

CBD BUG Meeting

Wednesday 27 August 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, Ian Lister, Ainslie Just, Donald Campbell, John Lister, John Nightingale, Anita Robinson, Aaron Wray, Jon Giles, Michael Langdon, David Russell, Liam Clancy, Justin Fenton, Paul Murdoch. John McIntosh

Agenda item: GUEST PRESENTATION – Department of Main Roads – Strategic Planning 08/09 Cycling projects

Presenter: Steven Larter
Ed Chandra

Metro region contains the following councils:

- Brisbane, Redland, Ipswich and Lockyer
- Logan and Pine Rivers (for Strategic planning purposed only)

Road Implementation Plan is always 5 years of projects: 2 years firm and 3 years indicative

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme is often used for smaller cycling projects that do not use Main Roads

Planning has up to 30 elements involved, eg Cycling, pedestrians, bridges to name but three

For cycling projects, Main Roads has allocated \$650,000 per annum for the next 5 years. This is mostly for maintenance and preservation of existing facilities.

Main purpose of the strategic planning unit is to plan priority cycling routes and preserve corridors for future use. They do this by taking the Principal Cycle Network Plan and overlaying a proposed Future Cycle Network which is created through consultation with many stakeholders. This plans what Main Roads want to achieve and is a draft hierarchy plan. Whenever funding is allocated, the strategic unit can immediately recommend which part of the network should receive the funding as a matter of priority. The aim is to provide commuter access to employment, economic and educational precincts (not recreational).

Three level hierarchy:

- Primary: off-road, high speed
- Secondary: predominantly off-road shared facility
- Tertiary: destination specific access

Some questions from the floor included:

- What data is used to decide priority? Commuting access to principal activity centres.

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT MEETING:

Action items

- ✓ Organize weekend meeting to review Future Cycle Network
- ✓ Review Future Cycle Network

Person responsible

Leslie Martin
volunteers

Deadline

ASAP
Before Sept 08 meeting

Agenda item: APOLOGIES

Presenter: Paul French

Apologies were received from: Peter Whittle, Laura Barnes, Andrew Massey, Chris Biggs, Stephen Finnimore, Robyn Davies

Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item: ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE **Presenter:** Paul French

All current Correspondence (in folder) was circulated through meeting

Kangaroo Point bike path public consultation:

As mentioned in the recent talk from BCC about cycling projects in the 08/09 budget and Donald Campbell's research on the projects, there is significant funding for a bike path connection in Kangaroo Point. Paul Murdoch advised that his local paper was advertising information sessions and a closing date of 19 September 2008. The day after our meeting, we received a letter from BCC (see our website (link)) with further details. Our position is that this connection should be a low priority project and that the significant dollars would be put to better use on another project. A submission will be put together (PM, PF) and provided by the closing date.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Provide submission on Kangaroo Point bike path	Paul French/Paul Murdoch	19 September

Agenda item: PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING **Presenter:** Paul French

CBDBUG website: apologies for not updating recently. We need volunteers to help upload documents to website. PF to confirm Sebastian's availability to help and site's user-friendliness for uploading. Ian Lister to assist and teach Leslie Martin. Anita Robinson also volunteered to help.

Next guest speaker: Brisconnections: John Lister to keep trying informally. If no luck, CBDBUG to send formal invitation

Suggestions: Northern Link (currently in Community consultation phase), PARKing (event in Sept, would be a wrap-up talk), Peter Berkeley (QT: current status of planning, design and funding of certain projects)

Airport Link Cycling reference Groups: John Lister joined the Bowen Cycling Reference Group

Chalk: PF has not yet contacted Chalk. Paul Murdoch suggested that the bigger picture is private business taking over public facilities.

National Ride to Work Day (October 15, 2008): still waiting on response to our request to assist by providing bike buses or buddies

Other actions that remain outstanding have been included in the agenda for further discussion

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Sort out website	PF, LM, IL, AR	ASAP
✓ Approach Chalk Hotel re joint lobbying for contraflow lane on Stanley Street	Paul French	ASAP

Agenda item: REPORTS – Active Transport **Presenter:** John Lee – absent

Discussion:

- LM notified meeting of current Eleanor Schonell Bridge detour: cyclist are back on their side of the bridge (from 1 September) BUT still cannot go direct to Annerley Road. Cyclists have to go under the bridge, cycle up Cemetary hill and through Dutton Park (shared pedestrian pathway) to Annerley Road. The full cycle path will be reopened on 1 November 2008.
- 10km speed signs have been erected near the Goodwill Bridge where work is ongoing (replacing bearers). PF to request BCC and BQ to get them removed

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ request BCC and BQ to have 10km signs near Goodwill Bridge removed	✓ Paul French	✓ asap

Agenda item: REPORTS – Bicycle Queensland **Presenter:** Andrew Demack – absent

Discussion:

Andrew was unable to attend the meeting. Prior to the meeting, AD emailed action items from last meeting.

