



Friday 22 January 2016

Office of the Lord Mayor
GPO Box 2287
Brisbane QLD 4001

RE: Review of Brisbane City Plan 2014 mapping: Bicycle network overlay

Dear Lord Mayor

The Brisbane West Bicycle User Group is a new advocacy organisation founded in 2015 with a membership that spans a large geographical area (currently 24 suburbs) of the Brisbane LGA. This includes the suburbs of West End, Indooroopilly, Auchenflower, Milton, Chelmer, Kenmore, Highgate Hill, South Brisbane, Ashgrove, Oxley, Sinnamon Park and Paddington. We advocate for best practice bicycle infrastructure and public programs to encourage a higher transportation mode share of bicycles in Brisbane.

I understand that Brisbane City Council is currently undertaking a review of the Brisbane City Plan 2014 Bicycle Network Overlay. Brisbane West BUG as a group has considerable knowledge of the riding conditions in Brisbane, particularly the western suburbs. I request BCC include Brisbane West BUG as a stakeholder in the review of the Bicycle network overlay so that we can contribute our ideas and suggestions.

When signing up with Brisbane West BUG (<http://westbug.org.au/index.php/membership/>), new members are given the opportunity to name specific routes or issues that require improved cycling infrastructure. This feedback has allowed me to develop a good overview of which streets, areas and routes require attention, and I would like to see these added to council future planning, including the bicycle network overlay.

I also request that BCC undertake public consultation to give the wider public an opportunity to comment on the overlay before it is finalised. There is a number of similar Bicycle User Groups throughout Brisbane with similar levels of intimate experience with the bicycle network. We'd like to suggest they be brought together with peak bodies such as Bicycle Queensland and Cycling Queensland to provide stakeholder input to the network overlay.

Yours sincerely

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