

Wednesday Jan 24 2007

CBD BUG Meeting

12:30pm

Brisbane Square Community Meeting
Room

Meeting called by:	CBD BUG	Type of meeting:	CBD BUG Business
Facilitator:	Paul Murdoch	Note taker:	Leslie Martin
Timekeeper:	Leslie Martin		

Attendees:

Leslie Martin, John Lister, John Nightingale, Paul Murdoch, Ian Lister, Scott Evans, Andrew Digby, Aaron Ball, John McIntosh, Donald Campbell, Paul French, Gerald Schmidt, Norm Morwood, Stef Gard, Michael Yeates, Elinor Ratcliffe, Adrian Walsh, Sasha, Michael Cahill, John Hack, Jo Sherwood, Justin Fenton, Deanna Herbst, David Russell, Bruce MacGregor, Tim Welch, Rachel Byrnes, Chris Kyriacou, Paul Leotta

Please read: Correspondence List; CBD BUG email

Minutes

Agenda item: Apologies **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

Apologies were received from: Aaron Wray, Peter Berkeley, Peter Whittle, Melanie Scott, Greg Waite, Heather Horne, Stephen Finimore.

Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item Normanby Pedestrian Cycle Link Presentation **Presenter:** Rachel Byrnes, Chris Kyriacou, Paul Leotta

Rachel Byrnes (Community Liaison Co-ordinator), Chris Kyriacou (Project Manager) and Paul Leotta (Community Liaison Officer) from the Major Projects Office of Main Roads provided a briefing and presentation on the Normanby Pedestrian Cycle Link.

Questions from the floor included:

Connectivity: Current route ends where the apartments are - they are currently negotiating with Roma Street Parklands for the route to go through the Parklands to connect to the CBD.

2 "extra" options were also mentioned. These are outside the current scope of the project and would cost an estimated additional \$2M (combined). They are a link to the southern side of College Road and a bridge over to the Normanby Bus Station for cyclists and pedestrians.

Safety: The Project manager stressed the safety elements that had been included in the design: full vision through tunnel (40m), no 'banana' bars at either end, and, even though it is not in the original scope, they are looking at a CCTV link.

Statistics: A counter will be included in the elevated path. This is data will go to Roma Street Parklands.

The presentation was well-received, and focused on what the CBD BUG was interested in and kept to time!

It was agreed that CBDBUG would write to the project team and the Minister for Transport using this Cycle Link as an opportunity to link with the 'Northern route' for even better connectivity. All agreed. Any specific suggestions or comments can be emailed to cbdbug@yahoo.com.au

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Email suggestions on which northern routes this new Cycle Link should link to	All interested members	ASAP
✓ Letter to Project team and Minister for Transport	Convenor	21/2/07

Agenda item: Announcements and Correspondence

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

Announcements:

- The South East Advertiser published an article on a Police open day for missing (Stolen) bicycles. Date indicated as during February. Contact 3364 3268 for further information.
- A Public Transport Users Association is attempting to start up in S-E Queensland. Brochures available at meeting or by email from Paul Murdoch.

Correspondence (see attachment 1 for a full correspondence list):

- Annerley Road progressing
- Draft Cycle Note: B10 Bicycle Advisory Zones: 1 member put in a submission
- Lack of bike facilities at Southbank TAFE: response letter from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for Transport
- Closure on SE Freeway Bikeway by Energex: Council received late notice. Notices were up in advance on the route. Meeting requested more and better signage for the detour.

Agenda item: Reports

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

BCC ATU Report – Scott Evans (SE):

- Energex work at QUT/Goodwill bridge is still on-going but the path is wide enough and the detour has been removed.
- BCC has a draft design for signage on bike racks in CBD and would like feedback asap. Scott reported that BCC didn't have a map of all bike racks in CBD;
- Some discussion about bike parking at Brisbane Square: 4 racks (2 bikes each) in Adelaide street and 18 racks (2 bikes each) in William Street. There are no surveillance cameras on these areas – only at the entrance to the building. ATU are negotiating for more racks on the Brisbane Square side. Brisbane Square is legally an extension of the mall, a consequence of which is that no riding of bicycles is allowed.

Other Detours:

- John Nightingale (JN) noted that the cycle path in the Botanical Gardens had been closed while trees were being pruned and that NO notices had been put out regarding the closure or a proposed detour. JN rang appropriate council section to discuss and introduced them to the Active Transport Unit because they were unaware that there were procedures to follow.
- Paul Murdoch (PM) discussed problems with the large number of Riverstage events, and the need for any Traffic Management Plan developed for February 2007 or subsequently to address cyclists' needs and movements (eg no blocking of paths etc)
- Paul French (PF) reported Powerhouse had blocked off path around the building at 4:30pm on New Year's Eve for a party. Once again, there were no notices and no proposed detour.

It was agreed that CBD BUG would write to the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor (cc'ed to major Council Divisions) alerting them to recurring problem within the council of path blockages, closures and other impacts, and seeking to ensure consultation routinely occurs with the Active Transport Unit to ensure their involvement and assistance with proper procedures, consultation, notification and help with suggested detours.