- Kangaroo Point 10km signs have been removed
 - BQ have not yet received any feedback from Northbank Enquiry by Design workshop. Community consultation is now open again. Paul Murdoch to lead. The design principles will be available for public comment until Wednesday 24 September 2008 and can be viewed at <http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects/summary-and-consultation.html>
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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Prepare CBD BUG submission for NorthBank	Paul Murdoch	Before 24 Sept

Agenda item: NSBT (now called Clem Jones Tunnel) **Presenter:** Paul French/John Lister

Discussion:

South: Nothing specific to report.

North: planning a 2.5m wide bridge over Enoggerra Creek. John Lister sent letter to NSBT. JL to provide copy to Leslie Martin for our website.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Provide letter to Leslie Martin for website	John Lister	ASAP

Agenda item: CAMPAIGN RE UPCOMING ELECTIONS **Presenter:** Paul French

Discussion:

Assuming election will be announced sometime between March – September 2009.

PF has drafted 1st version of letter. All couched under “Infrastructure for road safety”.

PM commented that it is always difficult asking for \$\$\$. Perhaps it is a firmer strategy to ask Queensland Transport, Cycling Projects to give us a talk on cycling projects scheduled for 2009-10 and then seek commitments from politicians on these projects.

JN suggested one method to increase road awareness is to make it mandatory that before a driving licence is issued, the driver must pass a cycling test or attain a cycling “licence”.

Donald Campbell suggested that physical cycling education should be included in schools. This is already an initiative of Queensland Transport who provide brochures. It is delivered through the local road safety officers (Police??). This is on demand and is not mandatory. The Brisbane City Council has the Active School Travel program for Brisbane schools where Council officers work with participating schools to encourage walking, cycling, car pooling and public transport with parents, students and staff. Perhaps we should be asking for the politicians to make it mandatory.

JL commented that we need to be able to state the number of people cycling (commuting?) because how else can we judge improvement? Therefore we need to get current statistics. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2007 the following statistics are for Brisbane:

2001 census	2006 census	% change	2001 census	2006 census	Change
6,347	7,502	18.2%	22,214,500	26,257,000	4,042,500

Targets are already set in the Queensland Transport Cycling strategy (The desired minimum target is to increase the proportion of all person trips made by bicycle by an additional 50% by 2011 and by 100% by 2021, measured from a particular community’s current level of cycling. The target for SEQ is for 5% of all trips to be made by bicycle by 2007 and 8% by 2011.)

John Brumby (Victorian Premier) recently announced targets. (Sorry, couldn’t find reference on internet. Les)

JN commented that BCC targets are more realistic (i.e. smaller) (8% of all trip by cycling in Brisbane by 2016).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Include additional ideas in draft letter and provide to next meeting	Paul French	24 September
✓ Organise guest speaker from Queensland Transport	Leslie Martin	ASAP

Agenda item: OTHER MATTERS **Presenter:** Various

Discussion:

Government Buildings Bicycle facilities Audit: LM and DC reported that no further information at this stage. Waiting for an official announcement from State Government. LM to officially chase an answer.

Gasworks at Newstead: DC to investigate. Currently the design proposes only a recreational path.

UDLA: Bowen and Hamilton Northshore: LM advised that Draft Development Plans for these two UDLA (Urban development Land Authority) projects are about to be released for community consultation (October to November 2008). CBDBUG has registered with website for eNewsletter. To be involved in the community engagement we had to sign up for the eNewsletter. The interim land use plan is currently available.

TransLink: the TransLink network plan is due for a review (due mid 2008) and includes Budget. DC has not been able to get a copy. Can we get a copy or provide feedback?

Additional links for our website: JL suggested we add some links to our website that espouse the benefits of cycling.

Logo: it is the fashion at the moment for organisations (government and private) to add a maxim at the bottom of their signature. We should list our top 3 cycling benefits (Government perspective and individual perspective) and add them to all of our letters. It was suggested that our logo should include the motto: Congestion busters – especially as congestion busting is becoming the next big issue. For further discussion at our next meeting.

Economic benefits of Cycling: Since the meeting, JN and LM attended a PedBikeTrans seminar on the economic benefits of cycling. The Cycling Promotion Fund have published a small document which includes statistics and details that will be helpful in our own media releases and letters. Have a look <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/content/view/332/9/>

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Letter to DPW re building audit and proposed 80 George Street facility	Leslie Martin	ASAP
✓ Investigate path in Gasworks property development	Donald Campbell	ASAP
✓ Add extra links to website	Leslie Martin	ASAP
✓ Add Logos to next meeting's agenda	Leslie Martin	24 September

Agenda item: NEXT MEETING

Presenter: Donald Campbell

Wednesday 24 September, 2008.

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• TBC

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