

Tuesday Nov 14 2006

CBD BUG Meeting

12:30pm

CBD Cafe

Meeting called by: CBD BUG

Type of meeting: CBD BUG Business

Facilitator: Leslie Martin

Note taker: Sebastian Tauchmann

Timekeeper: Leslie Martin

Attendees:

Leslie Martin, John Lister, John Hack, Michael Langdon, John Nightingale, Aaron Wray, Paul French, Mark McDonald, Peter Berkeley, Elizabeth Catchpole, Lesley Gower, Heather Horne, Adrian Walsh, Sebastian Tauchmann, Peter Whittle, Paul Murdoch;+ 2 women who didn't sign the attendance sheet

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

Minutes

Agenda item: Apologies

Presenter: Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

Apologies were received from: Nigel Cox, Stephen Jones, Justin Fenton, Robyn Davies.

Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item: Announcements and Correspondence

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

- **BFA Bikeability Seminar** is coming up on December 9th, so far CBD BUG has nominated 5 people to attend;
- **Riverside Bikeway was closed** for a few days while the rest of the highway was closed as well. Response from BCC ATU was prompt, and although the detour wasn't great, it was probably as good as we could have argued for. CBD BUG media release was picked up by a couple of places, and we had a mention in the Courier-Mail.

Agenda item: Reports

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

Boggo Rd Bikeway Meeting Report - Leslie Martin, John Nightingale, Paul French

- A meeting involving representatives from CBD BUG, EaSTBUG and BQ was held on 27 October to discuss this project, and ensuring viewpoints from all were fed into consultative process. The bikeway is linked to but not part of the Boggo Rd Busway project, as well as being related to the Boggo Road Urban Village project.

- Only Ben Wilson (BQ) is currently included on the stakeholder consultative group. Ben Wilson is there to represent the views of all cyclists and cycling interests, and to get our views heard we have been told to submit them to the stakeholder groups via BQ.

- Of the options on offer, CBD BUG reps consider that Option G provides the best outcome for cycling. The option seems to have been criticised by everyone else (i.e. non-cyclists) and includes an expensive overpass and tunnel. Our concern is the best outcome and value for money, rather than a narrow focus on how much something costs. It should be done right, not cheap. BQ said to give them a list of stuff we do not want, rather than a list of stuff we do want.

- If as suggested verbally, BQ is not prepared to put or incorporate CBD BUG (and other's) views which are in conflict with BQ/Ben's, we will need to bypass BQ and ensure CBD BUG is represented directly on the consultative group. We will await a formal BQ response to our correspondence of 23 October.

- How will the bikeway be funded? How can awareness of bikeway be increased? Survey of potential users at UQ

suggested and highlighting the linkage potentials for the Urban Village, surrounding universities, SE Bikeway and further on (Griffith Uni). CBD BUG reps to document design preferences and unacceptable elements for further consideration of next meeting of consultative group.

QT Cycle Planning Day - John Nightingale, Aaron Wray

- Nice day, interesting
- "regional routes" have become "principal routes" to reduce confusion. These are the key routes to build.
- performed a gap analysis of the principal routes between key areas (unis, schools, shopping centres etc). Some northside gaps were plugged, and routes were priorities according to population movement expectations and available budgets.
- Important Northern routes are Indooroopilly (Uni to Toowong), New Farm (to CBD via Valley), Chermside and Pinkenba.
- Southern routes are Boggo Rd, the Moreton Bay cycle route and the Gateway Motorway.
- Timeframe for these routes is the next 4 years (as in, likely to be achieved by then)
- Plan to send letter of thanks to QT for involving us.

QCC Sustainable Transport Meeting - John Nightingale

- QCC funded to employ a sustainable transport co-ordinator/project person for 12 months. The focus of this meeting focus was a bit unclear. There were a lot of ideas about what is important in the field of sustainable transport – some focus on 'quick and easy' immediate campaigns. QCC wants to avoid the fate of Smogbusters. Important that CBD BUG reps continue to be involved and attend meetings.

