

CBD bug meeting may 2009

Action Items Past

Bicentennial Bikeway

- letter regarding cyclists be asked to dismount when travelling through the temporary gantry structure for Bicentennial Bikeway stage 1
- Letter was not required as a solution was announced the Saturday where cyclists would travel through area with pedestrians directed along the footpath above.

Reports

#CityNorth

- regarding new shared bridge to be provided on the eastern side of Bowne Bridge Road
- the company to construct new bridge is unclear
- Minister as ridden through the area and is aware of the CBD BUG's concerns
- Current the bridge is proposed to be 2.5m wide. The CBD BUG agreed that this width is not acceptable

#BCC

- no member of the BCC active transport unit attended, no prior notification
- Paul French praised the BCC for agreeing and providing new bike racks Charlotte Street
- Paul French also praised the BCC for agreeing to install lights to the Victoria Park Bikeway with a completion date of July
- It was brought to the CBD BUG attention that on an external internet forum that the BCC Active Transport accused of being corrupt. It is the CBD BUG belief that there is no corruption in the BCC Active Transport unit with there being no need for any investigation. The CBD BUG fully welcomes the attendance of the BCC Active Transport Unit representative and wishes for this to continue.

BQ

- No member from BQ attended.

Meeting with Minister for Main Roads Hon Craig Wallace

- generally a positive meeting
- agreement on the need for Bicycle Access
- Nothing was said in the meeting to give a concrete outcome

Meeting with representatives of the Minister for Transport Hon

- Talked about changes to the road rules. Discovered this is not practical unless the other states also agree to the changes under the provisions of the Australian Road Rules
- generally a positive meeting
- "Cycling across Crossing" it was discovered that this did proceed to the board for Australian Road Rules. Was voted down 7 to 1 with only Victoria voting for the change. It seems the main argument against changing the law is that it would give a bad example for children.
- Meeting was seen as a breakthrough

Action

Write a letter to the Minister outlining road laws that the CBD objects to. It is recognised that this will require involvement from BQ.

RNA Redevelopment

- Aaron was not available for the meeting to give the briefing
- Donald Campbell asked the question about cycle access about running under Bowen Bridge Road and along the boundary of the RNA as a future access from the North into the CBD. John Lister commented that he had inspected the tunnel under the road that currently exists and said it would be practical if RNA gave up some land.

- It was stressed that minimal impact to cycle movement that bound the development be achieved.
- The CBD BUG agreed that a request for inclusion in any community group that the RNA redevelopment put together.

Actions

Write a letter to the RNA Redevelopment requesting inclusion in the developments community group consultations.

Victoria Bridge BAZ

- a CBD BUG member (David) was riding across the Victoria Bridge (inbound) along the BAZ overtaking stationary motor vehicles when a motor scooter pulls out from a stationary vehicle into the path of the CBD BUG member. This resulted in a fall. Thankfully the member was not injured
- The Victoria Bridge has a BAZ instead of a bikelane due to the narrowness of the lanes.
- This incident has raised worries.
- 1st being the common occurrence of motor scooters pulling out from behind slow moving motor vehicles
- 2nd the fact that the Victoria Bridge is a 60km zone when the CBD is 40km zone generally and Melbourne street being 50km zone

Actions

Write a letter to the State government about lowering the posted speed limit on the Victoria Bridge

Write a letter to the Police to do a blitz on illegal vehicle movements on the bridge.