00523 Response to letter from Leslie
Martin – Re Recent detour across Eleanor Schonell
Bridge

Dear Ms Martin,

BOGGO ROAD BUSWAY ALLIANCE

BRBA Responses to CBD BUG Letter

Thank you for your letter received 17 June 2008 raising safety concerns about the temporary cycleway connecting to the Eleanor Schonell Bridge both from Gladstone Road and from the University of Queensland.

As you know the detour is necessary to allow busway construction activities in the area to be completed. The final cycleway alignment is planned to be opened in September.

I have addressed the issues you have raised using the same numbering system as your original letter.

1. Gravel on path

The gravel on the path was due to runoff from recent rain, and was removed as soon as it was highlighted by Council officers. The Boggo Road Busway Alliance will monitor the area whenever it rains.

2a. Directions/destinations on signs

A review of signage has been undertaken and two potentially misleading signs removed. Official traffic signs related to the shared pathway will be erected at both ends of the bridge and at the Gladstone Road end of the detour. As most users have come from Gladstone Road and are going to the Eleanor Schonell Bridge, we do not consider that it is necessary to include route name information on the signage.



2b. End date of diversion

The end date of the diversion will be included on some of the signs, particularly those at the start and finish of the path. It is already displayed on some of the signs.

3. Traffic controllers at crossing on TJ Doyle Memorial Drive

The detour does not require cyclists to ride on-road at any point. The crossing point on TJ Doyle Memorial Drive is a refuge crossing provided for pedestrians and cyclists. Queensland Road Rules require cyclists to 'dismount' and walk across the road as vehicles have right of way at this point. Traffic controllers will not be employed to stop vehicles at this point.

4. Employment of traffic controllers

Traffic Controllers were employed for an initial period to alert cyclists and pedestrians of the changed conditions. They informed users of the changed conditions if asked, and displayed 'SLOW' signs to encourage all users to be aware of the changed conditions.

5a. Detour near 'Passenger Loading Zone'

The 'signed' detour directs users to a path and crossing point just before the start of the Passenger Loading Zone. As with the situation in Point 3 (the crossing point at TJ Doyle Memorial Drive), cyclists and pedestrians are required to use the crossing point in accordance with Queensland Road Rules. Traffic controllers will not be employed at this point to instruct drivers to slow down or to stop cars.

5b. Signage for vehicles to Give Way

As cyclists and pedestrians are required to give way to vehicles at this point, signage directing vehicles to 'Give Way' will not be erected.

6. Path from TJ Doyle Memorial Drive to Gladstone Road

The Boggo Road Busway Alliance consulted with authorities and users, including disability groups, before constructing the path. We will continue to monitor usage and respond to any complaints of this nature.



7-10. Issues at UQ end of bridge

As the path in question at the University of Queensland end of the bridge is on University of Queensland land, we suggest that you liaise with the University of Queensland Bicycle Users Group and the University authorities. The Alliance and Brisbane City Council are not able to undertake any of the suggested changes at these locations.

Signage at the commencement of the 'Shared Path' at this location will be upgraded in line with the signage at the other side of the bridge.

11. General – Notification to pedestrians

Advance warning signs were placed at several points along the detour alerting pedestrians and cyclists to the changed conditions that would occur. Some of these included the dates that the changes would be in place.

Thank you for your comments.

Yours sincerely

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