

CBD BUG Meeting



Wednesday 17 December 2008

12:30pm – 2:00pm
Community Meeting Room,
Brisbane Square

Meeting called by: CBD BUG

Type of meeting: CBD BUG Business

Facilitator: Paul French

Note taker: Leslie Martin

Minutes

Attendees: Paul French, Leslie Martin, Donald Campbell, Ian Lister, John Lister, John Lee, David Russell, Ainslie Just, Steve Finimore, Tim Coelin, Mark Rossiter

Agenda item: APOLOGIES

Presenter: Paul French

Apologies were received from: John Nightingale, Andrew Demack, Justin Fenton, Paul Murdoch, Matthew Leyton, Rob Sykes, Ryan Robertson, Lance McCallum, Andrew De Silva

Please continue to let us know if you are unable to make the meeting.

Agenda item: ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Presenter: Paul French

All current Correspondence (in folder) was circulated through meeting

Agenda item: PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Presenter: Paul French

Minutes are on the website. As no hardcopy was brought to the meeting, we will confirm the minutes and address any matters arising from them at our January meeting.

Agenda item: REPORTS – Active Transport

Presenter: John Lee

Detours:

- Hale Street Link detour on Bouquet Street – now in place.
- Hale Street Link detour on Bicentennial Bikeway: There will be two areas affected:
 - North of Hale Street: further changes to the path/route when the retaining wall is built and pile driving occurs. This will occur around the end of Jan 09.
 - Park road to Cribb street: a diversion while work is carried out over progressive sections. Sometime in Jan 09 for approx. 6 months duration.
 - Question: Is there a map of the detours? He said he had not received one. We should try to get maps from HSL asap of all of the detours. We have never written a letter to HSL. Now may be the time.
 - Question: Will the detour around Park Rd to Cribb St be as bad as the sewer works detour? JL was unable to answer the question
- South East Freeway Bikeway: further cabling works during Jan 09

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

- ✓ Gardens point cycle path – closure or detour
- ✓ HSL detours on Bicentennial Bikeway – write letter to get maps and further consultation

John Lee

ASAP

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Agenda item: REPORTS – Bicycle Queensland

Presenter: Andrew Demack - absent

BQ advised a written report would be forthcoming

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

- ✓ Provide report via email

Andrew Demack

ASAP

Agenda item: Northern Link Environmental Impact Statement

Presenter: Ian Lister

The deadline for submissions was extended to 22 December 2008. CBD BUG's submission has been completed by Ian Lister (circulated at meeting) and is on the website.

Thank you for some great work, Ian.

Agenda item: CBDBUG Policy position (Election campaign) **Presenter:** Paul French

The plan is to finalise our policy position and then consult with other organizations including, BQ, other BUGS, pedestrian organizations, etc.

Discussion on the circulated policy position document provided the following comments:

Policy 1: include reference to the State Government Cycling policies

Policy 2: include economic benefit of cycling from the Cycling Promotion Fund brochure of the same name (link on our website) to strengthen argument. Clarify that money from Policy 2 is on top of real State Government cycling funding.

Policy 3: reword policy statement slightly

Policy 5: Change from “high level” to specify CEOs of government departments

JLister commented on demarcation within a project where there are different organisations/government departments involved. It can become very frustrating. How can we break down the silos and make everything standardised?

PF: currently members of the State Cycle Committee are relatively junior members with no decision-making ability.

Policy 6: cyclists can ride on footpath but not on pedestrian crossings – inconsistent!!! Really, what is the difference? There was some discussion about ‘scrambles’ in the CBD. It was suggested some sort of signage could be used here.

General comments:

- After the document is finalised, we should condense it to a “5 point plan” which could be used in letters and media releases. This should indicate how everyone “wins”.
- Ensure policy statements are not “motherhood” statements. Policies 1 and 3 need to be reworded with this in mind.
- When specifying financial figures required from State Government, they need to be linked to BCC funding for cycling projects, eg if BCC is providing \$100 million, equivalent from the State Government for their size.
- Election commitments are usually tangibles: therefore a specific dollar amount and a project outcome.
- Policies need to consider LNP in the election. DC stated that the LNP cycling policy is due out shortly. DR – why don’t we give them their cycling policy?

Add another Policy: Bike education in schools

- Base the policy on the UK and NZ program called Bikeability. The funding is contingent on the school having a travel plan.
- Swimming is taught in all State Schools to ensure the safety of children and yet cycling can also be a danger to kids. Cycling should be included in the school curriculum and **funded by the State Government**.
- BCC Bike education is limited and relies on Schools joining up to the “Walking Bus” program. They then get a once off 2-4 hour training session.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update CBD BUG policy position statement as per members’ comments	Paul French	28 Jan 09

Agenda item: Travelsafe Parliamentary Committee submission **Presenter:** Paul French

This parliamentary committee have asked for submissions on the barriers to Smart Growth and transit oriented Development to reduce care dependency in SEQ.

Information about it is on the website.

Please provide comments to Paul French by 10 January 2009. Submissions close 16 January 2009.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Your comments on the Travelsafe Parliamentary Committee submission to Paul French	YOU	10 Jan 09
✓ Write submission	Paul French	16 Jan 09

Agenda item: Boggo Road Busway Bikeway **Presenter:** Donald Campbell

DC provided a map of the planned Boggo Road Busway bikeway and indicated where it finished and the Eleanor Schonell Bridge started and highlighted how dangerous it was to go between the two points.

Crossing the railway bridge at Dutton Park railway station will be impossible as there is minimal space for a pedestrian let alone a shared path.

Money is no object to tunnelling and for creating busways. Surely money should be no object when it concerns the safety of cycling constituents.

This could be an opportunity for a media release (?). We have to do something. Paul French to write letter, Leslie Martin to use the Bikeability Toolkit on the area to highlight problems.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ draft letter re problems with proposed Boggo Road Busway Bikeway	Paul French	ASAP
✓ Use Travelsmart Bikeability toolkit on area	Leslie Martin	ASAP

Agenda item: Other Business **Presenter:** Paul French

Gateway: JL attended recent Gateway North meeting. They are still working on the bikeway design. Our interpretation of this is that they won't think about it until the last minute when they can no longer fit a bike path into the design. Cyclists will be thrown off the Gateway and have to fend for themselves and find their own way.

Need to discuss further at January meeting.

Upcoming Cycling Infrastructure openings: There are some significant cycling projects scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2009 and CBD BUG should make their presence felt. This gives us an opportunity to be positive about cycling and to build relationships with various politicians and infrastructure providers. LM to list dates and projects in early 2009 for discussion at next meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Add Gateway North bike path to January meeting agenda	Paul French	28 Jan 09
✓ List Cycling infrastructure opening in early 2009	Leslie Martin	28 Jan 09

Agenda item: Co-Convenor Nominations **Presenter:** Paul French

Become more involved! Nominate to be a co-convenor now

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Nominate to be a CBD BUG co-convenor	YOU	ASAP

Agenda item: NEXT MEETING **Presenter:** Paul French

Wednesday 28 January, 2009.

GUEST SPEAKERS: TBC

12:30 – 2:00

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