

Wednesday 18th Jan 2006

CBD BUG Meeting

1pm – 2pm

BCC Library Theatre

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

Attendees:

Sandra Harding; Michael Langdon; John Nightingale; Paul Murdoch; Sebastian Tauchmann; John Hack; David Ingram; Amanda Smith; Nicole Singer; Ian Skinner; John Lister; Nigel Cox; Helen McMahon; Peter Berkeley Antony Hollaway; Steve Murrell; Mark Stanley; Justin Fenton;

plus one unidentified attendee who didn't sign the attendance sheet.

Please read: Agenda, previous minutes, SEQ Transport Green Paper

Minutes

Agenda item: Attendance/Apologies **Presenter:** various

Discussion:

Attendance sheet passed around, then left near hand-out table for latecomers to sign. Apologies received from: Ilan Ivory; Justin Kerr; Rod James; Peter Whittle; Lindsay Fawdry; Elizabeth Catchpole; Paul Kanowski; Helen Adam; Rod James.

Agenda item: Announcements **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

- Peter Whittle is gathering data on the rate of use of DPI&F bike room to see how the number of bikes varies with regard to days of the week, school holidays, weather, etc, and is keen to obtain further input from other CBD bike facilities, as this will increase the numbers involved and strengthen the statistical validity and worth of any findings. Any volunteers can provide daily numbers to Peter, who will monitor weather conditions and undertake the statistical analysis – for further information and to get involved, contact Peter [pjl.whittle@optusnet.com.au].
 - Ilan Ivory has developed some materials for use in Bike-to-Work sessions she has successfully run in her building [Education House, 30 Mary Street] – electronic copies of a PowerPoint presentation, a publicity/information flyer and a quiz (with answers) to the BUG. If you're interested in obtaining a copy of this material, or undertaking something similar, please contact Ilan [Ilan.IVORY@qed.qld.gov.au] or Paul Murdoch. Ilan is running a further session in February.
 - BQ's Bike Week will be held between the 4th to 12th of March this year. The usual range of activities is on offer, and publicity leaflets (etc) will be available at the next meeting. You may want to think about getting involved (as say, a volunteer) assisting either BQ or CBD BUG. It is hoped that the poster design will include some blank space to include individual contact details (eg to list you as a building contact for ride-to-work day, etc). Currently CBD BUG has members in over 35 CBD buildings, so hopefully the publicity push for this fabulous week of events will be bigger than ever – further info, contact BQ [bqevent@bq.org.au] or Paul Murdoch [Paul.Murdoch@dva.gov.au]. Bring any ideas to the February meeting.
 - "Overcoming" (a film with a cycling theme) is starting at the Schonell cinema at UQ shortly. CBD BUG is expecting to be given several free tickets, which will be available to give away to members. More details will be circulated on receipt of tickets/flyer shortly.
 - Nigel Cox has received a DVD copy of a Rodney Tolley lecture given in Melbourne, entitled "Planning Healthy Cities, Success Stories in Active Transport" . Rodney Tolley is the Director of CAST, the Centre for Alternative and Sustainable Transport at the University of Staffordshire, England. The DVD is held with the CBD BUG's small (but slowly growing) resource collection – to borrow contact Paul Murdoch.
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Agenda item: Correspondence **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

A correspondence sheet, listing all incoming and outgoing correspondence, was circulated [the blue sheet] (see attachment 1). If you would like a copy of any item, contact Paul Murdoch.

The BUG has now received responses from all politicians written to regarding the KGS cycle facility, all of them quite positive, excepting the response from Councillor Quirk which seemed a little “curt”.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ For copies of letters, etc, contact Paul	you	
✓ If you haven't sent a letter to relevant politicians in support of KGS cycle facility, do so please	you	asap

Agenda item: Qld Gov Smart Travel Choices Green Paper Submission **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

A large number of copies of the Queensland Transport Green Paper were distributed, as well as a draft CBD BUG submission in point form for discussion at the meeting. It was agreed that the discussion paper was very encouraging from a cycling point-of-view, and that the BUG should/needs to put in a submission. All BUG members were encouraged to put in their own individual submissions, either in writing (paper) or electronically.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the draft points. Points raised/made included:

- for the submission, it was suggested that we open with a broad statement saying that we're supporting all of the Green Paper and then go on to emphasize cycling-specific ideas that we've been pushing. Mention the benefits of cycling, too;
 - the State Gov has an 8% goal for cycling, and a question is how this can be achieved with regard to the physical number of people expected – where would all the bike racks go? – make suggestions as to how this goal can be achieved and how physical obstacles can be overcome;
 - certain roads need wider shoulders; some places need to have pedestrians and cyclists separated for the safety and convenience of both; routes away from high-pollution areas are desirable; speed limits applied to certain bike paths (e.g. Goodwill Bridge at 10km/h) are stupidly low and do not encourage commuting;
 - we need to make the point that routes need to be direct, high quality and fast. Commuter cycling is not the same as Recreational cycling;
 - people are prepared to travel several kilometres out of their way to get to a good quality, high speed cycling route;
 - some existing facilities can be re-tasked with a change in signage (ICB, SE Freeway);
 - suggestion of a state government sponsored day where a major road is closed to all traffic except buses and bicycles; a big version of the ride-to-work day. See “Car Free Day” in Fremantle; shows potential rates of cycling. See also “Mobility Week” in Edinburgh, UK. See the effect on rates of cycling by major incidents (e.g. New York City's transit strike; the public transport bombings in London);
 - removing the impediments to cycling encourages cycling;
 - do we need to comment on Bike/Bus interactions?
 - The importance of bike lockers and bike racks on buses and trains?
 - Issues arise with cyclists in bus lanes;
 - If you experience negative Bike/Bus interaction, caused by bus driver, contact with Qld Transport can result in fierce action (counselling, driver shadowed by car and passenger) – lodge a complaint if warranted. Forms (including hazard reports) are available on the QT website;
 - with respect to the level of how many pedestrians give bikes, should we ask for more education of the proper use of shared facilities?; including publicising what is legal for bikes to do;
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| ✓ On-Street Parking Tour Update | Ilan Ivory |
| ✓ Note and action list of Crossings suitable for Conversion | Mark Stanley |
| ✓ QP/BCC Anti-Bike-Theft Initiative News | Mark Stanley/ Paul Murdoch |
| ✓ Report on Tour of CBD Bike Facilities | Peter Whittle |
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Agenda item: Bike Buddy Scheme **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

