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Dear Dr Bean

I refer to your email of 5 April 2016 about Council's commitment to the *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2026*. Further to my letter of 5 April, the matter has now been investigated and I am in a better position to respond to the issues raised.

I acknowledge you have experienced a significant delay in receiving this response and made follow-up queries to my office on 1 and 15 July. I certainly offer you my sincere apologies for the delay in responding.

It was disappointing to read you were dissatisfied with my previous response of 27 November. Council is a strong supporter of cycling to both ease congestion and promote an active and healthy lifestyle. The *Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012-2026* outlines our aim for people to recognise that active transport has health, congestion reduction, environmental and money-saving benefits for the individual and the city. I certainly appreciate your passionate advocacy to working with Council to achieve this vision and our goals.

As you may already be aware, earlier this year I appointed the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Adrian Schrinner, as Chairman of Council's Public and Active Transport Committee to continue to promote and drive public and active transport growth for our city. As part of his role, Councillor Schrinner will regularly liaise with the cycling community, including the CBD BUG, to ensure a collaborative approach in growing our cycling infrastructure and encouraging more people to choose active transport options. I have asked Councillor Schrinner to consider your ongoing interest in helping Council achieve this vision.

To ensure that we are strongly positioned to achieve our goals, the 2016/17 budget allocates a further \$100 million to continue grow our city's bicycle infrastructure. This investment builds on the \$220 million invested over the last 8 years and will be delivered in addition to the cycling infrastructure that will be delivered as part of other major road upgrades.

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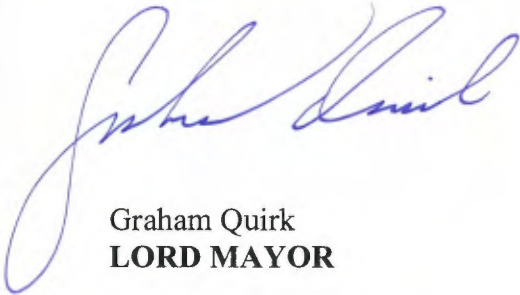
With regard to your interest in detailed data about bicycle usage across Brisbane, I asked Mr Mark Pattemore, Project & Program Manager from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch, to meet with you to discuss this data and our collaborative approach to achieving Brisbane's active transport goals.

On a final note, I certainly acknowledge the CBD BUG's view on bicycle awareness zone (BAZ) markings. As you are likely aware, Councillor Schrinner recently announced that Council would no longer install yellow BAZ markings on our road network in order to reduce confusion and improve safety. Existing markings will be progressively removed as part of Council's ongoing asphaltting program. In addition, Council will no longer count areas treated with BAZ markings as part of calculations on the length of our active transport network.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, please contact Mr Pattemore on 3403 8888.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me and I look forward to Council and the cycling community continuing to work together.

Yours sincerely



Graham Quirk  
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