

# CBD BUG Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2007

12:30 to 14:00

Community Meeting Room  
Brisbane Square

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**Meeting called by:** CBD BUG

**Type of meeting:** CBD BUG Business

**Chair:** Paul Murdoch

**Note taker:** Sebastian Tauchmann

**Attendees:**

Leslie Martin, John Lister, John Nightingale, Paul Murdoch, Ian Lister, Scott Evans, John McIntosh, Donald Campbell, Paul French, Norm Morwood, Stef Gard, Adrian Walsh, Justin Fenton, Dave Ingram, Donald Campbell, Chris Biggs, Tim Capes, Sebastian Tauchmann, Michael Strasser, Paul Culshaw, Emma Scragg

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

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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Apologies

**Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

**Discussion:**

Apologies were received from: Peter Whittle, Heather Horne, Stephen Finnimore, Aaron Wray, David Russell

Thanks for letting us know.

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**Agenda item:** Announcements and Correspondence

**Presenter:** Various

**Discussion:**

Correspondence (see attachment 1 for a full list of correspondence since the January 2007 meeting):

**Bike Week**

- to be covered later in meeting

**BCC Transport & Traffic**

- getting an increasing amount of correspondence from Council, as awareness of CBD BUG activities and interest has increased.

- any members interested in getting involved in the Ashgrove Bikeway works issue, contact us

- Mt Cootha Traffic Review – a review of operation of Sir Samuel Griffith Drive is currently being undertaken – reportedly as a result of complaints lodged by TV station staff

- 3 options, to a) turn the road into a one-way road, b) install passing bays, or c) more signage and education

Agreed that CBD BUG stance would be that there is no need for a change to the road or for the way it operates currently, and so the addition of more signage and consideration of reduced speed limits should be more than adequate for all users.

**Eastern Busway**

- new maps are linked to on our blog at [cbdbug.blogspot.com](http://cbdbug.blogspot.com), and correspondence is available on our website at [cbdbug.googlepages.com](http://cbdbug.googlepages.com)

- The Eastern Busway Project Team have convened a meeting involving CBD BUG, EaSTBug, BQ, and QT) to discuss cycling issues associated with the project.

Agreed that issues to be raised include strong opposition to any adverse effects on bike infrastructure in the area (both during construction and post-construction), need for high quality facilities at stations, the desirability of using project to improve eastern suburbs & CBD cycling connectivity and concerns re the current mess around Ipswich Road/O'Keefe Street/PA hospital (arising from NSBT, Boggo Road Busway and soon Eastern Busway constructions).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Lodge submissions on Mt Cootha Traffic Review	Paul Murdoch	2 Mar (review closing date)
✓ Attend Eastern Busway meeting	Paul Murdoch, Donald Campbell & Tim Capes	22 Feb

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

**Discussion:**

**Normanby Cycle/Ped Presentation**

- a letter from CBD BUG has not sent yet, as no membership views on desirable additional connections have yet been received. Views to be communicated to CBD BUG ([cbdbug@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cbdbug@yahoo.com.au)) asap, following which letter will be sent.

**BCC – role of Active Transport Unit**

- letters to Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor re: the much-appreciated work done by the ATU, and how much more effective Council would be if all areas/contractors were fully aware of their work and required to consult prior to undertaking works, to be sent ASAP.

**Bicycle Queensland (BQ)**

- letter to BQ re: nature and formalisation of the relationship between BQ and CBD BUG (and other BUGs) sent on 31 January - acknowledgement received, but no response of substance at time of meeting. Agreed to hold off further communications pending response.

**Boggo Road bikeway**

- to date have held off on sending letter to Qld Transport re non-representation of CBD BUG views – attempting to resolve issue amicably (and in-house) with BQ.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Advise of additional connections sought to be added to Normanby development	All interested members	asap
✓ Letter re Normanby Cycle/Ped project	Paul Murdoch	21 March 2007
✓ Letters re: important role of ATU to Lord Mayor & Deputy Lord Mayor	Paul Murdoch	21 March 2007

**Agenda item:** Bike Week Suggestions **Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

Bike week will take place between March 10 and 18, under auspices of Bicycle Queensland, with a wide range of activities and events, including Ride to Work day (RtWD - Wed March 14) and the Great Brisbane Bike Ride (GBBR - Sunday March 18). Fabulous opportunity to support bike week and raise the profile of the CBD BUG. BQ have offered a stall for BUGs.