Paul reported that a member (Justin Kerr) had volunteered to help co-ordinate the scheme, but he couldn't make it to meetings owing to work commitments. A further (female?) co-ordinator would be great. The hope was that some progress might be made in time for Bike Week, although lack of progress in establishing a website meant identifying/contacting potential new cyclists was inhibited. A couple of individuals had been linked up to CBD BUG members for advice on commuting, and/or route selection to date.

Discussion cut short, due to running out of time. A number of documents, from BIKeast (a NSW BUG already operating a bike buddy scheme) were distributed for consideration and future discussion. A number of issues need to be considered/discussed/agreed, including:

- whether we insist on BQ membership (would provide insurance cover for buddy & novice);
- do we require a completed application form;
- how do we publicise (especially until we get a website). BCC has agreed to provide a link on their website to our website; word-of-mouth is obviously going to bring in some queries (especially as CBD BUG grows); one member has suggested a generic poster/notice to be put up at workplaces, railway stations etc. Another suggested ads in local (Quest) newspapers;
- privacy - We need to consider how to match people up (residential suburb and/or work location spring to mind, but would novice or buddy want email or other details just handed out? Or does CBD BUG co-ordinator have to contact each by email, ask if its OK to give their name/email/ph etc to person x;
- do we attempt to match by gender/experience level/fitness level or other attribute?;
- do we try to organise some cycling proficiency training? How; funding etc etc.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Consider documentation and issues (contact Paul for	you	Feb 15 (next meeting)

Agenda item: Other Items **Presenter:**

Discussion:

No other items.

Agenda item: Next Meeting **Presenter:**

Discussion:

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th of February, 1pm to 2pm in the BCC Library Theatrette

Attachment 1

CBD BUG correspondence list since November 2005 meeting

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter received from	Subject	CBD BUG action required?
1 December 2005	Graham Quirk, Chair, BCC Transport & Major Projects Committee	Response to BUG letter of 3/11/05 regarding King George Square bicycle facility	No – note tone
2 December 2005	Warren Salomon/Julie Edwards, BIKEast BUG, NSW [email]	Response to BUG email request for info re bike buddy scheme	Acknowledge any use of materials when scheme commences
7 December 2005	Andy Stewart, Queensland Transport	IRCNP update and revised regional cycling maps	Consider & provide feedback to QT
12 December 2005	Bronwyn Smith, Senior Adviser, Minister for Transport and Main Roads	Response to BUG letter of 3/11/05 regarding King George Square bicycle facility	No
12 December 2005	Campbell Newman, BCC Lord Mayor	Response to BUG letter of 3/11/05 regarding King George Square bicycle facility	No
14 December 2005	John Lister [email]	Copy of correspondence to Campbell Newman & David Hinchliffe re request for secure parking facilities at Wickham Street BCC carpark	Clarify whether any response received – write to express support for similar approach at all BCC carparks?
24 December 2005	Kelly-Ann Wickham, Epic Cycles [email]	Cycling initiative for the Woodford Folk Festival	No
5 January 2005	Department of Transport & Regional Services	Copies of <i>The Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005-2010</i>	No
8 January 2005	IdEa innovative products [email]	Email ad re new seat (product available for purchase)	No
10 January 2005	Ilan Ivory [email]	Copy of PowerPoint presentation & flyer prepared for a Bike to Work info session at Education House	Members to consider adapting for use in their workplace
10 January 2005	Janine James, Schonell Theatre [email]	Publicising upcoming season of cycling film <i>Overcoming</i>	No – details circulated via email/meeting announcement
13 January 2005	Queensland Transport	Multiple copies of <i>Smart Travel Choices for SEQ</i> Transport Green Paper	Consider. Draft and lodge BUG submission

16 January 2005	Mark Stanley, BCC ATU [email]	CBD bike theft initiative project plan (& updated bike parking data base)	Continue involvement; publicise
17 January 2005	Bicycle Queensland [email]	BQ Events Update	Consider CBD BUG involvement in bike week March 4-12
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter addressed to	Subject	Action required?
15 December 2005	Eastern Busway Study Team	Eastern Busway Concept Design draft Terms of Reference	Await outcome
10 January 2005	BCC Active Transport Unit [email]	Update on bike parking facilities (Queens Plaza) and need for improved 'public' facilities to accompany bike parking spaces	Formal letter to BCC to amend Transport, Access, Parking and Servicing Code ??
16 January 2005	Queensland Transport [email]	Data re end-of-trip facilities extracted from CBD BUG survey results to date	No
17 January 2005	Councillor Helen Abrahams, Chair, BCC Environment & Sustainability Committee [email]	Need for improvements in Transport, Access, Parking and Servicing Code provisions in City Plan	Await response