

Wednesday, Aug 30, 2006

12:30 – 2:00 pm

BCC Library Theaterette

CBD BUG Meeting

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| Meeting called by: | CBD BUG | Type of meeting: | CBD BUG Business |
| Facilitator: | Paul Murdoch | Note taker: | Sebastian Tauchmann |
| Timekeeper: | Paul Murdoch | | |

Attendees:

Sebastian Tauchmann, Leslie Martin, Michael Langdon, Michael Cahill, Heather Horne, Scott Evans, Peter Whittle, John Nightingale, Paul French, Aaron Wray, Richard Branch, Ilona Papajcsik, Jo Sherwood, Sasha Fuller (Deputy Lord Mayor's office), Justin Fenton, John McIntosh, Steve Schwartz, Alton Twine, Kate Yeomans, Dave Ingram, Norm Morwood, Peter Berkeley, Bruce McDonald, Peter Duffy, John Hack, Frank Kundle, Paul Murdoch

Please read: Minutes of Previous Meeting; Correspondence List; CBD BUG email

Minutes

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| Agenda item: | Apologies | Presenter: | Paul Murdoch |
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Discussion:

Apologies were received from: Lindsay Fawdry, Annie Cowling, Jeff Soar, John Andresen, Brett Goebel, Henri Salmela.

Thanks for letting us know.

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| Agenda item: | North-South Bypass Tunnel (NSBT) construction & SE Bikeway Closure/Detour | Presenter: | Paul French/Aaron Wray/Various |
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Discussion:

Background

Paul French provided a detailed history of the issue, and concerns. CBD BUG became aware of the plans when BQ's Ben Wilson forwarded an email regarding a meeting to detail the planned detour arrangements for the SE Bikeway (Brisbane's second busiest bikeway after Bicentennial Bikeway). A briefing was held, also involving EASTBUG on 4 Aug. Following that briefing, CBD BUG reps leafleted the bikeway on the morning of 23 Aug, distributing nearly 500 leaflets. A large amount of interest, and support was generated – almost 20 new members, some 50 emails of support and large numbers of letters/emails sent to Councilors and LM Newman. Paul explained the map of the planned detour and outlined the contents of the flyer for those that hadn't seen either - the detour includes some 12 intersections, 3 pedestrian crossings, footpaths, heavy traffic and parked cars and is expected to add significant time and reduced safety to trips.

Issues

Construction of the NSBT does not benefit bikes, and we'd rather have a temporary bikeway instead of a dangerous and inadequate detour. A draft letter was circulated for comment and discussion [see below for outcomes of discussion]. Subsequent to this meeting, an amended letter was sent and a reply received. Both have been circulated and are available at <http://cbdbug.googlepages.com/>.

NSBT & BCC's Active Transport Unit

Alton Twine, Manager of Council's Active Transport Unit addressed the meeting in relation to the NSBT Project and likely implications for cycling, and answered a number of questions arising. He advised that the ATU had little notice, roughly as much as the BUGs did. They are disappointed with both the proposed detour and the late notice to BCC. They have asked for improvements and gone along the proposed northern and southern detours, looking at bus stops, pedestrian numbers and alternative routes. They're still working on getting a better result, in line with suggestions given by CBD BUG (e.g. improvements to Logan Rd bike provisions and use of that route as an alternative).

Q: Annerly Rd Improvements ("Green Bridge")?

These are currently unfunded, not funded as part of the "Green Bridge" project. Some designs for improvements have been submitted and are seen as an essential to make the project useful for cycling.

Q: Detours & Footpaths: Will design specs for AdShells be re-examined to make more space?

ATU's made suggestions for some of the AdShells along the proposed route to be removed. BCC doesn't handle the design of AdShells, and agree that the placement is a problem and that there is a legacy of poorly placed AdShells. They can ask for design changes, but don't have much influence on the final design, however they can influence the placement of the shelters on the footpath.

Q: Duration of the detour?

BCC knows as much as we do, but it's likely to be around 3 years. The sequence of construction is the key to getting a better deal for cyclists and to maintain the cycle corridor. Suggested that the bridge across Ipswich Rd be constructed first, instead of last.

Q: Improvements to the path and funding?

Still hoping to minimise their spending, therefore they reduce the scope. NSBT claims that improvements are BCCs problem, but improvements are part of the transport planning documents at both a state and local level.

