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**Subject: Improvements for cyclist crossing - Centenary Bikeway, Dandenong Road**  
To Metropolitan Region Project Team

**CC: Tarnya Smith, Member for Mount Ommaney.**

As a representative of Brisbane West Bicycle User Group (Brisbane West BUG), I would like to bring to the Department's attention concerns over the safety and amenity of the cyclist crossing of the Centenary Bikeway at the Dandenong Road roundabout:



This is a highly used bicycle commuting route, primarily for peak hour commuting cyclists heading to and from the city, but also for recreational and travel cyclists in the Centenary suburbs and neighbouring regions at other times. Concerns have been shared with us by both cyclists and motorists about this crossing, with the primary issues being:

- Lengthy delays for cyclists waiting for a break in traffic
- Cyclists taking risks to cross due to this lack of break in traffic
- Motorists exiting the roundabout towards Mt Ommaney Shopping Centre too fast
- Cyclists waiting too close to the road edge, sometimes with the front wheel extending onto the road way itself, presenting a risk of being clipped by a motorist proceeding too far left

With the light-controlled crossings at Sumner Road and Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, and the outstanding Moggill Road cycle bridge recently completed by TMR, this presents the poorest crossing of the Western Freeway/Centenary Bikeway between Dean Street, Toowong and Sanananda Street, Darra.

Given the current configuration of the interchange as a roundabout, Brisbane West BUG acknowledges that installing a controlled crossing would likely not fit with design standards as this would potentially create blocking of the roundabout back towards Glen Ross Road, and onto the Centenary Motorway off ramp, creating a significant safety risk.

We ask for information in regards to future plans for upgrading this interchange, if any, and the likelihood such a change would:

- a) Reconfigure the interchange from a roundabout to an interchange with lights, as proposed for the Sumner Rd Bridge duplication.
- b) Retain the roundabout but provide a bicycle flyover linking both sides of the bikeway
- c) Retain the roundabout but provide a bicycle subway/tunnel beneath Dandenong Road, linking both sides of the bikeway

In the short term, we ask TMR to investigate means of improving the general safety of the existing crossing, with ideas including, but not limited to:

- a) Painting the cycle crossing “stop lines” and balance bars further back from the kerb

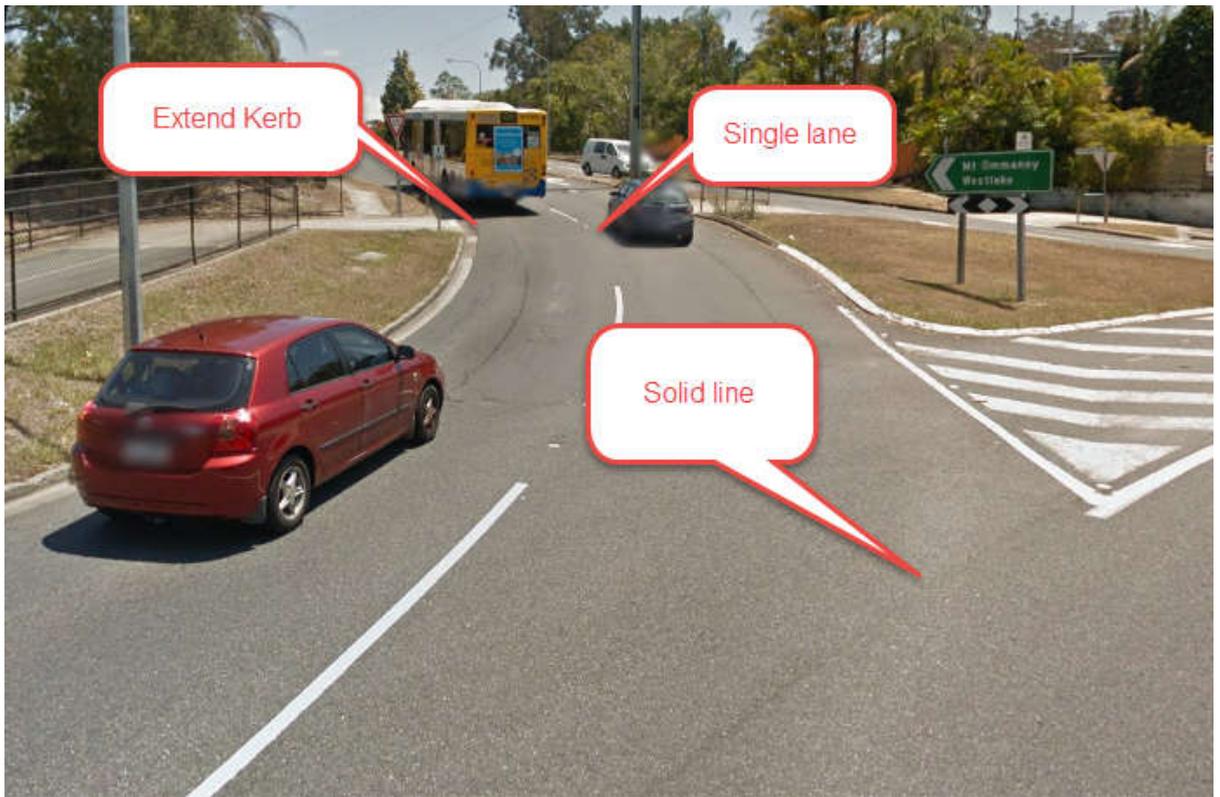




b) Investigate ways of reducing speed of exiting traffic from the Motorway and off the roundabout to increase likelihood of safe crossing for cyclists

c) Forbidding the middle lane of the roundabout reducing the lanes of traffic for cyclists to cross to 1, extending the kerb of the crossing outwards to reduce the speed of vehicles exiting and reduce distance to cross:





The latter solution would be an excellent solution for cyclists, and it would have the added benefit of:

- Reducing confusion with motorists exiting the motorway and roundabout for which lane they need to merge in to, and which lane they need to be in when entering the roundabout from Centenary Motorway west-bound or Glen Ross Road

- Reducing speed of exiting motorists and reducing risks of collision where the road splits into the Mt Ommaney Apartments exit, and the T junction with Endeavour Street.

Brisbane West BUG thanks you for your ongoing commitment to safety for cyclists in the region, and we look forward to your feedback on this particular area of concern.

Regards,

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