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

Dear Lord Mayor

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group to commend Council for the recent improvements implemented for people riding bicycles (and e-scooters) in the Brisbane CBD.

Within quite a short time we have seen several beneficial changes by Brisbane City Council in the CBD. In particular, the closure of the Victoria Bridge to general traffic and the CityLink Cycleway trial stages already installed along Elizabeth Street and Edward Street, which is now also being extended across the Victoria Bridge to South Brisbane.

It is no exaggeration at all to say that these developments have excited many local bicycle riders.

We are highly confident the CityLink Cycleway trial will be successful in enabling more people to travel by bicycle and e-mobility devices - and thereby contribute significantly to Brisbane's liveability and sustainability.

We would also like to acknowledge the work by Cr Ryan Murphy. Since Cr Murphy took over the role of Chair of Council's Public and Active Transport Committee there has been a notable and positive turn-around in Council's approach to enabling people to travel around Brisbane by bicycle and other rideable devices.

An early indication of Cr Murphy's approach was the formation of the Active Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC) that he jointly chairs with the Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

More recently, the advice that Council will install the North Brisbane Bikeway Stage 5 along Dickson Street to Eagle Junction is another indicator of Cr Murphy's intent to deliver much needed direct and connected infrastructure to allow more people of all capabilities to cycle for transport in safety.

Potentially the biggest game changers we now look forward to are the new green bridges BCC has announced. While the Brisbane River is a local icon it is also a major obstacle to people using active transport and each of these new river crossings will create new social and economic opportunities.

It is disappointing, but not unexpected, these active transport projects have been criticised by some narrow sectional interests. We view these negative reactions as principally due to a lack of understanding that Brisbane must for the good of its future move away from its current over-dependence on private motor vehicles for transport.

We certainly appreciate the work of your administration and urge you and your colleagues to stay the course on this path that will deliver a lasting, positive legacy for many future generations of Brisbane residents and visitors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul French', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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Cc: Cr Jared Cassidy - Leader of the Opposition in Council and Opposition Spokesperson on Council's Public Active Transport Committee
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Cr Nicole Johnston - Tennyson Ward