General Points arising in discussion

- Request for more detail on how long this detour is supposed to be in place, since 3 years is just stupid. A temporary bikeway is both a realistic and safe alternative to their insane detour proposal.
- Project doesn't seem to be interested in what is possible - if they can build a tunnel they should be able to handle a path.
- Lots of people say they can't ride on the road and they will stop riding if the bikeway is closed or detoured to the roads - likely to put an big spanner in the works for achieving state/local cycling targets.
- The proposed detour along Peterson St doesn't allow access to bikeway directly - there's a 4 or 5m drop and a sound barrier in the way.
- Have the joint-venture crew given any response as at the time of this meeting - No.
- Can the BUG adopt a position that the construction of the bridge definitely be brought forward - Yes.
- We should definitely send a letter, but probably not suggest alternative routes, instead just list what qualities the end detour should have.
- Can we arrange to speak to BCC about this directly - Yes.
- There's a 3rd worksite on Shaftson Ave that doesn't really affect cyclists but pedestrians are being affected by the fenced site: traffic management people have been employed and safety concerns are being managed.
- Can we adopt the principle of "Replace like with like" for this, in order to at least hold cyclist numbers instead of reducing them?
- Why can't the bikeway be built first, instead of last? - Apparently the new bikeway would be in the way of construction.
- Temporary bikeway routes may have issues with safety (vehicle and machinery access to site) since the site covers the bikeway
- Why not build the temporary bikeway along the perimeter of the site, then, since that solution seems to work just fine for pedestrians.
- What did the NSBT project commit to regarding traffic management? Not much: to build a detour and then reinstate the path. Not much detail and while ATU can inspect the final path, they do not have veto power for inadequate facilities.

Summary of Changes to be made to the draft letter circulated with meeting agenda

CBD BUG to seek

- a construction time table
- at least like-for-like path at completion of project
- reference to be made to how cyclist access was/is handled during the Green Bridge construction
- a path around the construction site
- contractual/legal obligations regarding the path and cyclists outlined
- point out the poor communication to community groups

- Main Roads to review the road safety plan
- specify a response date, this being an urgent matter.

Northside Issues

Construction and preparations associated with the north end of the NSBT near the Inner City Bypass (ICB) has cut access for pedestrians and bikes; access to the city is now via Lutwyche Rd, where traffic is horrid, the footpath is dangerous for bikes and is littered with pedestrians and bus stops and has no space for bikes - totally inadequate.

CBD BUG needs volunteers to help raise awareness of problems at the north end – however although these are also arising as a result of the NSBT it was felt that they should be kept separate, and not covered in the south-side issues letter. Aaron Wray will prepare a letter or leaflet regarding the northside impacts - contact him on aaron_wray@hotmail.com if you're interested in contributing.

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| ✓ Amend the draft letter and send/circulate | Paul French & Paul Murdoch | 27/9/06 |
| ✓ Draft letter/leaflet re northside issues | Aaron Wray | 27/9/06 |
| ✓ Respond to any further emails/contacts from concerned cyclists | Paul Murdoch | on-going |

Agenda item: Announcements and Correspondence **Presenter:** Various

Discussion:

- There's a health and transport issues for cyclists and pedestrians seminar entitled 'Active Living by Design' being organised by The University of Queensland (Cancer Prevention Research Centre) and Queensland Health. It will be held on October 10; Paul has details and will circulate.
- Problems with cyclist access around the Inner Northern Busway (INB) construction site: lots of pedestrians and narrow paths. Scott Evans will have a look around the site and make some suggestions for alternative routes to avoid the INB and still get to where you're going.
- Other path closures - the Botanical Gardens works which were to have required closure have been cancelled; the QUT/Energex closure is still ongoing - looking at 1 month full close starting in October and some 6 weeks of night-time closures.
- A National Ride to Work pilot day will be held on October 4 2006, with the aim of repeating on a larger scale in 2007. Ride to Work Day 2006 is being co-ordinated by Bicycle Victoria with national funding assistance from the Australian Greenhouse Office and the Department of Health and Ageing. Bicycle Victoria will supply promotional posters, postcards and support material for new riders. Other commitments have prevented CBD BUG from organising this event in Brisbane this year, but intends to in 2007. If your workplace is interested in being involved, contact Bicycle Victoria or BQ for more info on what's available support-wise (see <http://www.bv.com.au/join-us/126/>).
- The Roads to Recovery (RtR) lobby campaign by the Bicycle Federation of Australia (BFA) of local governments is on-going. BFA want local governments to use at least some of the RtR grant money to fund cycle projects. CBD BUG wrote to the Lord Mayor and key Chairs of BCC Committees and have received replies from Lord Mayor Newman, and Councilors Quirk and Abrahams and an invitation to meet to discuss the issue further with Cr Abrahams.
- Hale St Bridge: CBD BUG has made representation for cycle facilities to be included and for WJB space to be re-assigned to cyclists, but appear to have had little influence on the deliberations by both sides of the Council Chamber. A draft Impact Assessment Statement is available; public submissions close on 13 October 2006; and Peter Whittle agreed to prepare draft submission for consideration at the next CBD BUG meeting.
- CBD BUG wrote to the Queensland Transport's Busways people regarding the planning process for the Eastern and other Busways, seeking a meeting to discuss cycling facilities, consultation and cycling consideration generally. No response has been received, and Paul Murdoch undertook to send a reminder letter.