State Cycle Committee Meeting - Paul Murdoch

- Paul gave a report on the activities of the CBD BUG to the SCC. Although it was well attended, Paul was of the opinion that some attendees were not in a position to speak with authority for the organisation/department they represented. CBD BUG's previous suggestion of a subsidy scheme (perhaps on a matching basis) which could be accessed by employers or building owners for the retro-fitting of parking and end-of-trip facilities to buildings was touted. CBD BUG to raise the proposal directly with the minister with the aim of getting that idea included in the forthcoming Transport white paper.

Annerley Rd Bikelanes - Peter Whittle

- CBD BUG made a submission that was probably too late to get our comments included. Still, it was good that CBD BUG was consulted, even if as an afterthought and our detailed feedback was unexpected.
- Works to start in mid to late November, mostly just road painting and signage.
- The 1800 199 757 number has answers, but no details on start of work, notices or publicity intentions.
- Overall this will have a positive impact for cycling on Annerley Rd, but there are some not-insignificant problems, mostly with narrow lanes and squeeze points, and the proposal doesn't seem to account for the increased traffic volume that can be expected in the near future arising from the opening of the busway & Green Bridge (for which a reduction to 50kmh would probably be appropriate).
- No news in regard to similar works being planned for Gladstone Rd, but it seems likely.

NSBT (Northside) issues - Aaron Wray, John Lister

- Access generally from the northside is extremely limited and fraught with problems – NSBT construction will compound this situation. But - great opportunity for Improvement
 - The present detour is set to close in December, and cyclists will be sent along the west side of Lutwyche Rd, probably on the footpath, for the next three years.
 - CBD BUG has had input to the process;
 - need to focus on how to improve the final product i.e. the new bikeway set to be built.
 - On the other hand, cars have no idea what's about to hit them around the works area, with lane reductions and ICB on-ramp width restrictions, etc. For those so inclined, the opportunity for schadenfreude exists.
 - Parts of the ICB may have shoulders closed to allow work, so cycling access along the ICB could be in trouble – CBD BUG position was that in such an event, vehicle speeds had to be reduced during such closures to allow lane use.
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- Still need to keep talking to the JV team for the entire period of construction. John & Aaron will be organising regular meetings of northside members of CBD BUG to focus on northside access and other issues (these being somewhat more grave than the southside issues.)

Southbank TAFE redevelopment - Heather Horne, Paul Murdoch

- There are buildings going up for the new Southbank TAFE, which is Queensland's first PPP (Public/Private partnership) and hence very politically sensitive. Instead of the 70 - 120 official bike parking spaces that currently exist at the old site, the new site will only have 50 parking spaces (two blocks of 25).
- These 2x25 spaces have been allocated to be shared between 600 staff and around 30,000 students.
- One will be a standard wheel-eating toast-rack; the other a Class II secure facility, meaning that it has punch-code access.
- There will be 400 car parking spaces and no student car parking.
- To meet state government targets for cycling, possibly as many as 2480 bike parking spaces might be needed. Sp the development is a mere 2430 spaces short of meeting government targets.
- Heather Horne and Southbank TAFE BUG have contacted the TAFE project managers, who advised that they are not authorised to make contract changes and basically rebuffed attempts to negotiate necessary improvements.
- The development does not meet current government standards and directions for cycling – CBD BUG to write to the Minister for Transport as a matter of urgency, highlighting the lack of planning for cycling and cyclists with regard to locations of parking, number of facilities and levels of security; that this will be an important precinct and seeking that the government's own policy and standards be adhered to.

