

Wednesday 28 January 2009

# CBD BUG Meeting

12:30 – 2:00pm

Community Meeting Room,  
Brisbane Square

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**Meeting called by:** CBD BUG

**Type of meeting:** Meeting

**Chair:** Paul French

**Minute taker:** Leslie Martin

**Attendees:**

Paul French, Donald Campbell, John Lee, Leslie Martin, Dave Russell, Paul Murdoch, John Lister, Alan Brake, Athol Moore, Michael Crichton (?), Damic O'Sullivan, Ainslie Just, Beverley Marshall, Madeleine Taylor

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

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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** APOLOGIES

**Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

*Apologies were received from:*

Ian Lister, Justin Fenton, Andrew Demack, Paul Kanowski, Helen Favelle, Banyan Pei, Michelle Harrison, Ann Hanley, John Emery, David Cutcheon, Melissa Cavanagh, Craig Cowled, Laura Barnes, Peter de Stefani, John Nightingale

*Thanks for letting us know.*

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**Agenda item:** PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

**Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

List of *Cycling infrastructure in progress* prepared as requested. Not everything has a completion date and there are many projects that are still in the planning stage and not yet scheduled. LM to include completion dates in the calendar on our website and to include up-coming ones in agenda.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ include completion dates of cycling infrastructure in the calendar on our website and to include up-coming ones in agenda

Leslie Martin

25 February  
2009

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**Agenda item:** ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

All current Correspondence (in folder) was circulated through meeting

Actions arising that are still outstanding have been included on the agenda for today's meeting

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**Agenda item:** REPORTS - Active Transport Unit (BCC)

**Presenter:** John Lee

**Discussion:**

**Detours:**

Bicentennial Bikeway from Goodwill Bridge to Gardens Point ferry terminal: overnight closures (7pm to 7am) until February 2009 to allow maintenance on the Riverside Expressway. BCC were to erect new detour signs which are larger and will include a map of detour. Traffic controllers are at each end of the detour. A CBDBUG member noted that the closure has been going past the 7am timeframe.

Bicentennial Bikeway - Hale Street Bridge construction detour: new 3 metre wide bikeway and ramp in use. Info booth open on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 January. Tree clearing will also occur this week.

Questions from the floor:

- Bike Hire Scheme costs – JL could give no details.
  - Eleanor Schonell Bridge reopened but fencing/barriers are still in place making the pathway too narrow and
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dangerous. JL suggested LM talk with Boggo Road Busways as they are in charge of the current works on the bridge.

- Deep ditch in Paragon Street, Yerongpilly (near State Tennis Centre). Noticed markings around area indicating changes will occur. Any idea of when? JL could not help.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ LM to contact Boggo Road Busway project about temporary fencing along cycle path on Eleanor Schonell Bridge	Leslie Martin	ASAP

**Agenda item: REPORTS - Bicycling Queensland** **Presenter:** Andrew Demack

**Discussion:**

No report (or word!) from Andrew Demack. PF to contact AD re next meeting.

LM pointed out Bicycle Queensland's action over the closure in mid-February of Riverside Drive to cycling. BQ is very concerned that the proposed 4-metre bikeway will not be safe or wide enough for the current or expected volume of cyclists, especially as unit development in that area is to vastly swell the population, all within an easy flat bike ride of the city. BQ believes a 6-metre veloway is critical, and anything less will compromise safety and participation in cycling. Riders need to contact their local Brisbane City Councillor to let them know of this issue. "This veloway should be world class - not a skinny laneway." PM reminded us that we had lodged a submission ages ago on this matter. PF to write a letter reiterating our stance to Lord Mayor with CC to ATU and Helen Abrahams.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact Andrew Demack re February meeting	Paul French	25 February 2009
✓ Write letter to Lord Mayor re our stance on cycling on Riverside Drive	Paul French	ASAP

**Agenda item: CBDBUG POLICY POSITION** **Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

PF included all comments from previous meeting as well as some comments received by email. Changes are as follows:

Policy 4: there was some discussion about at-fault or no-fault motor accident insurance system. It was suggested to abolish the Qld at-fault system and urge a no-fault system. PF's opinion was that a cyclist should have no fault if the cyclist's actions are within the Qld Road rules. Paul Murdoch suggested that we need to attain a situation like Europe where drivers are more careful around cyclists. He thinks the current wording achieves this.

Policy 5: JN comments incorporated.

Policy 7: PM suggested that the policy be broadened to a review of the entire set of road rules to amend or delete any rule that favours car drivers over cyclists.

Format: it was suggested that the policy be presented with a cover page and an executive summary before the body of the policies. It should also be created as a brochure with reference to the full document on our webpage.

Something to consider: this will be a statewide election and our policies are (mostly) CBD oriented. The positive is that local candidates will want to see 'local' issues for them to "sell".

The meeting endorsed the policies with amendments as described at the meeting (and noted here).

