

Wednesday, 27 Sept, 2006

CBD BUG Meeting

12:30 – 2pm

BCC Library Theatre

Meeting called by: CBD BUG

Type of meeting: CBD BUG Business

Facilitator: Paul Murdoch

Note taker: Sebastian Tauchmann

Timekeeper: Paul Murdoch

Attendees:

Sebastian Tauchmann, Gerald Schmidt, Aaron Wray, Deanna Hebst, John Nightingale, Peter Whittle, Doug Paterson, Bruce MacGregor, John Lister, Norm Morwood, Stephen Larter, Leslie Martin, Adam Harrison, Ian Lister, Adrian Walsh, Paul Murdoch

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

Minutes

Agenda item: Apologies

Presenter: Paul Murdoch

Discussion:

Apologies were received from Justin Fenton, Robyn Davies, Paul French, Pieter Truter, Emma Scragg, Peter Berkeley, Ilona Papajcsik, Nigel Cox, Henri Salmela, Jo Sherwood, Fiona Berry, Rodney James.

Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item: BQ - CBD BUG Relationship & Interactions

Presenter: Peter Whittle

Discussion:

Bicycle Queensland (BQ) as the peak organisation of cyclists in Queensland is often the standard consultation group representing cyclists on infrastructure projects - often the only group consulted (i.e. No local cyclists or BUGs).

There is a widespread view that there is a distinct lack of membership input, of transparency and of accountability for BQ consultations and submissions.

Traditionally, BQ tends to operate as the equivalent of a Brisbane-wide BUG within the Brisbane area, and as a peak body representing cyclists in other parts of the state. BQ has had problems relating to local BUGs in the Brisbane area in the past.

At present, there is no formal relationship between CBD BUG (or any other BUG) and BQ. CBD BUG tends not to get much information on what stance BQ is adopting on a range of issues of interest to it, with either inconsistent or incomplete responses to written requests for information.

CBD BUG recognises and supports BQ as the peak body for cycling in Queensland. However, for local issues affecting local cyclists we believe that BQ should share information with, contribute to and get local BUGs involved in the consultation progress. Specifically, for projects that impact upon cycle facilities within the CBD and that affect cycling routes to and exits from the CBD, CBD BUG should be involved in any and all consultation; information should be shared in a timely manner between the two groups – this will maximise the likelihood of the best possible outcome for cyclists.

Paul Murdoch to draft and send letter to this effect.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Draft letter to BQ re: roles & relationship

Paul Murdoch

Oct 25

Agenda item: NSBT Effects on Cyclists

Presenter: Various

Discussion:

Closure of SE Bikeway - Paul Murdoch for Paul French (Note: Paul French is on holidays.)

The initial CBD BUG letter expressing strong objections to the proposed closure & detour route received an apologetic response and the promise to do better, which was very encouraging. Subsequently, the contractors contacted CBD BUG with an urgent request for a meeting – CBD BUG was represented by Paul Murdoch and John Nightingale, at which an improved proposal was outlined.

The proposal is to have a total of 18 months of detours, starting in October 2006 and ending with a new bikeway that has better gradients and sight-lines (also includes pedestrian facilities). The proposal is for 6 stages of construction, with a different detour route for each stage. Given the construction issues and schedule, the bridge across Ipswich Rd cannot be rebuilt immediately, but there will be upgrades to the O'Keefe St and Ipswich Rd footpaths, the traffic light phasing will be addressed and a new pedestrian crossing will be installed.

- Stage 1 is scheduled from October 2006 until January 2007, the detour going down O'Keefe St, then along Ipswich Rd to Park Rd. The footpath will be upgraded to be 3 metres wide.
- Stage 2 is from January 2007 to April 2007, the detour going along the (old) bikeway to Reis St, Ipswich Rd, Albert St, Lockhart St and back to the bikeway.
- Stage 3 is from May 2007 to August 2007, the detour going along O'Keefe St, Ipswich Rd, Reis St/Burke St, to Albert St, Fleur St, Lockhart and back to the bikeway.
- Stage 4 is from September 2007 to December 2007, the detour being O'Keefe St, Ipswich Rd, Reis St, Burke St, Park Rd and to the (new!) bikepath.
- Stage 5 is from January 2008 to May 2008, the detour being essential the same as Stage 2, but with a new bikeway.

