

CBD BUG Meeting

Wed, 19 Sep 2007

12:30 – 14:00

BCC Community Meeting
Room

Meeting called by:	CBD BUG	Type of meeting:	CBD BUG Business
Facilitator:	Paul Murdoch	Note taker:	Sebastian Tauchmann
Timekeeper:	Paul Murdoch		

Attendees: Donald Campbell, Chris Biggs, Bruce Williams, Ian Lister, Paul French, Andrew Demack (BQ), Leslie Martin, Alan Brake, Peter Whittle, Adrian Walsh, John Lister, Scott Evans (BCC ATU), Nigel Cox, Shelley Kalpargen, Sebastian Tauchmann, Paul Murdoch.

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

Minutes

Agenda item:	Apologies	Presenter:	Paul Murdoch
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Discussion:

Apologies were received from: Stephen Finimore, John Nightingale, Deanna Herbst, Justin Fenton, and Aaron Wray. Thanks for letting us know.

Agenda item:	Announcements and Correspondence	Presenter:	Various
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Discussion:

- see the correspondence list at attachment A for a full list of all correspondence received and sent.
- CBD BUG membership election survey, please fill in and return by October 5. Very important to maximise returns.
- all invited to Normanby Cycle Link official opening 30 September, notice on blog (has link to invitation flyer).
- Brisbane Institute public forum: The Future of the Car; more details at www.brisinst.org.au. Speakers include: Paul Lucas, Robyn Davies, Campbell Newman.
- Brisbane Mass Transit Report released; more discussion under "other items".

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Election Survey, complete and return	all	Oct 5

Agenda item:	Minutes and Matters Arising	Presenter:	Various
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Discussion:

No discussions or questions.

Agenda item:	Reports & Updates	Presenter:	Various
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BQ: Andrew Demack

- BQ currently in middle of events season.
 - Cycle Qld has been a success; Cycle Qld 2008 will be Bundy to Brisbane.
 - Brisbane to Gold Coast Ride has 3,500 entrants so far, a web form for volunteering is coming soon.
 - Q: What's BQs ideas about the West End/Riverside Drive deviation
 - A: Positions on the BQ website, BCC contact is the Active & Health Parks group. BQ want a straight 6m path (minimum) to cater for bunches and training-speed rides, not sure what the BCC proposal is to provide an alternative facility to cater for cycling recreation through the area. CBD BUG support for this position would be welcome.
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Agreed that CBD BUG would formally write to BCC, expressing its support for a 6 metre bike path, separated from the ped path near river, to be provided in Riverside Drive to facilitate bunch rides and continue Brisbane's 'iconic' river ride.

BCC ATU: Scott Evans

- Evaluation of cyclepod trial being undertaken – formal request for feedback re ease of use, design, etc. to come this week.
- Q: What did the cyclepods cost? A: Will need to check & advise.
- Details on a "northern link" cycle route sent to Paul Murdoch this morning (Including an evil 2MB bitmap.)

Agreed that Paul Murdoch would draft a response to BCC ATU, providing feedback on the cyclepod trial and suggesting that on a 'value-for-money' basis alternative, bike rack parking, was preferred.

NSBT Issues: Paul French (southside)

- Have seen replacement bikeway plans, and attended a briefing sessions (along with BCC, BQ) - although good in general, there are a couple of areas of serious concern
 - Bikeway junction with O'Keefe Street - current plan is to send bikes down the footpath to a traffic intersection to use a pedestrian crossing (no bike lights installed). Claimed to be necessary due to JV's failure to lower footpath level to same level as lowered road, leaving a 1 metre height difference).
 - Issues - the SEF bikepath is a very busy path, and the footpath is simply not in a fit state as it is and would need a lot of upgrading before it's anywhere near up-to-spec; would prefer that the current footpath be on the same level as the new bike and to let bikes cross as they currently do, which, although not perfect, restricts problems to two individual 90 degree areas, rather than on 270 degree area as at the four-way crossing proposed.
 - Bikeway level between Harrogate and Reece Streets - current plans include leveling the bikeway out as much as possible, resulting in the bikeway being as much as 3m below the footpath, next to a 4m high sound barrier to the freeway.
 - Issues - Having such a canyon seems like a catch-all rubbish-trap for any old junk that gets thrown from the footpath, as well as possible drainage problems. Most important: safety; if there is such a massive barrier preventing escape from the bikeway to the footpath and beyond, what happens if a cyclist is ambushed or gets into trouble in some other way? It would be better from a safety perspective if the bikeway were kept at the same level as the footpath, even if that means more hills/less desirable gradient.

