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The Honourable Mark Bailey MP
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Via email to: transportandmainroads@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister Bailey

I write to you on behalf of CBD BUG members regarding the proposed Brisbane Metro project and its ability if correctly planned for all users to transform Melbourne Street (between Grey & Merivale Street) into a modern multi-modal transport corridor.

Since the release of concept plans for the Brisbane Metro by Brisbane City Council (BCC), the CBD BUG has been advocating for the project to include improved cycling facilities where possible. Currently the proposal has people on bicycles using unprotected bikelanes along Melbourne St. This includes at the proposed bus stop under the railway bridge (Figure 1). BCC's current co-existence proposals would render Melbourne St entirely unsafe as it would oblige vulnerable cyclists to ride in close proximity to heavy vehicles (i.e. buses) in what is a very busy thoroughfare. This is the antithesis of contemporary best practice and would be completely off-putting and too scary for all but the most confident of bicycle riders. Therefore, this approach would deliver the opposite of plans for growing the usage of cycling for transport.

Instead, the CBD BUG proposes that the arrangement be reconfigured so that all travel modes are separated and safe. Importantly, our measurements of the road space have ascertained there is sufficient room to accommodate bicycle riders safely as per our alternative plan. (Figure 2)

The CBD BUG has contacted the other user groups with regard to our proposed changes (Rail, Tram, and Bus Union, Queensland Walks and RAIL Back On Track). All three groups have provided full or in-principle support.

Due to the project being jointly funded between Council and the Federal Government we have contacted both Cr Jonathan Sri and Terri Butler MP. Both have provided their support for our proposed changes.

We do note that currently Brisbane City Council is investigating further amendments of the new Cultural Centre Station with the potential for West End Bus Services going underground. This does not alter the fact that Melbourne St will be dramatically changed and the opportunity should not be missed. Melbourne St is listed by both Brisbane City Plan 2014 (Figure 3) and the Principal Cycle Network Plan (Figure 4) as a cycling corridor and the provision of safe, protected and direct cycle lanes will enable its full potential to be realized.

We hope that we can include you as a supporter of our proposal, looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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Representative regarding Metro
Brisbane CBD BUG
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Bicycle Queensland
Space4Cycling Brisbane
Rail Back on Track
Queensland Walks
Rail Tram & Bus Union
Cr Jonathan Sri - The Gabba Ward
Rachel Gallagher - ALP Candidate, Gabba Ward
Adrian Schrinner - Lord Mayor of Brisbane City
Patrick Condren - ALP Candidate, Lord Mayor
Kath Angus - Greens Candidate, Lord Mayor
Terri Butler MP - Member for Griffith