NSBT issues (South) – Paul French:

- Meeting held prior to Christmas 2006 re phase 2 of the detour
- Detour lasted 24 hours because an accident occurred due to the geography of a very tight corner. The previous detour was re-opened as well as retaining the new one
- A safety audit was carried out on 23 January 2007
- The Joint Venture (JV) wanted to install chicanes
- Discussed the crossing over Ipswich Road (existing traffic lights) which is inadequate - 13 bicycles have been seen waiting to cross at this point at one time. Lights will be installed one block further north and the JV is bringing in interstate contractors to complete.

NSBT issues (North) – John Lister:

- Detour was supposed to finish December 2006 but is continuing
- There is a safety issue crossing O’Connell Terrace with people riding on the wrong side of the road
- There is an extremely sharp hairpin before the hill (from Campbell street parallel to ICB) – can we get it fixed? JL reported that it is supposed to be part of the next phase.
- Scott Evans confirmed these issues are currently the subject of discussion between ATU and the JV

Car wash on Sylvan Road near Milton Road:

- Too late on this one. PM suggested that if anyone sees a notice of Development Application along a bike route to stop, read, look up on website [http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE:497615666:pc=PC_227] and lodge a submission/objection.
- Michael Yeates (MY) reported that there were no design details provided at the DA stage. This might open up a loophole for late objection?

Annerley Road bikelanes:

- Bike lanes have been included on Stanley Street in front of the Mater Hospital, which is great. The desirability of having maximum traffic/car speed limits reduced along this section as an additional pro-cycling measure was raised.

Boggo Road bikeway – John Nightingale:

- Still have concerns that consultative group is not representing the community and that our voice is not being heard through Bicycle Queensland (BQ).
- Agreed to send a further letter re the formal relationship between BUGs and BQ to BQ (citing Boggo Road bikeway as example of problems).
- Agreed to send letter to Queensland Transport insisting that CBD BUG be a part of the group as we are not being represented (with a cc to the Minister for Transport).

CBD/King George Square cycle facility – Paul Murdoch:

- Meetings and negotiations between the Lord Mayor, Minister for Transport and relevant officials had been held to discuss funding issues and responsibilities arising from the escalating costs of this project. The Lord Mayor announced at a meeting on Monday 22 January that the project would proceed, despite strong rumours and concerns to the contrary. Accordingly, there was no need for the CBD BUG to issue a prepared press release or publicly intervene. Paul noted that there were a range of issues and agendas at play, and it was strongly agreed that the re-commitment to this important project was very welcome.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ CBDBUG to send letter to Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor (cc’ed to major Council Divisions) alerting them to recurring problem within the council of path blockages and to ensure consultation occurs with Active Transport for their assistance with proper procedures, notification and help with suggested detours.	Convenor	Next meeting
✓ CBDBUG to send letter to Active Transport seeking the development of a map detailing bike parking facilities in CBD, for inclusion on the BCC website	Convenor	Next meeting
✓ If you see a notice of Development Application along a bike route to stop, read, look up on website and notify and object	All	on-going
✓ CBD BUG to send further letter seeking agreement on a formal relationship between BUGs and BQ to BQ.	Convenor	Next meeting
✓ CBD BUG to send letter to Queensland Transport re the Boggo Road bikeway, insisting that we be included in the consultative group/processes as we are not being represented by BQ (with a cc to the Minister for Transport).	Convenor	Next meeting

Agenda item: Other Items

Presenter: various

- PM is still to make contact with the Queensland Police Service re a talk on safety
 - Leslie Martin (LM) suggested we use Bike Week to promote the CBD BUG. All agreed. Paul French suggested options included handing out flyers at the Ride to Work Day (Wednesday 14 March), entering a CBD BUG team in the Big Brisbane Ride, organising CBD BUG jerseys or t-shirts, etc.. Flyer should include meeting dates for the rest of the year and possibly a guest speaker for March meeting (an interesting one!). Email suggestions to cbdbug@yahoo.com.au
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Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

- ✓ Email suggestions re activities to participate in Bike Week and promote CBD BUG during Bike Week

All

Asap

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Agenda item: Next Meeting – Wednesday 21 February 2007 12:30pm

Presenter:

Attachment 1

CBD BUG
Correspondence list since November 2006 meeting

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter received from	Subject	CBD BUG action required?/comments
28 Nov 2006	Michael Marlow, Project Manager, BCC Transport & Traffic Branch	Annerley Road Bikelanes Project	Follow up
30 Nov 2006	Michael Marlow, Project Manager, BCC Transport & Traffic Branch	Annerley Road Bikelanes Project update	
1 Dec 2006	Damian Mellifont, Qld Transport	Draft B10 cycle note (advisory cycle treatments)	Provide input
13 Dec 2006	Rachel Edbrooke, QT [email]	Feedback from Cycle Planning Day & copies of SEQ Cycle Network Plan maps	Circulate to interested members
20 Dec 2006	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	CBD Bike Theft signage	Feedback sought for Bike Week 2007
22 Dec 2006	David Saltwell, President EaSTBUG	NSBT cycling impact review	Respond to proposal
4 Jan 2007	Dean Jones, NSBT Joint Venture [email]	NSBT Southern Diversion Stage 2	
17 Jan 2007	Phil Reeves MP, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Transport	Cycling facilities – Southbank TAFE	Response to CBD BUG letter of 27/11/06
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter addressed to	Subject	Action required?
23 Jan 2007	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	Energex works affected SEF Bikeway & Riverstage events traffic management plan	Await response