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

Dear Lord Mayor

The CBD BUG is contacting you regarding the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and people need choices on how to access destinations within the Brisbane CBD.

The CBD BUG and the cycling demographic were exceedingly pleased when the “CityLink Cycleways” were installed along Elizabeth and Edward Streets in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. By all accounts “CityLink” protected bikelanes have been well designed & installed (minus a few adjustments that still need to be undertaken).

Despite COVID-19 no longer being a headline news story, the virus is still having a devastating impact on our community. The hospitals continue to be stretched with on average 300 people in hospital (figure 1) everyday spread over the state or the equivalent of a third of the RBWH capacity, with periodic suspensions of elective surgery. Since the beginning of this year 2000 Queenslanders have lost their life to COVID-19 with the current daily death toll hovering in the low teens.

Due to the risk of contracting COVID-19 and face mask restrictions many people are continuing to avoid the use of public transport. According to media reporting public transport usage continues to sit at 75% of pre-pandemic levels overall with the biggest discrepancy occurring in the commuter peak periods.

As stated above the CBD BUG was very pleased when Edward and Elizabeth St were installed with protected bikelanes but it was envisioned by many including the CBD BUG that this would be only stage one of a larger program. It is our understanding that Brisbane’s rollout of protected bikelanes as a COVID-19 response measure has been much smaller compared with other cities including our other east coast capitals, Sydney and Melbourne.

For the above reasons the CBD BUG requests that Brisbane City Council forms a plan and recommences the installation of protected bikelanes through the Brisbane CBD. The CBD BUG views the currently proposed lanes as per the “Space 4 cycling Brisbane” policy “protected space on main roads” (figure 2 & 3) should be the bench mark, with the CBD BUG identifying additional corridors in the inner city

- Link between the City and Fortitude Valley (Ann St or Wickham)
- Roma St (at least from end of George St and continuing on towards Lang Park)

COVID-19 is one of the most contagious, if not the most contagious virus known to modern science. Due to the nature of the spread of the virus what an individual does to mitigate risk has less of a benefit compared with what we do as a society. Personal motor vehicles (ie cars) cannot and should not compensate for the shortfall in public transport usage due to COVID-19. This is why other world and Australian cities have had extensive rollouts of protected bikelanes to encourage people back into their city's hearts without the congestion that cars create.

In the interest of ensuring our community can access the heart of Brisbane in the most COVID-19 safe manner, we ask that people are given the choice of using a bicycle by Brisbane City Council recommencing the rollout of protected bikelanes.

We look forward to your response

Yours sincerely

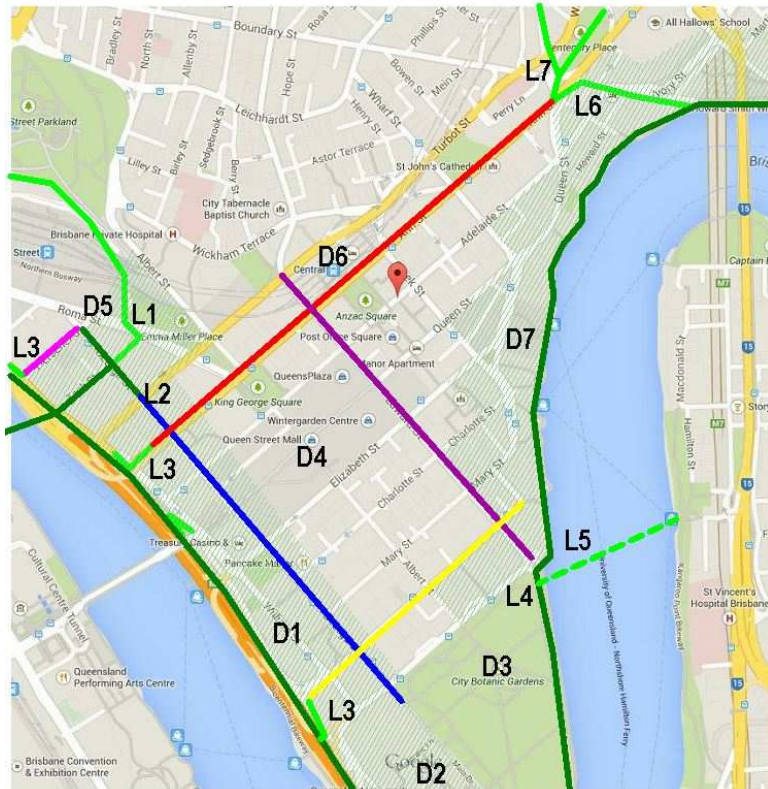


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Space for Cycling Brisbane
Jared Cassidy – Labor, Brisbane City Council



