

Department of Main Roads

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Mr Paul French Co-Convenor Central Business District Bicycle Group 20 Leyland Street Mt Gravatt East Qld 4122

Dear Mr French

Re: Gateway Bikeway Project - Response to feedback submission

Thank you for your feedback regarding the draft alignment for the Gateway Bikeway Project. Valuable feedback was received during the public feedback period from Monday 23 June 2008 to Saturday 26 July 2008.

Main Roads has been working closely with Brisbane City Council and key stakeholders such as Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) to ensure a consistent approach to cycle planning. As you are aware, agency and stakeholder reference groups involving pedestrian, cycling, accessibility and environment interests have been consulted with closely throughout the planning. The outcome of this consultation along with technical investigations and a review of the latest safety and operational standards for bikeways has ensured that planning complies with current requirements.

In arriving at this draft alignment, you may be aware that Main Roads considered five possible routes (per the SEQ Principal Cycle Network Plan) in consultation with stakeholders. Two preferred cycle routes were short-listed for further investigation. The preferred draft alignment for the proposed bikeway is the most appropriate route in providing the ability for a BAC connection. With the current timing restraints, it also provides the most workable cycle path which can be delivered in 2010. The project team agrees that a more direct alignment following the Gateway Upgrade Project (GUP) would have been desirable. However, the timing of the GUP and this project did not allow for this option. Fortunately, the current alignment does provide opportunities to connect with the Hendra, Doomben and Ascot communities via Raceview or Webster Avenues.

With your input, the project team will be refining the bikeway alignment over the coming months. Current timing suggests that Main Roads will be reporting back to the community with the final plan in late 2008.

If you have any further questions about the project, or wish to speak directly to a project team member please do not hesitate to call us on freecall 1800 268 257. Thank you for your involvement in the Gateway Bikeway Project, we look forward to ongoing consultation with you.

Yours sincerely,

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