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Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport



Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner

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Ms Mary Doolan  
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Dear Ms Doolan

Thank you for your recent email about bicycle deflection rails, otherwise known as 'banana bars'. The Lord Mayor referred your enquiry to me as Civic Cabinet Chair for Transport to provide a response. I apologise for the delay in a response being provided to you.

The use of banana bars on Brisbane bikeways and shared paths has attracted significant feedback from the broader community requesting they be removed for safety reasons. Following this feedback, as you are aware, in 2019 Council made the decision to discontinue the use of banana bars.

While I note your concerns about the revitalisation of the banana bars on Hawthorn Terrace, Ashgrove, I can confirm that Council is committed to their removal. Be assured, Council will continue with the removal of high priority banana bars and the installation of alternative entrance treatments, using available funding.

As you may also know, there are other design approaches Council incorporates to promote user safety across the pathway network. Where there is available space and sufficient demand, Council plans for separated pedestrian and cyclist/e-mobility paths to separate users. Providing separated paths has been shown to improve comfort and safety for both pedestrians and bicycle or e-mobility riders. Council considers providing separated paths in all new projects, and can investigate providing new parallel paths to allow for separation on existing routes, subject to site constraints and available funding.

If you would like to discuss this further, I encourage you to contact Mr Thomas Thai, A/Public and Active Transport Manager, Transport Planning and Operations, on 3403 3424.

Thank you again for raising this matter. I also take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a successful New Year in 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Murphy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Councillor Ryan Murphy  
**CIVIC CABINET CHAIR FOR TRANSPORT**

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