



Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group – CBD BUG

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Dear Mr Franzmann,

Request for consultation and involvement in policy development

I am writing to you on behalf of the Brisbane CBD Bicycle Users' Group (CBD BUG) seeking information and consultation in regard to the proposal to develop guidelines on the provision of cycle facilities at Busway stations and stops across the Translink network.

The CBD BUG is an organisation of city cyclists, representing and articulating the interests of the very large number of Brisbane residents who commute or ride bicycles to, from and within the Central Business District. The group has almost 300 members, and potentially represents several thousand regular cyclists. CBD BUG was established in early 2005 to:

- monitor CBD cycling facilities;
- act as a resource for CBD commuter cyclists;
- lobby for improvements; and
- act as an informal network of cycle commuters and other cycle users in the CBD.

In May 2006, Mr Jurgen Pasieczny, Manager, Eastern and Northern Busways addressed a CBD BUG monthly membership meeting, and since that date the CBD BUG has been involved in consultation and meetings in regard to a range of Translink issues and projects, including planning for the Eastern, Northern and Boggo Road Busways. Mr Pasieczny's presentation, and our interactions/representations in regard to each specific busway proposal reinforces our perception that the development of a strong policy applicable across the Translink network in regard to cycling facilities and the general encouragement of cycling is both critical and long overdue.

On 22 February 2007 CBD BUG attended a meeting with other cycling stakeholders in relation to the Eastern Busway, where we were advised that the specifics of cycling facilities at proposed stations on the Busway would be in accordance with a Translink policy currently being finalised.

The draft Concept Design and Impact Management Plan for the Eastern Busway, which was provided to us at that meeting, states:

Translink is preparing guidelines on the provision of cycle facilities at Busway stations and stops across the Translink network. The facilities provided at each Busway station or stop will vary according to the standard of the facility and its role in the network... These guidelines will outline suitable facilities for inclusion at Busway stations." (p 21-46)

In accordance with the above, we would very much appreciate being provided with a draft of the policy as it currently stands at the earliest opportunity, and to shortly thereafter meet with the responsible officer(s) in your organisation, to enable meaningful and timely involvement in the development of this policy. This policy is of crucial importance to our members and the cycling community generally, and will potentially impact upon the achievement of cycling targets currently enshrined in State Government policies.

Should you have any queries in regard to this request, or wish to discuss the matter, I can be contacted on 3815 9403 (W), 0419 663329 (mobile) or by email on cbdbug@yahoo.com.au. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Paul Murdoch
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