Knight Frank Meeting - Paul Murdoch

- A meeting with Knight Frank's State Director Facilities was held, but little progress achieved in regard to the specific building which had led to our initial complaint (80 Albert Street). In regard to that building, K-F had undertaken a survey of tenants (people and organisations) and identified a demand for bike facilities – on that basis had prepared a detailed proposal to install such facilities, and passed this on to the building owner, Colonial First. Colonial First's insurance company undertook a risk audit, who advised that the risk was unacceptable. The specifics of the building (small, narrow, steep car-park access, combined with a long-term lease arrangement with Kings, who in turn have long-term lease arrangements with individual car-owners) not only mean higher 'risks' than normal, but also considerable cost in breaking leases in order to site facilities in 'safe' locations. Paul was confident that this would not represent a bad precedent which would be used by other building owners/managers.

In summary - the lack of facilities in 80 Albert Street is not Knight Frank policy nor practice. Commercial arrangements (leasing of car-parking spaces) have restricted options for ensuring provision of facilities and safety/financial risk are compatible. Knight Frank have agreed to publicise CBD BUG in a forthcoming tenant newsletter (which was nice).

- Suggestion of initiating discussions with Wilsons and Kings in order to get them supportive of providing spaces.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft design preferences and unacceptable elements in relation to preferred Boggo Road bikepath option for input to Boggo Road consultative group	Leslie Martin/John Nightingale	asap
✓ Send letter of thanks for involvement in QT cycle plan	Paul Murdoch	29 Nov
✓ Send letter to Minister for Transport seeking support for inclusion of a retrofitting bike facilities subsidy scheme in forthcoming white paper	Paul Murdoch	29 Nov
✓ Continue discussions/interactions NSBT JV to get results/address problems	Aaron Wray (north)/Paul French (south)	ongoing
✓ Send letter to Minister for Transport re: South Bank TAFE PPP & bike facilities	Paul Murdoch	29 Nov

Agenda item: Minutes and Matters Arising

Presenter: Paul Murdoch

Busways Planning - Paul Murdoch

- After several letters, CBD BUG has finally received a response. Translink propose a cycling briefing session involving all bicycle groups – date yet to be sent, but early February 2007 likely. CBD BUG representative(s) to attend meeting required.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Expressions of interest in attending Translink Busways briefing session invited	all	asap

Agenda item: Other Items **Presenter:** various

Queensland Community Partnership Grants - Aaron Wray

- This program is a joint initiative of a number of departments, including health, arising from the recent obesity summit. There is money available for discrete projects that relate to active lifestyle, physical activity and/or healthy eating initiatives – therefore improving/encourage more cycling fits within the guidelines. The scheme usually requires matched funding, and partnering of groups working together to achieve objectives.
- Peter Whittle suggested trying to get money to have electronic bike counters installed on the busiest bike routes. Paul Murdoch suggested a project to publicise and expand the BUG's bike buddy scheme was worth considering – seeking funding for a website and media advertising budget.
- Aaron will send info to Paul Murdoch.

Film screening – An inconvenient truth – Paul Murdoch

Paul corrected an announcement recently circulated suggesting that a screening of the film 'An inconvenient truth' was a fund-raiser for EaSTBUG. The screening, at the Balmoral cinema on November 11, was actually an initiative from Councilor Shayne Sutton's Morningside Ward's Livability Committee – EaSTBUG still hopes to receive some funds from it specifically for bike bus projects.

End-of-Year

- Any suggestions for a pub venue in the CBD for a mid-December social lunchtime deal for about 20 people?

BQ Special General Meeting

- Bicycle Queensland will be holding a special general meeting on Wednesday 6 December at 7.00 pm at their West End office to consider and vote on a new constitution (rule changes). There is some contention regarding the proposal – info in support of the proposal available on BQ website; info on the 'NO' case available from Paul Murdoch. An information meeting will be held on Nov 22nd. All BQ members strongly encouraged to consider proposal and attend SGM.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send CPG info to Paul M	Aaron W	asap
✓ Suggest pub venue for December social event	all	soon

Agenda item: Next Meeting **Presenter:**

Discussion:

- November 29 meeting to take place at the new BCC building.
- No December meeting, as venue is not available – suggestion raised of a lunchtime social meeting in a pub (see above). Anybody have a suggested/preferred venue?