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Dear Sir/Madam

St Lucia Bikeway stage two – consultation outcomes

The St Lucia Bikeway is part of the Lord Mayor's commitment for Brisbane City Council to invest \$100 million in the bikeway network in just four years. It is an important link in Council's bikeway network plan, providing a connection between Indooroopilly and the University of Queensland.

The bikeway is being completed in two stages. Stage one, between Carawa Street and Tarcoola Street, was completed in 2008. Stage two will continue the link from Tarcoola Street through to the University of Queensland.

Following initial consultation on three broad bikeway concept plan in late 2008, a second round of consultation was conducted in October this year to present two short-listed bikeway options for your feedback.

One-way road option

The one-way road option would involve:

- making The Esplanade one-way between Boomerang Road East and Tarcoola Street, with traffic flowing in a west-bound direction (away from the university)
- a separate path designated for two-way cyclist and pedestrian movements
- intersection treatments (including minor road modifications and signage) implemented at the intersection of Highland and Hillside Terraces
- formalised on-street parking along this section of The Esplanade
- less vegetation removal than the two-way option. CBD BUG
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Two-way road option

The two-way road option would involve:

- a shared off-road bicycle and pedestrian path along The Esplanade and Upland Road to separate cyclists from vehicular traffic
- a Bicycle Awareness Zone between Tarcoola Street and Sir William Macgregor Drive
- a pathway along existing contours of The Esplanade, with some steep grades
- some tree removal however where possible, path to be located away from established trees.

Both options were identified by the Council project team as able to provide a safe and reliable bicycle connection to the university.

Information, including plans for both options, was distributed to residents via letterbox drop on 29 September and an information session held on 10 October to provide the opportunity for residents to discuss the options with Council representatives. Information was also available on Council's web site.

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Consultation outcomes

Approximately 500 individual pieces of feedback were received in relation to these options, either by email or on Council's feedback forms.

The feedback received clearly identified a broader community preference for the two-way option, due mainly to concerns about the impact of shifting traffic away from The Esplanade and onto other streets, including Tarcoola Street, Highland Terrace and Hawken Drive. Concerns were also raised about the impact of increased traffic through St Lucia Village.

The feedback received identified the following levels of support for each option:

- **One way option** – supported in 17 percent of submissions received
- **Two way option** – supported in 79 percent of submissions received.

Four percent of comments noted either no specific option preference or that neither should be done.

Those who supported the one-way option noted the following reasons for their position:

- greater safety for cyclists
- greater access to parking for residents
- lower number of trees would need to be removed.

Those who supported the two-way option noted the following reasons for their position:

- concerns about the increase in traffic on Hawken Drive, Hillside Terrace and in Tarcoola Street (many noting traffic is already a problem in these streets)
- concerns about the increase in traffic through the St Lucia Village shopping area (again, many noting existing traffic problems in this area).

As a result of this feedback and the outcomes of various project studies, **the two-way option has been selected as the preferred bikeway design.**

We will now commence detailed design for this option. During this stage of the project, detailed plans for the bikeway will be developed, including identification of specific vegetation impacts, parking provision changes and bikeway design features. It is expected that this process will be completed by early 2010 and that construction of the bikeway could commence in mid 2010.

Details of the final two-way design will be provided via a letterbox drop at the completion of the design phase. The information will also be provided on Council's web site and at the Walter Taylor Ward Office.

We would like to thank all residents, cyclists and interest groups who provided feedback on the options presented. Your input has helped Council to select a safe reliable option that also meet the needs and desires of the broader local community.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call the project's information line on 1800 199 757.

Yours sincerely



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