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Dear Mr Pattemore

As you may know Brisbane West Bicycle User Group (BUG) is a volunteer-run organisation that advocates for bicycle infrastructure that is safe, direct, convenient and suitable for all ages and abilities. Typically this means bike lanes that are physically protected from road traffic or located off-road.

It is my understanding that the four year program for public and active transport has yet to be finalised. I would like to recommend the following active transport infrastructure projects for Brisbane City Council to consider for forward planning:

- A pilot project to trial automatic green signalised crossings for pedestrians/bicycle users in **high pedestrian/bicycle traffic areas**. For example:
 - The North Quay bike/ped crossings from the Bicentennial bikeway.
 - Pedestrian crossings across the whole Brisbane CBD
 - Key retail/dining precincts such as the Milton Park Road Precinct.
 - Access to major shopping centres across Brisbane such as Toowong Village, Westfield Chermside and Mt Ommaney Centre.

Central Ward

- North Quay/Victoria Bridge signalised pedestrian crossing:
 - This crossing is already overcapacity during peak periods and there is not enough ramp and crossing space for both bikes and peds to cross safely within the allocated time.
 - Significantly increase peak crossing time at this intersection OR:
 - Widen signalised pedestrian crossing and physically separate bicycle users and pedestrians. Ensure adequate ramp space. This crossing should be automatic and not require use of a pedestrian push button.
- Extension of protected bi-directional George Street bikeway to Brisbane Botanical Gardens.
- Brisbane West BUG also supports the minimum grid of separated bikeways proposed by Space4Cycling Brisbane. More than 500 postcards from the Brisbane public have been delivered to the Lord Mayor supporting this initiative to date.

Gabba Ward

- Commence work on a traffic management plan for West End to manage growth in the area with a focus on increasing mode share for active transport and public transport.

Paddington Ward

- Little Cribb Street:
 - Widening the shared path off Little Cribb Street to the Coronation Drive Bicentennial bikeway underpass tunnel.
- Railway Terrace, Cribb Street and Little Cribb Street, Milton:
 - Bicycle safety improvement project to provide bicycle priority along this key connection/major commuter route to the Bicentennial bikeway. The scope should consider a bicycle boulevard along Railway Terrace (as DA approvals here for on-street car parking leaves no space for bike lanes) and speed limit reductions.
 - I am told by staff working on Railway Terrace that they are too scared to ride the 500m from their workplace to the Bicentennial bikeway due to cycling conditions here.
- Park Road, Milton (outbound direction) intersection with Milton Road:
 - Narrow existing traffic lane widths leading to the intersection to accommodate a bike lane approach to the intersection.
 - Create a bicycle exit ramp onto the footpath for less confident bike users.
- Barooka Rd, Milton (between Bayswater St and Milton Rd):
 - Widen the existing footpath, and upgrade to a 3m+ wide shared path where possible (outbound side of road along Milton State School and Milton Village shopping centre).
 - Consider options to create a **raised priority crossing** as part of this footpath widening for users crossing Wight St and Lucy St (see TMR TN128 Figure 42).

Tennyson Ward

- Plan for a **continuous protected and/or off-road bikeway on Oxley Road and Wharf Street** from the Jack Pesch bridge, Chelmer to Lawson Street, Oxley.
- Sherwood Road protected/offroad bikeway between Sherwood and Rocklea.

Jamboree and Tennyson Wards

- Rocks Riverside Park to Blackheath Rd riverside bikeway.

Pullenvale Ward

- Kenmore: New bikeway/shared path between Kenmore Rd/Moggill Rd and Marshall Lane as per the bicycle network overlay, City Plan 2014:
 - Bikeway to connect to Moggill Road via Kenmore State School.
 - Connection at Fairholme Street.
- Kenmore and Kersley Road, Kenmore:
 - Off-road separated bikeway and footpath within road reserve to serve local trips including providing safe routes to locals schools.

The above list represents some of the future infrastructure considered high priority by members of West BUG and the West BUG committee. These projects should represent value for money for rate payers and encourage all sections of the community to make more trips by bicycle, not just “the strong and fearless” who will ride regardless of road conditions.

If you would like to discuss this with me further, I can be contacted on 0429194392.

Yours sincerely

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