Agreed that

- CBD BUG would take up offer of a stall at RtWD and prepare leaflets publicising ourselves and detailing (some of) our advocacy issues;
- CBD BUG to offer assistance of its bike buddy scheme to BQ for day;
- CBD BUG would enter a team for the GBBR
- as part of team entry, a CBD BUG t-shirt (rather than jersey given cost and time constraints in finalising agreed design) would be designed, ordered and distributed to interested members (\$13 + GST, with a minimum order of 20). Possible designs & colour canvassed [international orange & blue]. Paul French to finalise and circulate details;

- Number of individual members agreed to assist as guides from publicised start points on RtWD and/or as marshals on the GBBR.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Accept BQ offer of stall at RtWD, advise of assistance with bike buddies for new/novice cyclists	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Finalise CBD BUG t-shirt design, circulate, take & place orders	Paul French & Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Enter CBD BUG team in GBBR and prepare advice for interested members on how to enter	Paul French	8 March 2007
✓ Prepare and copy leaflets for distribution, including list of advocacy issues in which CBD BUG involved	Leslie Martin	14 March 2007
✓ Consider volunteering assistance during bike week on various events requiring volunteers & publicise BIKE WEEK Logo ideas	All	18 March 2007

**Agenda item:** Western Freeway Bike Path(s) @ Toowong

**Presenter:** Sebastian Tauchmann/Ian Lister

Problems of connectivity and safety on western routes into CBD (especially between end of Western Freeway bikeway and Bicentennial Bikeway, including outside/near Toowong Bus Depot) has arisen following reports of police warnings and activity near Toowong Bus Depot.

- there are some major issues with this area, i.e. c. 200m including dangerous crossings on Dean St, Miskin St and for Sylvan Rd, and the large number of commuter cyclists that use this route.

- Ian Lister volunteered to co-ordinate the development of a comprehensive, long-term proposal for a safe, connected high-quality route, for consideration at a subsequent CBD BUG meeting. Following finalisation of a proposal(s), other cycling organisations to be approached for comment, views and support, including SWBrisBUG and BQ. Lobbying strategy thereafter with BCC, QT and Main Roads, and relevant local and state Councillors/MPs, to then be developed.

It was noted that there probably aren't any quick fixes available, and at least two tunnels are anticipated in the area at some unspecified point in the future. BCC are also currently investigating the area and considering solutions.

- Paul Murdoch to circulate information, including Ian's contact details ([ilister@email.com](mailto:ilister@email.com)) for any interested members wishing to get involved or with views or suggestions to share.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Circulate information re working group	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Undertake co-ordination of the development of a comprehensive proposal to improved connectivity, quality and safety of western connections initial report on progress to next meeting	Ian Lister	21 March 2007
✓ commence development of a comprehensive proposal on issue	Ian Lister, Norm Morwood & all interested members	On-going

**Agenda item:** Lutwyche Rd Corridor Neighbourhood Plan

**Presenter:** John Lister

**Discussion:**

The development of this Neighbourhood Plan covers a critically important bike route from the north (one of the few). Agreed that CBD BUG should seek to be represented – John Lister agreed to co-ordinate CBD BUG involvement. John can be contacted on [john@whcp.com.au](mailto:john@whcp.com.au)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Members with views, opinions, interests in Lutwyche Road Neighbourhood Plan to liaise with John Lister	All	On-going

**Agenda item:** Future Road Works Programs

**Presenter:** John Lister

Arising from advice received at the BFA Bikeability seminar in December, John raised the desirability of obtaining information on future road works program by the various agencies responsible (in our case BCC and Main Roads). CBD BUG to request advice on what MR and BCC road upgrading or re-surfacing works will be performed this year/financial year, to identify which roads involved are of interest to us (in terms of bike signage and road markings) ahead of works commencing.

- getting in early and requesting improvements to markings and signs before or during works is easier than waiting another X years before the next round of resurfacing and re-marking.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ Letters to be sent to BCC and Main Roads requesting information

Paul Murdoch

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**Agenda item:** North Bank Development

**Presenter:** Various

**Discussion:**

Details of the recently released plans for the re-development of the North Bank area of the CBD are available at [http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/north\\_bank/plan/strategic\\_plan.shtml](http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/north_bank/plan/strategic_plan.shtml) . It was the general view that the proposal was lacking many key concrete details, and discussion revealed much divided opinion). General discussion of whether CBD BUG formal response should be, pro or con or neutral?

Agreed that (at this stage) while the CBD BUG is neither for nor against the proposal, we have reservations about the cycling impacts/aspects. Cyclist access must be guaranteed and it is critical that a higher speed commuter route remain open during and after construction. Agreed that the proposal/(re)development an important issue for CBD BUG, which needed to be carefully monitored.

Letter to be stating our position, seeking further details and/or consultation and encouraging developer (Multiplex) to maintain open communications with CBD BUG and other cycling groups.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ Contact developer seeking details/consultation and notifying on-going interest in project

Leslie Martin

Asap

✓ Letter advising of CBD BUG position on proposal

Paul Murdoch

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**Agenda item:** Reports

**Presenter:** various

**Active Transport Unit - Scott Evans**

- Riverside City Cat Terminal & bikeway works are being undertaken on what is Port of Brisbane land (ie. Not under BCC control) – ‘Cyclists Dismount’ signs raised by CBD BUG members have been installed despite BCC ATU advice to the contrary.

(Discussion on this item by CBD BUG members concerning apparent Port of Brisbane disregard for cyclists needs/interests, and the need for that organisation to consult with the cycling community. CBD BUG to raise matters by letter outlining our concern about the lack of notice/appropriate action re the path blockage and seeking an explanation and details of length of works and encouraging a more positive attitude to cycling).