Stage 6 is for April 2008 and there will be no detour, but there will be a new bikepath.

All routes are subject to final BCC and MR approval, with "safety" being a major criterion

Paul Murdoch has copies of the maps: If you'd like a closer look, please contact him at cbdbug@yahoo.com.au or paul.murdoch@dva.gov.au

Impacts on northern access routes - Aaron Wray

Aaron will be co-ordinating the CBD BUG response in regard to northside issues. Please contact him on aaron_wray@hotmail.com if you want to have input or to obtain further details.

Currently, as the usual route has already been closed, access from the north is via backstreets, via Horace St and the ICB.

The proposed Stage 1 route will give bike access along a new temporary road from Horace St to O'Connell St. The road will be shared with trucks to and from the construction site, but these will have a posted speed limit of 25kmh. The access along this road will end in December 2006 or January 2007. This ends access to Horace St as a route, and will send bikes down to Gympie Rd and Lutwyche Rd, and while an enforced T3 lane might be useful for confident and brave cyclists (Buses, etc), it's not really a practical solution for cyclist access.

At the moment, the project team has no alternative solutions or suggestions, but perhaps a path from Edgar/Horace to Downey St and the hospital and on to Victoria Park bikeway? The issue of what help BCC could give, in the form of briefings on what proposals have been submitted to council and inspected by council officers, was queried.

Summary:

Write and note proposals for southside, giving conditional approval, but reserving the right to raise problems and identify issues as they appear.

Stress that the project must stick to the given timeframes, that we have quality requirements, that we are concerned about the amount of truck traffic that will interact with cyclists, and that safety is a major issue. That if we do raise concerns about safety that immediate action needs to be taken to rectify the problem.

A separate letter should be sent in relation to the northside proposals, the poor facilities, and that this is a fine opportunity to finally provide some useful high-quality facilities on the north, sadly lacking for so long.

Contractor representatives to be invited to address CBD BUG meeting on 25 October.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Letter to contractors re: Revised Proposal for South Detour	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Response to contractors re: Issues arising on Northside	Aaron Wray/Paul Murdoch	asap

Agenda item: Hale St Link (HSL) Submission **Presenter:** Peter Whittle

Discussion:

Peter Whittle has prepared a draft submission in relation to the Hale Street Link draft Impact Assessment Statement, which was circulated and discussed. Paul Murdoch will send around an electronic copy to all. Submissions close on October 13 - Peter will require any comments to him by the week before, so he can incorporate and polish.

The general approach in the submission is to address three issues - Effect on Traffic, Cycling Amenity, and the Approach to Consultation.

Effect on Traffic: argue that the bridge should not be built, given the unclear objectives stated. Our view is that any journey that can reasonably be made by alternative transport (trains, buses, bikes or walking) should not be made by car.

Cycling amenity: there are some design issues; support the use of standards (AustRoads 14) as being a starting point, not an end goal; links to other routes need to be considered, especially to the northside and west to St Lucia.

Approach to consultation: CBD BUG should be consulted and involved in any reference groups, if project proceeds. Regarding access during construction: the bikeway MUST NOT be closed at any time during construction.

The draft submission was endorsed by the meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Circulate draft submission	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ Consider draft and forward any proposals/suggestions re content or drafting to Peter Whittle re: HSL	All	11 Oct
✓ Lodge finalised IAS Submission	Peter Whittle	13 Oct

Agenda item: Announcements/Correspondence **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch/various

Discussion:

1. Knight Frank

Paul Murdoch circulated a notice issued by Knight Frank re the (non) provision of cycle facilities at 80 Albert St., which had been forwarded by a CBD BUG member in that building. Paul to write a letter to KF about the building and their apparent attitude, seek a meeting to clarify the issues they've cited, and to cc BCC/ATU and QT/ITU with reference to the apparent contravention of the various plans and strategies to encourage cycling.

