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

Dear Lord Mayor

Progress on targets in *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2026*

I write to you on behalf of Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) members to convey our concerns about the lack of progress by Brisbane City Council (BCC) against the targets detailed in the *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2026*.

In this strategy BCC's goal for 2026 is to have one in five trips made by walking or cycling, with these two travel modes to respectively record 15% and 5% shares of all transport journeys in Brisbane by 2026. (Source: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/about-council/governance-and-strategy/vision-and-strategy/brisbane-vision/our-accessible-connected-city>) Notably, this is a more modest target for cycling compared to the 8% share of trips articulated in a previous plan promulgated by Council under former Lord Mayor Jim Soorley more than 20 years ago.

We certainly acknowledge BCC has recently delivered some new, world class cycling infrastructure - including the CityLink Cycleway Stages 1 and 2 and Breakfast Creek/Yowoggera Green Bridge. Additionally, many CBD BUG members are eagerly awaiting the December 2024 opening of the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge and the associated delivery of a new bikeway along Shaftson Avenue. These projects are very welcome and would be complimented by connecting street designs to broaden the benefits of active travel and increase the catchments.

However, the latest data available from the *How SEQ Travels Interactive Report* indicates a total of just 12.9% of trips in Brisbane being made via active travel. (Source: <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/qldtravelsurvey/viz/QueenslandHouseholdTravelSurveyInteractiveReport/QueenslandHouseholdTravelSurvey> Published: Nov 1, 2019 Updated: Nov 25, 2022)

We also note the current dearth of information about future planned cycling projects on Council's "Bikeway and pathway projects" web page at <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/bikeway-and-pathway-projects>.

With the large influx of overseas and domestic tourists anticipated to visit Brisbane for the 2032 Olympics it should be expected many will want to explore our city by bicycle and/or walking – making it essential that the appropriate infrastructure is in place, so these visitors enjoy their time here, and importantly, have positive stories to tell of their visit when they return home.

Therefore, Brisbane CBD BUG members are questioning why BCC is not on track to achieve the 2026 targets in the *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2026*, and even more importantly, how BCC will now address this situation?

Yours sincerely

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