CBD BUG Membership Issues Survey: Paul French

- Federal (and BCC) elections are rapidly approaching, so get those responses back to cbdbug@yahoo.com.au asap. So far we've had 12 responses, with a total of 92 issues raised - and we want many many MORE!
- Some of the more interesting, and more federally-related Highlights of the responses include asking for tax reform to allow salary sacrifice for bikes and more incentives to provide bike facilities.

Paul has prepared draft letters to be sent to every candidate in the 10 Brisbane electorates in which CBD BUG members are enrolled, ready to be sent once the survey results are all received and collated. Further survey responses by October 5 were requested.

CBD BUG Bank Account: Paul Murdoch

- Paul has completed the paperwork to open an account with Credit Union Australia (CUA) - will provide ID requirements and arrange time to meet with the additional nominated signatories Sebastian Tauchmann and Leslie Martin.

Boggo Rd Busway: Paul Murdoch

Paul reported on a meeting attended by himself and John Nightingale with the Boggo Road Busway team, to discuss interruptions and diversions for cyclists arising from construction work on the tunnel between Boggo Road gaol and the Green Bridge, to be undertaken between now and June 2008. Staged diversions in Dutton Park over some 6 months, on the bridge side of Gladstone Road will be required -the initial plans are being re-draw right now, to incorporate suggestions made by CBD BUG representatives during the meeting.

- Stages are:
 - From December 2007 to Jan 2008 (during Uni holidays) for approximately 6 weeks, cyclists coming from T J Doyle Memorial Drive to go across the Green Bridge will be unable to access the usual bikepath side, and will share pedestrian side with pedestrians on a temp basis aided by traffic controllers.. Cyclists' access from Annerley Road will not be affected.
 - From approximately Feb 2008 to May 2008 - no access to Green Bridge from Annerley or Gladstone Rds, access from T J Doyle Memorial Drive is restored. Pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted along temporary path, widened to be 5-6 metres to accommodate both peds and cyclists.
- A follow-up meeting is planned in early October to discuss new plans; there will be an update provided to the CBD BUG October meeting.

HEAT Proposal: Paul Murdoch

- Copies of a policy proposal entitled HEAT (Healthy and Active Transport Program), developed by a range of national and state cycling organisations including the BFA and Cycling Promotion Fund, have been circulated to members and placed on the CBD BUG website. Under the policy, it is proposed that the Federal Government commit to spending \$200mil over 4 years (i.e. \$50m per year) to local governments to provide cycle facilities.

It was agreed that CBD BUG endorse the proposal, despite the modest spending figure. Letters are to sent to the leaders of each of the Labor, National, Liberal, Greens and Democrat party leaders, seeking their commitment to the proposal.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ draft and send letter expressing CBD BUG support for a straight, 6 metre minimum cycle path in Riverside Drive	Peter Whittle/Paul Murdoch	Oct 17
✓ send a formal request for comment regarding cyclepods to CBD BUG, to include comparison costs of various bike parking alternatives.	Scott Evans	asap
✓ draft response to request for comment regarding cyclepods	Paul Murdoch	Sept 28
✓ draft and send letter to the NSBT JV providing comments on shortcomings of proposed NSBT final bikeway plans	Paul French/Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ lodge CUA account application & organise signatories to provide ID details	Paul Murdoch	asap
✓ attend further Boggo Rd Busway bike diversion meeting	Paul Murdoch/John Nightingale	when organised
✓ draft and send letter expressing CBD BUG support for the HEAT policy proposal, and seeking commitment to support the proposal from each of the Labor, National, Liberal, Greens and Democrat party leaders the Labor, National, Liberal, Greens and Democrat party leaders	Paul Murdoch	Oct 17