The finalised policy can be found on our website:

<http://cbdbug.googlepages.com/CBDBUG2009QldStateElectionpolicies.pdf>

3 stage campaign:

1. email to interested parties (BUGS, Bike shops, Foundations, other Transport oriented groups, etc) (soon)
2. send to major political parties (ALP, LNP, Greens) (Soon)
3. when election announced, send to 'relevant' candidates

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Finalise policy document	Paul French	ASAP
✓ Upload policy document to Website	Leslie Martin	ASAP
✓ Create brochure version of policy document	??	ASAP
✓ Email to interested parties	Paul French	ASAP
✓ Send to Major political parties	Paul French	ASAP
✓ Send to relevant electoral candidates	Paul French	When Election date announced

**Agenda item: AIRPORT LINK CYCLING REFERENCE GROUP**      **Presenter:** John Lister

**Discussion:**

In May 2008 Airport Link committed to forming a Cycling Reference Group but as yet nothing has been formed. John Lister requested that CBD BUG send a letter requesting said Reference Group. In JL's opinion, City North Infrastructure (CNI) are prepared to discuss it, Government departments are holding back.

JL is concerned that the project is already starting to change cycling infrastructure plans that were announced in the project proposal, e.g what was once going to be the Bowen to Bay Urban Parkway (BBUP) is now just a path – and yet JL believes that there was money allocated to this particular part of the project. So what will happen to that amount of funding?

PM proposed a letter from CBDBUG (cc Bicycle Queensland, Airport BUG, RBWH BUG):

- Criticise changes and detours with no consultation of affected cycling groups;
- Point out they have failed to fulfil their promise of the Cycling reference group; and
- Remind them that BBUP was a serious part of their winning bid – where will the money for this infrastructure go?

Should we include Community Reference Groups in our Policy document? It was decided against this proposal.

JL to draft letter based on above comments and send to Aaron Wray for comments before sending to Paul French. Address letter to BrisConnections with cc to State Government and Grace Grace.

By the way: Echelon of Project:

- State Government (relevant Minister)
- CNI
- BrisConnections

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft letter on Airport Link Cycling Reference Group	John Lister	ASAP
✓ Add comments to letter on Airport Link Cycling Reference Group	Aaron Wray	ASAP
✓ Finalise and send letter on Airport Link Cycling Reference Group	Paul French	ASAP

**Agenda item: GATEWAY NORTH**      **Presenter:** Paul French

**Discussion:**

In consultation process but had not yet prepared cycling routes network plan

**Agenda item: OTHER BUSINESS**      **Presenter:** Various

**Discussion:**

Eastern Busway: announcement of successful alliance: Leighton Contractors have been selected to join the Queensland Government and Sinclair Knight Merz/Maunsell AECOM to design and build the next section of the Eastern Busway. PF is annoyed that the existing South East Freeway bikeway will be 'stuffed' to facilitate the busway. PF to send a letter.

PM commented on the brochure that we received from BCC re \$100 Million funding of cycling projects. It looks like they

are choosing options that CBDBUG put forward and/or supported in our submission. It indicated that Council sees this as a 'social' winner.

Parks & Gardens: Still no communication between Parks & Gardens and Active Transport Unit both of Brisbane City Council. This is exemplified by lack of consultation by Parks & Gardens with either ATU or cycling groups about detours around the Riverstage when concerts occur. The route around the back of the Riverstage is major cycling infrastructure and yet it is closed frequently with no consideration of the cyclists. They do send letters to locals (supposedly with a Traffic Management Plan) but the letter doesn't acknowledge that cyclists are major traffic. CBDBUG to send letter to Parks & Gardens with a cc to Lord Mayor and ATU.

BAC Masterplan (preliminary draft) : is available on their website.  
[http://www.brisbaneairport.com.au/content/standard\\_v4.asp?name=MP\\_Master\\_Plan](http://www.brisbaneairport.com.au/content/standard_v4.asp?name=MP_Master_Plan)

Good news story: The Premier recently announced a new public space/park at Kangaroo Point  
<http://www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/MMS/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=62408>. PM pointed out that this was originally discussed as an urban renewal outcome from NSBT negotiations (in which CBDBUG was involved) four years ago.

White Bikes instead of white crosses: It was suggested that CBDBUG support the use of 'white bikes' (instead of white crosses) to mark roadside locations where a cyclist was killed as a method of furthering road user awareness. As there was no time left at the meeting it was agreed to discuss this in the future.

**Action items**

**Person responsible**    **Deadline**

✓ Send letter to new Eastern Busway alliance re potential loss of cycling facilities due to construction	Paul French	ASAP
✓ Letter to Parks & Gardens (BCC)	Paul Murdoch	ASAP
✓ Add 'white bikes' instead of white crosses on future meeting agenda	Paul French	Before Feb meeting

**Agenda item:    NEXT MEETING**

**Presenter:**    Paul French

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

12:30 – 2:00

Community Meeting room, Brisbane Square

**GUEST SPEAKER: (TBC)**

**Tanya Neville (Project Director) and Peter Browning**

**HOWARD SMITH WHARVES DEVELOPMENT**