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The Right Honourable Cr Adrian Schrinner
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Via email to: lord.mayor@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Dear Lord Mayor

North Brisbane Bikeway – Price Street, Wooloowin to Junction Road, Clayfield and beyond.

This letter seeks your action so Council delivers a safe and direct route for people wanting to travel by bicycle between Brisbane's northern suburbs and the Central Business District.

The background to this request is that the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is presently constructing Stages 2 and 3 of the North Brisbane Bikeway (NBB), which will connect Somerset Street, Windsor to Rigby Street, Wooloowin, with the NBB Stage 4 design also underway to extend this route further north along Dickson Street to Price Street in Wooloowin.

In combination with the various elements of NBB Stage 1 that linked Gilchrist Avenue, Herston to Somerset Street in Windsor the four NBB stages delivered by the Queensland Government will see a total of almost seven kilometres of continuous, high quality bikeway.

The delivery of these NBB sections is very much appreciated by northside locals wanting to travel safely by bicycle, who have long awaited cycling infrastructure equivalent to that enjoyed by southside and western suburbs residents in the form of the V1 Veloway and the Centenary Bikeway.

We welcome Council's release of its concept design for the NBB: Bridge Street to Kedron Brook - Lutwyche and Wooloowin. However, this route is viewed by locals as separate from the principal route along Dickson St that is the obvious and sensible connection between the northern suburbs and key destinations such as the Brisbane Airport, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and the CBD.

In reducing the traveling distance by more than four kilometres for some trips compared to travelling via the Kedron Brook Bikeway, Dickson Street is the most direct and preferred route for people cycling to and from the north and north-east.

Accordingly, CBD BUG members now call on Brisbane City Council to step up and deliver the next stages of the NBB route, commencing with approximately 700 metres that will take the NBB further along Dickson Street through to the Eagle Junction Train station.

The route then further to the north-east should continue and connect to Jackson Street. This would provide a vital connection for local residents and fill a missing link to the Jim Soorley and Gateway bikeways, benefitting communities all the way from Nundah to Sandgate and beyond.

Brisbane's roads are constructed for motorists to connect to the rest of the network, unlike the majority of our city's cycleways that start and stop abruptly meaning the cycling "network" resembles some spaghetti thrown against a wall. It makes sense for Council to build on the substantial Queensland Government investment already dedicated to creating this continuous vital infrastructure that will be truly congestion busting and get locals home to their families faster and safer.

Yours faithfully

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