Agenda item: BFA affiliation **Presenter:** Paul Murdoch (in John Nightingale's absence)

A case for CBD BUG affiliation to the Bicycle Federation of Australia (BFA) had been prepared by John Nightingale, and circulated with the meeting notice. Paul Murdoch indicated his support for the proposal, but indicated that any decision should be conditional upon BFA agreement that the that the BFA seat on the State Cycle Committee be provided by a BFA affiliate other than BQ, which is already represented on the SCC and does little to publicise SCC outcomes or deliberations.

After some discussion and questions – including queries re cost, and 'what's in it for us?', it was agreed to further discuss the issue at the October meeting.

Agenda item: Review of CBD BUG operations and priorities **Presenter:** Leslie Martin

- Held over to October meeting

Agenda item: National Ride to Work day – October 17

Presenter: various

- No community breakfast planned for Brisbane (cost is estimated to be at least \$10 - BCC & BQ have prioritised March RTW day for mass breakfast , and no alternative corporate sponsors found. A range of individual workplace breakfasts are planned, as well as one at UQ (St Lucia);
- more workplace co-ordinators required;
- lots of assistance and tips (esp for workplace co-ordinators) on NRTWD website (link via CBD BUG website) – chances of winning QLD prize(s) greater than in other states !

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ list of Workplaces & Co-ordinators to be sent to Paul Murdoch for circulation to BUG members	Andrew Demack	asap

Agenda item: Other Items

Presenter: various

Lord Mayor's Mass Transit Study: Adrian Walsh

- Held over for October meeting – copy available at http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/BCC:BASE:1813966083:pc=PC_73

Hale Street Link

- in response to concerns and queries re impacts for cyclists during construction of Hale Street Bridge, it was agreed to request a copy of the proposed Traffic Management Plan and seek a briefing on anticipated construction plans to see how cyclists on Bicentennial Bikeway will be affected.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ seek Traffic Management Plan and seek briefing re Hale Street construction impacts on cyclists	Paul Murdoch	Oct 17

Agenda item: Next Meeting

Presenter: Paul Murdoch

October 17 – National Ride to Work Day

Attachment 1

CBD BUG
Correspondence list since August 2007 meeting

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter received from	Subject	CBD BUG action required?/comments
27 August 2007	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	BCC cyclepods	Provide feedback
29 August 2007	Holly Packer, Qld Transport [email]	Minutes of August 2007 meeting of State Cycle Committee (SCC)	Place on website
31 August 2007	Scott Evans, BCC ATU [email]	Closures of City Reach boardwalk due to Port of Brisbane works (1-4 September)	Circulate
10 September 2007	Paul Magery, Bicycle Federation of Australia [email]	Healthy and Active Transport Program (HEAT) policy proposal	Consider at September meeting
12 September 2007	Rosemary Speidel, Program Director, Cycling Promotion Fund [email]	BUG Needs Analysis Survey & Bicycles in the Federal Election	
14 September 2007	Julie Fletcher, Community & Stakeholder Manager, Boggo Road Busway Alliance [email]	Meeting to discuss cyclist diversions – Dutton Park – arising from Boggo Road busway works	Attend meeting
18 September 2007	Kymberley McMahon, Community Liaison Coordinator, Major Projects Office, Main Roads [email]	Normanby Cycle Link – invitation to official opening (September 30)	Circulate & place on website
OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE			
Date of letter	Letter addressed to	Subject	Action required?