- The full list of correspondence is at attachment 1 - contact Paul Murdoch for copies of any items on the list
- The possibility of canvassing candidates in the forthcoming state election on their level of 'cycle-friendliness' was raised. The issue was discussed, and agreed that such an approach was desirable but the short period of the campaign and demands of other issues/campaigns prevented such canvassing/lobbying of candidates in this state election, but members are encouraged to contact as many candidates as possible to emphasize the importance of such issues for them as voters.
- Leslie Martin suggested that members be canvassed regarding the availability of media skills/press release writing, in view of the number of issues on the go – Paul Murdoch undertook to canvass members who can do media releases etc for CBD BUG, via mailing list. Peter Whittle advised that he knew a 'tame journo' who might be able to help, if needed.

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| ✓ circulate notice re 'Active Living by Design' seminar | Paul Murdoch | asap |
| ✓ investigate Inner Northern Busway cycling alternative routes | Scott Evans | 27 Sept 2006 |
| ✓ contact Bicycle Victoria re Ride to Work day | you | 4 October 2006 |
| ✓ prepare a draft submission for consideration re Hale Street Bridge | Peter Whittle | 27 Sept 2006 |
| ✓ send follow-up letter to Busways re meeting | Paul Murdoch | 27 Sept 2006 |
| ✓ lobby your local State candidates | you | 9 Sept 2006 (election day) |
| ✓ circulate call for members with media skills to volunteer to assist CBD BUG | Paul Murdoch | asap |

Agenda item: Minutes and Matters Arising **Presenter:** various

Discussion:

Bike Bus

The Bike Bus proposal to be organised by Peter Berkeley (also of EaSTBUG) has run into some trouble with insurance issues (Cyclecover want \$750), but local Councilor Shayne Sutton may be able to assist with some funding - the BB *may* be ready to go in late October.

Sylvan Rd

Resurfacing has been done and lines and bikes have been painted in.

Website

cbdbug.googlepages.com gets updated fairly regularly with copies of correspondence received. The blog **cbdbug.blogspot.com** also gets updated sometimes, and you can leave comments. If you have suggestions or spot omissions, send email to **cbdbug@yahoo.com.au** and Paul Murdoch will pass them on the Sebastian Tauchmann.

State Cycle Committee

CBD BUG may be able to attend SCC meetings (held quarterly) as occasional guests. Paul Murdoch has past minutes if anyone wants to see, and will clarify our entitlement to send a representative (John Nightingale currently attends as a BFA representative).

Boggo Rd Cycleway

Leslie Martin and John Nightingale reported on discussions and investigations undertaken by them on this issue, and volunteered to co-ordinate the CBD BUG's efforts on the issue. A letter to the Qld Transport Project Team has been drafted the type of cycle facilities included in the project to date and need for more and better consultation. The original plans haven't been implemented, specifically the improved access from O'Keefe St to the Green Bridge, and the general Boggo Road redevelopment precinct access needs to be improved. Other omissions or areas of concern include pedestrian and disabled access. It will be pointed out that busway construction is a good time to build facilities, rather

than spending more later to put in that which shouldn't have been forgotten in the first place.

Report from BCC ATU - Scott Evans

- Signs for the Executive Building are available and include variants of "Caution: Bicycles" and various bicycle symbols.
- The budget for cycling in the latest BCC budget is \$7 million dollars.
- The North Quay barrier(s) will be closed and be made more noticeable.
- The results of the BCC bikeway user survey will be made available, and Scott will provide copies when they're ready.

| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |
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| ✓ advise of current state of (eastern) Bike Bus proposal | Peter Berkeley | 27 Sept 2006 |
| ✓ clarify eligibility to attend State Cycle Committee meetings | Paul Murdoch | 27 Sept 2006 |
| ✓ redraft and send letter re Boggo Road Bikeway | Leslie Martin & John Nightingale | asap |
| ✓ provide results of BCC ATU's survey of bikeways users | Scott Evans | when available |

Agenda item: Next Meeting **Presenter:** various

Discussion:

- BQ - CBD BUG Interaction to be put at top of agenda.
 - We'll cover Media Exposure and SE Bikeway updates.
 - Doesn't have a fixed date yet, but will most likely be on September 27th.
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Attachment 1

CBD BUG

Correspondence list since May 2006 meeting

| INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE | | | |
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| Date of letter | Letter received from | Subject | CBD BUG action required? |
| 5 May 2006 | Jurgen Pasieczny, Manager (Eastern Busway) | Finalised Terms of Reference (TOR) for Eastern Busway Concept Design and Impact management Plan | |
| 22 May 2006 | Lord Mayor Campbell Newman | Acknowledging receipt of CBD BUG letter of 16/5/06 | Await formal response |
| 1 June 2006 | Lord Mayor Campbell Newman | Response to CBD BUG letter re Hale Street bridge proposal | |
| 7 June 2006 | Hazel Easthope, University of Tasmania [email] | Research project re creative cities – request to interview BUG representative | Respond re availability |
| 8 June 2006 | Mark McDonald, EaSTBUG [email] | Introducing himself as CBDBUG-EaSTBUG liaison person | Added to mailing list |
| 19 June 2006 | BCC (Major Infrastructure Project Office) | North-South Bypass Tunnel request for project change | |
| 19 June 2006 | Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email] | Proposed bikeway closures | |
| 19 June 2006 | Bicycles Network Australia [email] | CBD BUG now listed on bicycles.net.au website | |
| 29 June 2006 | Councilor Helen Abrahams | Hale Street bridge & William Jolly bridge (response to CBD BUG letter cc'd to Councilor Abrahams) | Circulated for information |
| 17 July 2006 | Peter Berkeley, EaST BUG [email] | BFA campaign re use of Roads to recovery campaign funding by local governments | Letters sent to Lord Mayor Newman and key Councilors |
| 18 July 2006 | Cr Gordon Wallace, Caloundra City Council [email] | Caloundra Coastal Bike Ride for Camp Quality 27/8/06 | Circulated information |
| 18 July 2006 | Alton Twine, BCC ATU [email] | Response to request for briefing on KGS bicycle facility – unable to at this stage | Re-contact when appropriate |
| 27 July 2006 | Ben Wilson, Manager, Bicycle Queensland [email] | Eastern busway etc – response to proposal for co-ordinated campaign/lobbying | Reply, seeking more detail |

| 1 August 2006 | Councilor Helen Abrahams [email] | Response to complaint re exclusion from discussions on SE Bikepath | Note |
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| 2 August 2006 | Ian Melvin, Bicycling Australia [email] | Requesting meeting to discuss proposal to publish "Where to Ride: South East Queensland" | |
| 8 August 2006 | Brisbane City Council | The Brisbane City Centre Master Plan (CD) | Publicise |
| 21 August 2006 | Lord Mayor Campbell Newman | Response to Roads to Recovery funding letter | Circulate |
| OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE | | | |
| Date of letter | Letter addressed to | Subject | Action required? |
| 18 July 2006 | Alton Twine, BCC ATU [email] | Request for briefing on KGS bicycle facility | |
| 19 July 2006 | Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email] | Proposed bikeway closures | |
| 21 July 2006 | Ben Wilson, Manager, Bicycle Queensland | Request for co-ordinated lobbying campaign re Eastern busway | |
| 21 July 2006 | EaSTBUG [email] | Proposal for joint letter/submission re Eastern busway | |
| 21 July 2006 | Lord Mayor Campbell Newman | Expenditure of Roads to Recovery federal funding | |
| 21 July 2006 | Deputy Lord Mayor David Hinchliffe | Expenditure of Roads to Recovery federal funding | |
| 21 July 2006 | Councilor Graham Quirk | Expenditure of Roads to Recovery federal funding | |
| 21 July 2006 | Councilor Helen Abrahams | Expenditure of Roads to Recovery federal funding | |
| 26 July 2006 | Jurgen Pasiieczny, Manager (Eastern Busway) | Eastern Busway – request for meeting | Follow-up |
| 1 August 2006 | Alton Twine, BCC ATU [email]/cc'd to Councilor Helen Abrahams | Closure of SE Bikeway & non-inclusion of CBD BUG in discussions | |
| 3 August 2006 | Ben Wilson, Manager, Bicycle Queensland [email] | Eastern busway etc – request for more detailed information on BQ position | Note lack of response – BQ either hasn't acted or won't share information |
| 15 August 2006 | Andrew De Zilva, BCC Community Safety Team | Support for SIP applications for lighting upgrades – Downey Park & section behind Brisbane Grammar School | |