- Energex works and associated closure/detour of SEF Bikeway due to end March 9<sup>th</sup> (**since advised to be March 23**)

- Normanby Cycling Link area should have the upgrades to alternate route footpath along College Rd upgraded in the next few weeks (**since advised as completed, with a footpath widened to 2.5 metres**).

- NSBT Northside detour started today, with the ICB shoulder closed (for c. 50m)and cyclists must exit and use the detour which has been provided

- NSBT South has further detours along O’Keefe St, with a footpath upgrade in progress to link things back to the bikeway.

- bike parking at Brisbane Square
    - o a new bike rack has been installed in Brisbane Square;
    - o Brisbane Square is legally an extension of the Queen St Mall, and as such bike riding is technically
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banned under State legislation - ATU attempting to get an exemption from this ban for BS in order to improve connectivity.

A request for the installation of bike symbols on the lights at the Hawthorn Road & Wynnum Road crossing was raised, which Scott Evans undertook to investigate and if possible place on BCC list.

#### **NSBT Southside - Paul French**

A written report of discussions, representations and agreements with the JV contractor was tabled, and Paul answered questions. Contact Paul on [sfpf@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sfpf@optusnet.com.au) for a copy of the report, or for further information/action on any aspect of this long-term disruption to a major cycling route.

#### **NSBT Northside - John Lister**

- JV contractor seem to be determined to have a good outcome for cyclists
- new ramp access to ICB, but still need to contact JV in regard to several issues
- there has been no recent communication from JV contractors, in contrast to regular, pro-active interaction on the southside, which is disappointing in view of poor cycling conditions before commencement of works
- current crossing of O'Connell Tce is very bad and quite unsafe.

#### **State Cycle Committee (SCC) - John Nightingale**

John reported on the recent (February) SCC meeting which he attends as a BFA representative. SCC has recommended QT provide funding assistance for BUGs, in view of the useful role/service BUGs play. BQ reported that BQ is about to appoint a "Membership/BUG" officer.

#### **Annerley Rd Bike lanes**

- all done, but some parts of the lanes are very, very narrow, and while we appreciate that the work was undertaken on a very limited budget, these issues will still need to be fixed in the future to make better use of the available space on this route (will require relocation of obstructions and services).
- the full impact of the new and increased bus services – and the beginning of the University year – still to be seen and evaluated.
- cyclist numbers/traffic is noticeably higher along this route in recent times.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Consider and advise on response to request for bike symbols on the lights at the Hawthorn Road & Wynnum Road crossing bike symbols on the lights at the Hawthorn Road & Wynnum Road crossing	Scott Evans	21 March 2007
✓ Raise issues & concerns with NSBT SEF bikeway detours with Paul French <a href="mailto:sfpf@optusnet.com.au">sfpf@optusnet.com.au</a>	Interested/affected members	As arise
✓ Raise issues & seek further meeting with JV contractor re NSBT northside issues	Aaron Wary/John Lister	Asap
✓ Raise issues & concerns with NSBT northside works with Aaron Wray <a href="mailto:aaron_wray@health.qld.gov.au">aaron_wray@health.qld.gov.au</a> and/or John Lister <a href="mailto:john@whcp.com.au">john@whcp.com.au</a>	Interested/affected members	As arise

**Agenda item:** Next meeting

**Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Next meeting booked for Wednesday 21 March

The desirability of a guest speaker, who may be of interest to potential new members contacted during Bike Week was discussed. Agreed to canvass possible speaker re Tank Street Bridge project or North Bank.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
✓ Explore possible guest speakers	Leslie Martin	asap
✓ If able to be organised, publicise	Paul Murdoch	20 March 2007

## Attachment 1

## CBD BUG

### Correspondence list since January 2007 meeting

<b>INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
<b>Date of letter</b>	<b>Letter received from</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>CBD BUG action required?/comments</b>
5 Feb 2007	Michael Marlow, Project Manager, BCC Transport & Traffic Branch	Bikeway extension – Ithica Creek bikeway at Ashgrove	Place on website
6 Feb 2007	Bill Loveday, President BQ [email]	Acknowledgement of receipt of CBD BUG letter of 31 Jan 2007	Await BQ Committee response
7 Feb 2007	Vic Nash, Project Manager, BCC Transport & Traffic Branch	Operation review of Sir Samuel Griffith Drive, Mt Cootha	Circulate – consider offer of meeting/submission
14 Feb 2007	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	Closure of SEF bikeway due to Energex works & impact of Riverstage events on cycling	Circulate information
16 Feb 2007	Michael Marlow, Project Manager, BCC Transport & Traffic Branch	Bikeway extension – Ithica Creek bikeway at Ashgrove	Place on website
16 Feb 2007	QT – Eastern Busway Project Team	Eastern Busway Bikeways meeting – Thursday 22 February	Attend meeting
<b>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
<b>Date of letter</b>	<b>Letter addressed to</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action required?</b>
31 Jan 2007	Bill Loveday, BQ President	BQ/CBD BUG interactions and relationship	Await response
9 Feb 2007	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	Follow-up email re Energex works affected SEF Bikeway & Riverstage events traffic management plan	Await response