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Figure 1

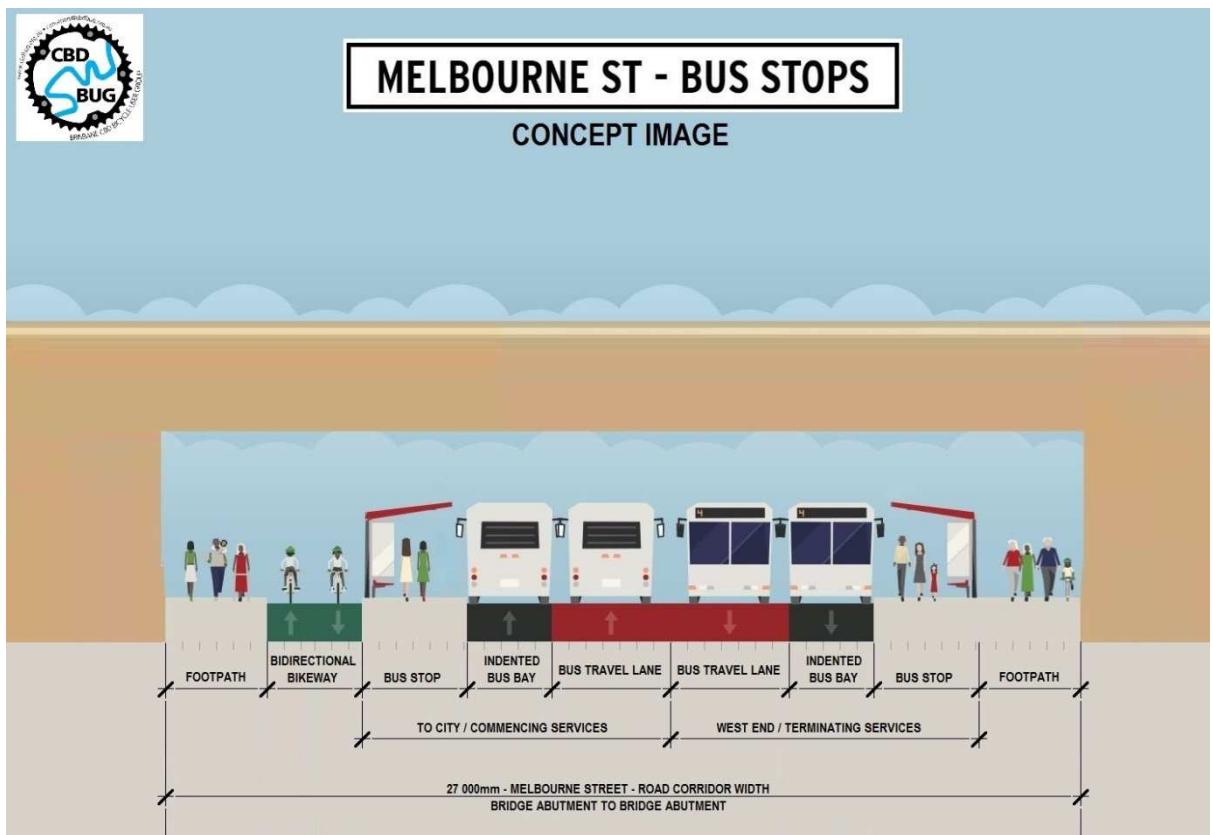


Figure 2

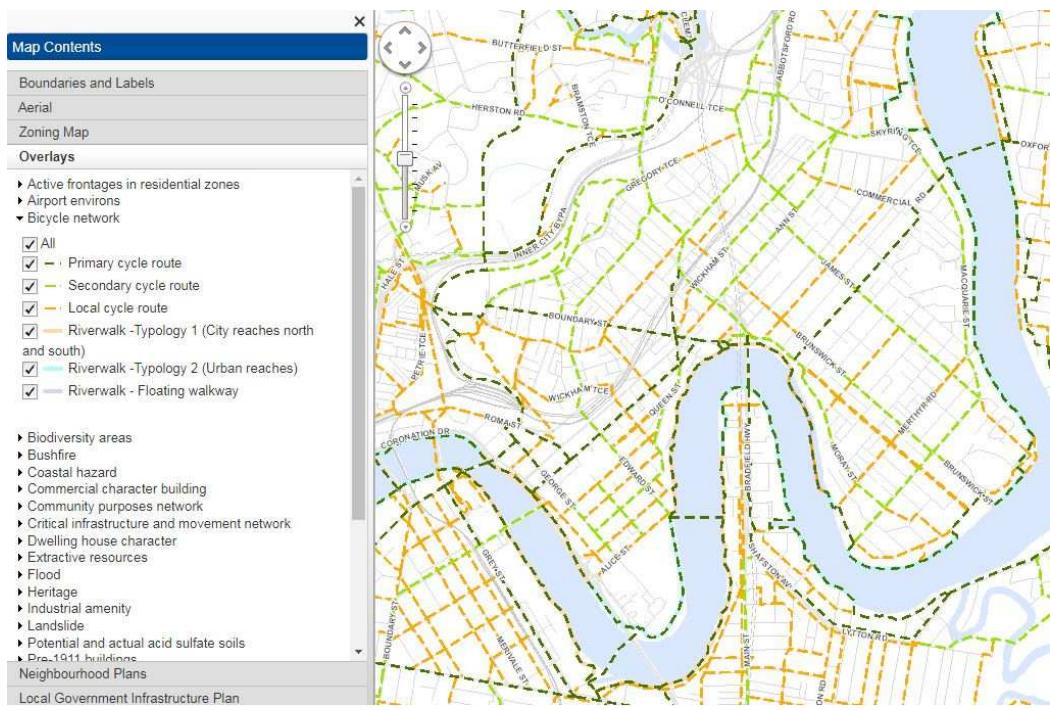


Figure 3

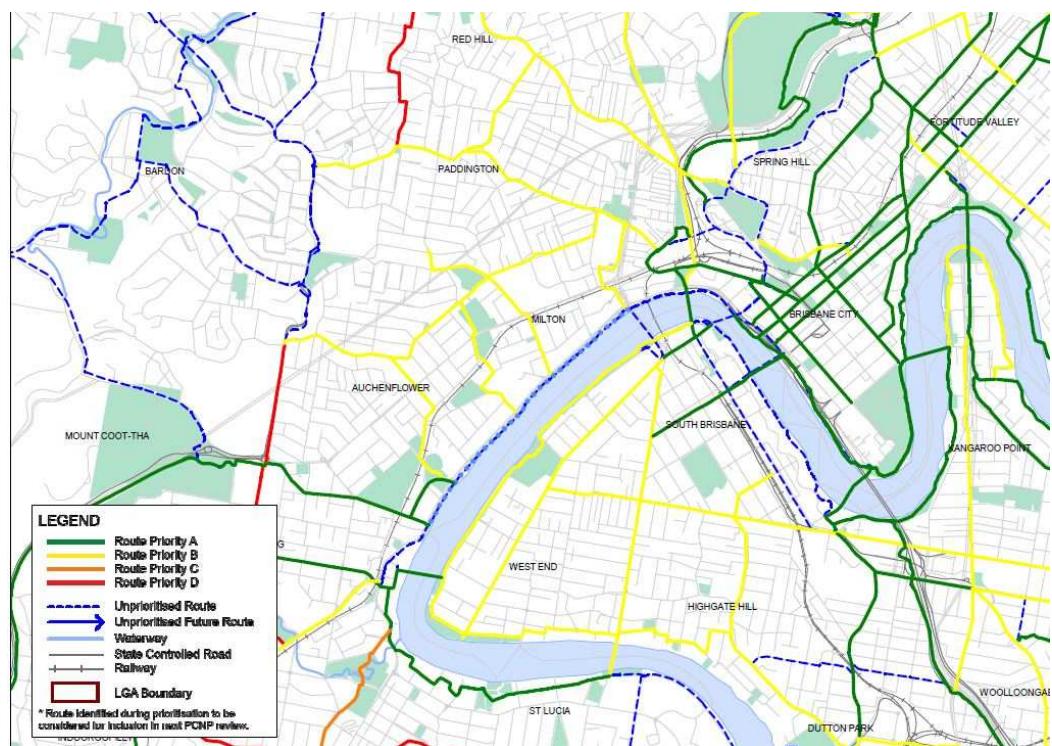


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