

Wednesday, 17 May, 2006

1pm – 2pm

BCC Library Theatre

CBD BUG Meeting

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

Attendees: Sebastian Tauchmann; Bruce MacGregor; Chris Prosser; Heather Horne; Lindsay Fawdry; Gerald Schmidt; Norm Morwood; Scott Evans; Michael Langdon; Peter Berkeley; Leslie Martin; Ian Skinner; Robyn Davies; Justin Fenton; Wendy Badger; Anthony Lee; Aaron Wray; Paul French; Sharryn McConkey; John Lister; John Nightingale; Emma Scragg; Mark Stanley; Peter Whittle; Jo Sherwood; Ilan Ivory; Paul Murdoch

Minutes

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

Apologies were received from Cameron Hall; John Andresen; Nigel Cox; Rod James; Deanna Hebst; Elizabeth Catchpole; Helen Abrahams; Annie Cowling; Steve Finimore.

Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item: Translink Guest Speaker **Presenter:** Jurgen Pasieczny,
Manager, Eastern and Northern Busways

Topic Policies, planning and development of busways

Background

Tasks in SEQ

- Respond to fast growth of population: CBD growth to continue, to remain active centre for employment; Airport, hospitals and unis in addition to CBD.
- Cater for more trips between centres: 80% increase in two-way trips to CBD by 2016, esp from N & SW, Fringe CBD (gabba, southbank, bowen hills, spring hill)
- Brisbane may have 450,000 extra people by 2016, vehicle trips & number of cars increase at double pop growth
- Traffic Models: without Public Transport, cycling, walking there is no transport by car because of congestion; Each car needs multiple places to park; Air quality issues with traffic

Busways: "an integrated approach to Public Transport"

Rail PT demand is up, almost at capacity now

SE Busway: Buses share car space and are affected by same issues; any new buses added usually fill up quickly; has capacity for more buses.

New busways planned for Brisbane (SEQIPP: South-East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program) includes the King George Square tunnel and Boggo Rd Busway projects.

Busways Network: "when complete travel across city from one side to other"; reliable and integrated public transport system. (Chermside to Carindale, Uni, Hospitals, CBD)

Busways plans to connect those urban centres that are not on existing rail network. Urban centres were identified by the revised BCC urban plan.

Lots of suggestions to bus people to rail stations instead - timing & integration problems usually prevent this.

Estimated time savings with busway: Carina to UQ - 45 min down to 10 min; Kelvin Grove to CBD, down 20 minutes. Busways are "bus only"; no traffic delays, no congestion, no intersections; high tech stations. Not all busways will be separate facilities – some may have dedicated shoulder lanes or transit lanes.

!!Cycle Lanes were pre-planned but not funded!!

Busways are unique to Brisbane, adapted to spread suburbs and low density housing; some parts are modeled on the Canadian systems; connects to local (i.e. BCC) bus routes; works in combination with the rail network.

Busways estimate that people will walk up to 5 minutes or 400m for a normal bus stop, up to twice that for a Busway station. In Brisbane, 25% of city has "walking-distance" access to railway stations. With the Busway network, about 50% of the city will be in "walking distance" from a Public Transport station.

The Busways

The East and Northern Busways are in planning for full (i.e. separated) busways. South-East and Inner-Northern Busways are operational. (Fun: current bus traffic on SE Busway is roughly equivalent to 7.5 highway lanes worth of cars.) The Inner-Northern Busway links Upper Roma St to Queen St.

The Far Northern Busway links Kedron to Bracken Ridge

Northern Busway

- Royal Brisbane Hospital to Kedron
- Has options including a tunnel under Lutwyche Rd; integration with airport link and city by-pass
- At Kedron, links to cycle network at Kedron Brook
- Questions as to how much to provide in way of facilities at stations (toilets, showers, etc)
- Bike locker and toilet issues will be worked out with BCC and BQ.
- For Transit Lanes, want wide 4.5m shoulder lanes where possible; otherwise separate lanes.
- Need support from the cycle lobby for the 4.5m lanes.

Busways & Cycling

Queensland Transport

- "make it easier to get around"
- QT Cycle Unit + BCC + Translink are trying to work in unison.
- State Gov't funding for cycles is \$15million (.5% of QT budget)
- Busways money for cycling is zero: different budget, none for bike facilities on busways.
- SE Busway project did spend some money to provide for cycle ways, but are not allowed to actually provide facilities, which must be built by Main Roads. Estimated cost is now up to 50 million.
- With the Northern Busway, budget constraints are stricter, less allowance for providing for space for bike facilities, can only cater for small parts of such planning.

