

riverbank bank. Mr French advised that the CBD BUG's leadership group had agreed to send a letter to the Premier about:

- Consideration of effects on cyclists during any reconstruction process, given that the CBD's main cycling thoroughfare passes through this area.
- Assurances that long-term cycling needs are included in any development plans, including preserving the waterfront corridor for cyclists and pedestrians.
- The need to ensure any new developments include end-of trip facilities to encourage active transport.
- The need to ensure any new developments do not indirectly encourage private motorised transport to and within the CBD to the detriment of active transport options, for example through limiting the provision of carparking spaces.

Request to meet Transport Minister

Members agreed that the CBD BUG should write to the new Transport Minister seeking a meeting to discuss cycling issues.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
Letter to be sent to the Transport Minister requesting a meeting	Co-convenors	

Request to meet with Brisbane City Council's Active Transport Unit

Members agreed that the CBD BUG should write to the Brisbane City Council in an attempt to re-establish informal bi-monthly meetings with Council's Active Transport team. One of the agenda items to be discussed can be details of Council's elections commitments relating to expenditure on cycling.

Helen Abrahams, Councillor for the Gabba Ward, raised concerns about Council expenditure on cycling, stating that of the promised \$100 million during the last term Labor Councillors could only identify cycling related expenditure of \$23 million.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
Letter to be sent to the Lord Mayor requesting a meeting with representatives of Council's Active Transport team	Co-convenors	

Safety issues at the Stanley Street and Annerley Road intersection

Members discussed recent changes to lane markings at this intersection. Previously the left lane (heading west along Stanley Street) was left only into Annerley Road, but has recently been changed to allow traffic to go straight ahead. There is no cycling infrastructure along this section, making it extremely dangerous for cyclists:

- Cyclists wanting to go straight ahead now have to merge with increased traffic racing up the left lane.
- Once past the intersection on Stanley Street, cyclists changing lanes to get across to the central bike lane are in conflict with cars trying to change lanes to turn left into the hospital precinct.

Councillor Abrahams undertook to progress the issue with appropriate Council officers.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
Email to be sent to Councillor Abrahams highlighting the problem	Paul French	

Removal of bike path in Langlands Park, Coorparoo

Members discussed the recent removal of a section of bike path in Langlands Park. Members noted that the lack of lighting along the park is dangerous, and one member reported a bicyclist colliding with the temporary fencing across the bike path.

Members agreed that members using the path should contact Council directly. Councillor Abrahams also undertook to progress the issue.

Discontinuation of Public Transport Advisory Group

Mr Donald Campbell advised that Transport and Main Roads Department was discontinuing the 'PTAG' community reference group. Members were concerned about this loss of one of the few opportunities for the community to communicate with the Minister and the Department.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
CBD BUG to write to the relevant Minister expressing its concern at the discontinuing of the PTAG reference group	Donald Campbell	

Safety upgrades for Legacy Way detours in Toowong

Members from Toowong noted that previous requests for cycling symbols and parking restrictions in Toowong, necessary as a result of detours relating to Legacy Way construction works, have been completed by Council. Members still had some concerns about parking allowed on a blind corner, but were progressing this themselves with Council.

Lack of signage along Coronation Drive and Riverside bike path

Members discussed their concerns with a lack of signage along this main cycling and pedestrian route. Because the path is some distance from the adjacent roads, it is unclear which parts of the CBD can be accessed by the numerous exits. Members also noted the difficulties in this area and more broadly across the city, in pinpointing the location for emergency services and for reporting maintenance issues (which usually require the details of the nearest road network intersection). Members also noted the need not to over-pollute bike and pedestrian paths with too many unnecessary signs as is the case with the city's road networks.

Members agreed that this issue could ideally be raised with Council's Active Transport team if informal meetings are re-instated.

Council actions in response to community reports

Members noted how Council quickly actions reports and complaints about cycling infrastructure. Councillor Abrahams cited an example where a bike path bridge in her Ward had the bollards removed in response to a mother who could not negotiate the path with a child trailer. Mr Steve Amos note the section of the Kedron Brook bike path behind Stafford City shopping centre was being upgraded as the result of a recent cyclist crash.

While members were in agreement that Council were often quick to respond to such items, some members noted that promised safety upgrades in and around the Albion and Woollooin cycle route (the proposed site for the Northern Veloway) still had not been made. Mr French also noted that Council's election promise to focus on connectivity in the suburbs may not be as high a priority as connecting the suburbs to the CBD, especially for cyclists in the northern and Eastern suburbs.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
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PEDBIKETRANS

Members discussed the merit of CBD BUG becoming a member of the advocacy group PEDBIKETRANS. Members agreed that the group's work was valued. Mr John Nightingale forwarded a motion to join, seconded and carried.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
CBD BUG to join PEDBIKETRANS	Co-convenors	

Upcoming Events

Style over Speed

Mr John Giles reminded members of the upcoming Style over Speed ride Friday 15 June at 5:15pm, to meet at King George Square. The event was to be held last month but was officially cancelled due to poor weather, however 30+ riders still participated in a ride.

The event is designed to raise the public perception of cycling as an everyday transport option, with participants encouraged to wear normal work clothes or evening wear. No lycra allowed. Mr Giles stressed that it was important to 'normalise' cycling, and to ensure the event did not become farcical i.e. no fancy dress or outlandish costumes. Members were referred to the event's Facebook page for further information.

CityCycle Peloton

Mr Peter Whittle noted that this semi-regular lunchtime event had declined. Mr Whittle sought feedback from members whether members believed it was worth pursuing. A number of members encouraged the continuation of this semi-regular event, but it was noted that while many wished to attend it often suffered from work or study commitments. Mr Whittle undertook to continue the event.

Pushies Galore

Members werereminded of the upcoming show and shine, swap meet, displays and general celebration of Brisbane cycling culture at this year's Pushies Galore, to be held on 14 and 15 July at Holland Park Bowls Club.

Next meeting

General Meeting

Wednesday 27 June 2012, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.

This meeting is to be held in the Community Meeting Room (due to school holiday activities in the Tiered Theatre), Brisbane Square.

Advocacy	Advice	Action
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