Figure 1



LEGEND

- EXISTING OFF/PROTECTED
- GEORGE ST - PROTECTED
- EDWARD ST - PROTECTED
- ANN ST - PROTECTED
- MARGARET ST - PROTECTED
- HERSCHEL ST - PROTECTED

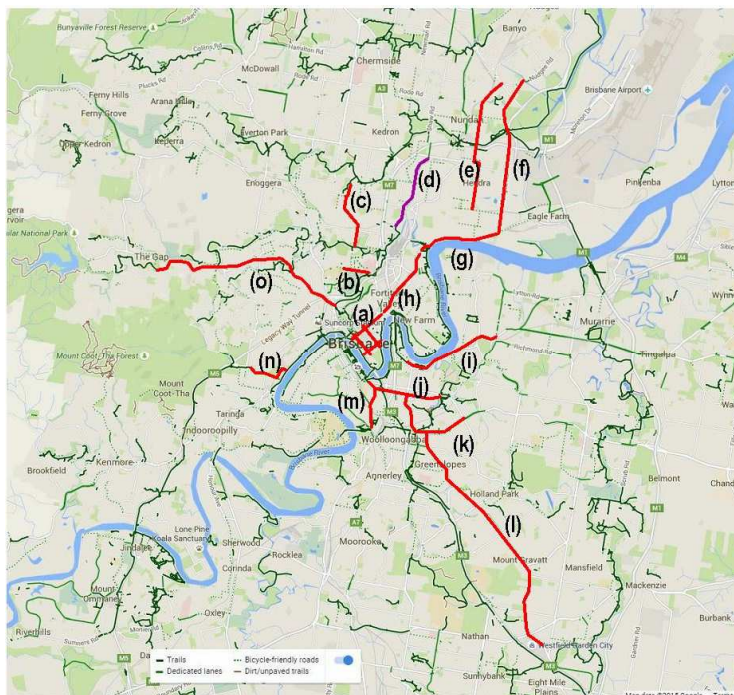
DESTINATIONS

- D1 - GOVERNMENT PRECINCT
- D2 - QUT
- D3 - BOTANIC GARDENS
- D4 - QUEEN ST MALL
- D5 - ROMA ST TRANSIT CENTER
- D6 - CENTRAL STATION
- D7 - RIVERSIDE CENTRE PRECINCT

LINKS

- L1 - ROMA ST PARKLANDS & NORTH
- L2 - EXISTING GEORGE ST BIKELANES, NORTH & WEST
- L3 - BICENTENNIAL BIKEWAY & WEST
- L4 - BOTANIC GARDENS & SOUTH
- L5 - PROPOSED KANGAROO POINT BRIDGE & EAST
- L6 - RIVERWALK & NEW FARM/TENERIFFE
- L7 - VALLEY, NORTH & NORTH EAST

Figure 2



LEGEND

- (a) BRISBANE CBD GRID
 - ANN ST
 - GEORGE ST
 - EDWARD ST
 - MARGARET ST
- (b) HERSTON RD
- (c) KEDRON BROOK RD
- (d) NORTH BRISBANE BIKEWAY
- (e) KITCHENER/ZILLMAN/WIDDOP/MELTON RD
- (f) NUDGEE RD
- (g) KINGSFORDSMITH DR
- (h) WICKHAM ST
- (i) WYNNUM RD
- (j) STANLEY ST
- (k) OLD CLEVELAND RD
- (l) LOGAN RD
- (m) ANNERLEY RD
- (n) SYLVAN RD / LAND ST
- (o) WATERWORKS RD

Figure 3