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The Right Honourable Mark Bailey MP
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Dear Minister

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) to commend you and your department for the recent improvements implemented for people riding bicycles on Brisbane's north side.

The first of the two projects that have led to this letter is the completion of Stage 4 of the North Brisbane Bikeway (NBB) that is aligned along Dickson Street, Woolloowin from Rigby Street to Price Street.

The numerous NBB stages have delivered by the Queensland Government have significantly improved safety and amenity for people wanting to ride bicycles between the northside and the CBD. The resulting additional cyclist traffic volumes now being witness are testimony to the community's desire for alternatives to driving and confirm the value of government investing in high quality active travel infrastructure.

Accordingly, we were very pleased to learn during the 8 February 2021 Active Transport Advisory committee meeting that Brisbane City Council has heeded the community's views on the extending the NBB, and will build on the very good work of your department though delivering Stage 5 of the NBB further along Dickson Street to Junction Road at Eagle Junction.

The other recent and very welcome change benefiting bicycle riders in the northern suburbs that has been delivered by your department is the Nundah Tunnel on Sandgate Road being made accessible for cyclists.

The exclusion of cyclists from riding through this tunnel has long been an issue for more confident/faster riders, who view it is a safer route than riding through the Nundah Village precinct.

We envisage there will be bicycle riders who will continue to prefer the route through Nundah Village. However, though this change that allows a second option this better serves the needs of the variety of people riding bicycles, with the bicycle lanes and other tunnel surface improvements now installed also notably improve safety for all users of that facility.

It is no exaggeration to say these developments have delighted many local bicycle riders. Hence, we are highly confident these projects will be successful in enabling more people to travel by bicycle - and thereby contribute significantly to Brisbane's liveability and sustainability.

While there has no doubt been many Department of Transport and Main Roads staff involved in these positive changes, there are two areas that we know deserving recognition for these excellent project outcomes – the Cycling and Walking Unit (for their policy and planning work), and the Metropolitan Region (who delivered these projects on the ground).

We certainly appreciate the work of your administration and urge a continuation on this path that will deliver a lasting, positive legacy improving the health and economic prosperity of Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely



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