2. PedBikeTrans

There will be a free PedBikeTrans evening seminar on Monday, at the Metro Arts building. The featured speaker will be Professor John Whitelegg, Professor of Sustainable Transport at Liverpool University.

3. Active Living by Design seminar

UQ and Qld Health have organised an Active Living by Design seminar on Tuesday October 10, looking at physical activity, transportation, land-use and health, on 10 October 2006. A flyer regarding the seminar has previously been circulated for information, Paul Murdoch or Damian O'Sullivan (Damian_O'Sullivan@health.qld.gov.au).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Letter to Knight Frank re circular	Paul Murdoch	asap

Agenda item: Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

Presenter:

Discussion:

There still has been no response to CBD BUG letter seeking a meeting to discuss incorporation of cyclist facilities and issues into busway planning process with the Busways people. Paul to send a reminder letter and see if that gets a reply. If not, issue to be raised with Minister for Transport.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft letter, renewing request for follow-up meeting	Paul Murdoch	Oct 25

Agenda item: Other Items

Presenter:

Discussion:

Bike Lanes for Annerley & Gladstone Roads

Media Release by Cr Abrahams tabled, advising of \$600,000 to be spent on bikelanes connecting Green Bridge. CBD BUG to send nice letters to Lord Mayor and Councillor Abrahams for a change, to congratulate council on finding these funds for the bikelanes.

NSBT

Project team is willing to give a presentation at the next meeting: We'll accept, but this should be targeted at bikes and the cycling issues, not like the Busways presentation.

Bicentennial Bikeway party idea

As of October 7th, the temporary diversion of the Bicentennial Bikeway will be two years old – letter of complaint to relevant part of BCC to be sent. Possibility of leafleting of cyclists and a birthday party or comparable 'celebration' inviting the LM and Cr Magub to mark occasion. Seb to consider a suitable invitation list?

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Nice letters to BCC	Paul Murdoch	Oct 25
✓ Reply to NSBT contractors inviting presentation at Oct meeting	Paul Murdoch	Oct 25
✓ Draft letter of complaint to BCC re extended detour of Bicentennial Bikeway	Seb/Paul	Oct 7
✓ Plan Party?	Seb?	Oct 7?

Agenda item: Next Meeting

Presenter:

Discussion:

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, BCC Library Theatre, 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Attachment 1

CBD BUG

Correspondence list since August 2006 meeting

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter received from	Subject	CBD BUG action required?
4 Sept 2006	Dan Hunt, Deputy Director-General, Queensland Transport	Consultation results for <i>Smart Travel Choices for SEQ: A Transport Green Paper</i>	
5 Sept 2006 [email]	Andrew DeZilva, BCC Community Safety	Application for funding for State Government funding for pathway lighting projects submitted	Await decision (November 2006?)
7 Sept 2006	Tony Spink, NSBT Project Director, Leighton Contractors Joint Venture	Response to CBD BUG letter objecting to SE Bikeway closure	Seek further meeting
11 Sept 2006	Councilor Graham Quirk	Response to 'Roads to Recovery' letter	
19 Sept 2006	Councilor Helen Abrahams [email]	Media release re funding of Green Bridge related bike lanes	Note and publicise
21 Sept 2006	Carol Hodge, Qld Transport [email]	State Cycle Committee meeting attendance & distribution of minutes	Advise of interest in attending SCC meeting of 8/11/06
26 Sept 2006	Ben Wilson, BQ [email]	NSBT update	Note
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter addressed to	Subject	Action required?
31 August 2006	Leighton Contractors & Baulderstone Hornibrook Bilfinger Berger Joint Venture	Request for meeting & position on detour of SE Bikeway as a consequence of NSBT construction works	Await response
20 Sept 2006	Jurgen Pasiieczny, Manager Eastern Busway Study Team, Qld Transport	Follow up to letter of 26 July 2006, seeking meeting to discuss cycle issues relating to busway planning	
20 Sept 2006	Ian Nicoll, Project Leader, Boggo Road Cycleway Project Team, Qld Transport	Boggo Road Cycleway	Copied to Minister, Councilor Abrahams, BCC ATU, BQ, EaSTBUG