Busways wants to see Busway Stations as destinations for cyclists (i.e. end-of-trip points), increasing the access radius for stations to around 1.5Km.

If cycle facilities are provided at stations, will they be used? Security threat issues have been cited as reasons why standard bike lockers aren't being installed at Busway stations.

The standard Busway Station does provide some locker space and bike parking facilities.

Busways willing to assist cycle plans already in place to promote cycling to stations (not to CBD). Busways not keen on cycle/bus interactions at stations; big policy issue with Main Roads.

Questions and Answers

(note: not all questions were asked at the end. I've grouped them here for simplicity.)

Question: Use of Transit Lanes by non-buses, keeping non-buses out, policing issues?

Answer: Not relevant for a bus-only busway.

Question: Will cycle facilities link with Busways?

Answer: Queensland Transport can answer that question better.

Question: How can we (i.e. BUGs) get involved with the Busways planning?

Answer: QT and BCC cycle units: Get these organisations to engage with the wider cycle community to get involved with Busways planning via BCC and QT.

(i.e. Busways will only talk to BCC or QT, and expects them to get feedback from BQ and BUGS, etc)

Question: There are problems with the consultation process re: cycling; could we (CBD BUG) get involved?

Answer: ... Happy to meet with CBD BUG and/or other cycling groups to ensure suitable designs and outcomes.

Question: Will transit lanes be returned to car use if they're replaced by a tunnel?

Answer: ...

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Clarify issues of concern and seek meeting with Busways to discuss	???	June 21 (next meeting)

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

Discussion:

- a) Update on CBD bike centre – Paul Murdoch: ran out of time this meeting, carry over.
- b) Correspondence list – Paul Murdoch: ran out of time this meeting, carry over (see attachment 1 for a full list of correspondence received).
- c) Ride of Silence: to be held Saturday, May 20th, Botanic Gardens, 10am
- d) Mark Stanley is leaving BCC's Active Transport Unit (off to Germany for World Cup) - his replacement will be Scott Evans.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update on CBD Bike Centre	Paul Murdoch	June 21

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

Discussion: Meeting ran out of time, all items carried over.

- a) Bike Bus – Peter Berkely
 - b) Sylvan Rd Resurfacing Works – Mark Stanley
 - c) CBD BUG Website update – Sebastian Tauchmann
 - d) CBD BUG representation – Paul Murdoch
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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Bike Bus proposal update	Peter Berkeley	June 21
✓ Sylvan Rd Resurface update	Scott Evans	June 21
✓ CBD BUG Website update	Seb Tauchmann	June 21
✓ CBD BUG representation update	Paul Murdoch	June 21

Agenda item: Cycling Advocacy **Presenter:** Ilan Ivory

Discussion: Cycling Advocacy – Lessons from Education House

Meeting ran out of time, item carried over.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Cycling Advocacy	Ilan	June 21

Agenda item: BQ – CBD BUG Interaction **Presenter:** Peter Whittle

Discussion:

Meeting ran out of time, item carried over

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ BQ – CBD BUG interaction discussion	Peter Whittle	June 21

Agenda item: Next Meeting **Presenter:** Paul

Conclusions: Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 21, 1pm to 2pm, BCC Library Theatre

CBD BUG

Correspondence list since April 2006 meeting

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter received from	Subject	CBD BUG action required?
19 April 2006	Greg Hope, Project Director, CityGrid Project, Energex	Response to CBD BUG representations re disruption to cycle routes during works upgrade	Circulate information of future works when received
19 April 2006	Nic Lowe, GoGet Australia	Seeking to extend the Goget Carshare scheme (Sydney & Melbourne) to Brisbane	Circulate
3 May 2006	Celeste Philp, Queensland Transport [email]	Confirming availability of Jurgen Pasieczny to speak at May BUG meeting	Publicise speaker & meeting
5 May 2006	Elizabeth Preston, League of American Bicyclists	Bike to work week poster, as requested	
5 May 2006	Geoff Grimes, IdEa International Pty Ltd [email]	DDWings bike seat – product information	
11 May 2006	Gerald Schmidt [email]	Blocked exits from Bicentennial bikeway	Follow-up with BCC ATU
12 May 2006	Alton Twine, BCC ATU [email]	Update on status of King George Square bicycle facility	Follow-up meeting required
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter addressed to	Subject	Action required?
11 May 2006	Alton Twine, BCC ATU [email]	Request for meeting/briefing re current status of KGS cycle facility	Await response & schedule
16 May 2006	Councillor David Hinchliffe, Deputy Mayor, BCC	Hale Street Bridge – cyclists/pedestrian access	
16 May 2006	Lord Mayor Campbell Newman	Hale Street Bridge – cyclists/pedestrian access	