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

Dear Lord Mayor

Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) submission on North Brisbane Bikeway Stage 5 design options

The CBD BUG highly commends Brisbane City Council for its planning of the North Brisbane Bikeway (NBB) Stage 5 alignment that will see the NBB continuing along Dickson Street and Bonney Avenue to Eagle Junction - and then beyond to the Kedron Brook Bikeway via Keith Street, Sydney Street and Jackson Street.

Improving conditions for people riding bicycles along this corridor has been a key priority of the Brisbane CBD BUG for many years as no matter where we live, it's important for everyone in our community to access and enjoy our streets. That means joining up the missing links in our cycling networks with more high-quality infrastructure.

People love walking and bike riding, but don't always have options to do so. Council should make sure everyone has options to walk and bike ride. More footpaths, crossings and bike lanes help families to stay healthy and spend quality time together.

With this background we strongly support Council delivering a dedicated, separated two-way bikeway along Dickson Street and Bonney Avenue to create a direct and safe connection for people riding bicycles between the northern end of the NBB Stage 4 at Price Street with Junction Road.

In regard to the options developed by Council for this section of the project we prefer "Option 1" – a new signalised crossing mid-block on Dickson Street, between Price Street and Thorrold Street (south-west of Thorrold Street).

The reason for this preference is "Option 1" will remove the need for people riding bicycles to ride across the Thorrold Street and Dickson Street intersection. While we very much appreciate BCC offering to install a priority crossing for cyclists at this intersection via "Option 2" there would still be a residual risk to cyclists at that location, which is best avoided via "Option 1".

For the NBB Stage 5 Junction Road to Kedron Brook Bikeway section via Keith, Sydney and Jackson Streets we are delighted with Council's proposal to make these "green streets" by reducing the speed limit to 40 km/hr, installing traffic calming devices and creating a new traversable suburban roundabout at Sydney Street and Park Avenue. Accordingly, we 100% support these changes.

Advocacy

Advice

Action

In relation to the two options on which Council is seeking community feedback for this section - we support "Option B" (Advisory Cycle Lanes) over "Option A" (Cycle Street). The reason for this preferencing is we view the surface lane markings to be applied as per the "Option B" (Advisory Cycle Lanes) approach as being more likely to result in motor vehicle drivers staying in the middle "lane" when passing people riding bikes and thereby giving vulnerable road users additional space and making riding conditions safer.

We thank Council for the opportunity to provide input on the design of the NBB Stage 5 and very much look forward to riding this new section of essential transport infrastructure after its opening.

Yours sincerely



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