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My dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for updating the GIS data on bikeways¹ and bike racks data² on a regular basis.

I can assure you that these datasets are used in myriad ways to benefit the community. For example, to use “weighted width” as a proxy for bikeway quality³ and to determine how different types of bicycle infrastructure affect bike share scheme usage.⁴ It also provides data which can be used in smartphone apps and competitions such as GovHack to make bike riding easier and safer.

In contrast, we note that the bikeway counts data⁵ has not been updated since the automatic survey (2016) or manual survey (2015) data. These sets were published in response to a Right To Information request by CBD BUG (RTI application 2016/17-53) where we received data in September 2016.

This was more than two years ago.

In contrast, the “Greater Brisbane Key Corridors Performance Report” is updated every six months.

As your council is supposedly committed to open data, we request that you publish the latest automatic and manual survey data, and maintain a regular publishing schedule for these datasets. We requested this in a February 2017 letter.⁶

We also request you publish the daily Eco-Counter data in the same format as the automatic data.

In August 2016 the Deputy Mayor stated: *We are extending the hours of the CityCycle contact centre and we are introducing a CityCycle ambassador’s program, and I am asking all Councillors to be a part of that ambassador’s program. And we will give you free CityCycle membership and we encourage you to use it.*

In the earlier letter, we requested statistics on Council’s “CityCycle Ambassador” program. Your June 2017 response⁷ stated:

As you are aware, last year Council announced its CityCycle Ambassadors program encouraging Council staff and Councillors to make use of the scheme. This program has seen a positive uptake

¹ <https://www.data.brisbane.qld.gov.au/data/dataset/bikeways>

² <https://www.data.brisbane.qld.gov.au/data/dataset/activity/bicycle-racks>

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https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dG5hxXbmeUO3D12CrzU8H4GvW65w_yYVQtHTnYEP5TU/edit#gid=0

⁴ <https://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:406971>

⁵ <https://www.data.brisbane.qld.gov.au/data/dataset/bikeway-counts>

⁶ <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/correspondence/CBD-BUG-To-BCC-LM-OpenData.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.cbdbug.org.au/wp-content/uploads/20170606-CBD-BUG-From-LM-Open-Data-Sylvan-Gladstone-Kiosks.pdf>

from Councillors and Council staff since it launched in January this year. As you can appreciate, further activities are being planned throughout the year to encourage more sign-ups. However, before sufficient statistical data can be made available on Council's web site, these plans require further and ongoing development as they are still evolving.

As it has now been almost two years since the request, could you please provide an update on this matter?

I look forward to your response on this issue.

Yours faithfully

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