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The solution to Busway congestion, a Green Victoria Bridge

The Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) has supplied the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and the Transport Minister Stirling Hinchcliffe with a relatively cheap and simple solution that would deliver on Council's call to turn the Victoria Bridge into a green bridge and greatly improve traffic flows along the State Government-controlled Busway and especially at the Cultural Centre Busway Station.

The centre piece of the solution involves constructing a new, third platform at the Cultural Centre Busway Station, along with minor changes to improve traffic flows through the intersection of Melbourne Street and Grey Street and at the Melbourne Street busway portal. Importantly, the CBD BUG's solution also reveals there is sufficient space to include new protected bikelanes for cyclists to improve connectivity for people riding bikes between the CBD and West End, South Brisbane and suburbs beyond.

For too long the need for the Victoria Bridge to be converted to a green bridge has been ignored due to cost or political reasons, now is the time to act based on the proposal from the CBD BUG.

Brisbane's busways have been highly successful to the point that they are now a victim of their own success, and the time for improvements is now. The Cultural Centre Busway Station and the Melbourne Street portal are the pinch points in the busway network that the CBD BUG proposal would address.

The proposal includes;

- The Victoria Bridge being converted to a green bridge with the existing general traffic lanes turned over to an additional outbound bus lane, and a protected bi-directional bikelane.
- An additional third platform (for outbound services) being constructed at the Cultural Centre Busway Station.

Proposed benefits include;

- Additional busway capacity across Victoria Bridge.
- Additional busway capacity at Cultural Centre station with the third Platform.
- Additional busway capacity with simplified vehicle movements at the intersection of Melbourne and Grey St.
- Additional busway capacity with simplified bus movements at Melbourne St busway portal.
- Improved connectivity for people riding bikes between the CBD and the suburbs of West End and South Brisbane.
- A truly forward thinking and appealing entrance to the CBD from West End.

The proposal could be constructed at minimum cost with no disruption to the existing busway or busway services. CBD BUG Co-convenor Donald Campbell stated "we support the council and "Rail Back on Track's" call for the Victoria Bridge to be converted to a green bridge but had concerns that it would result in down grading of facilities for people wanting to cycle across the bridge. Our proposal strikes the important balance of converting the Victoria Bridge into a green bridge and improving conditions for people crossing the bridge on foot, bicycle or public transport."

Link to Letter - <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/correspondence/>

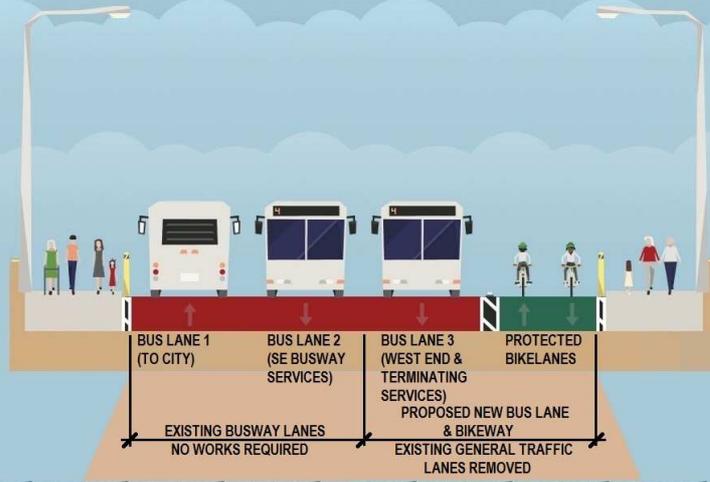
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VICTORIA BRIDGE

CONCEPT IMAGE



CULTURAL CENTRE STATION CONCEPT PLAN

