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Dr Richard Bean Co-convenor Brisbane CBD BUG GPO Box 2104 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 22 October 2016 about floating bus stops as part of the Kingsford Smith Drive (KSD) project and the Brisbane Grammar Shared Path Lighting Project.

I share your excitement about the Woolloongabba Bikeway project and its potential to attract more residents to embrace active travel to improve their own health, reduce traffic congestion and help Brisbane become a clean, green and active city. I understand you have further concerns about the KSD project and the Brisbane Grammar Shared Path Lighting Project. As such, I asked Mr Luke Robertson from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to investigate.

While I appreciate your request for separated cycling facilities across Brisbane, in particular in new build locations, the use of separated bicycle infrastructure is still evolving. I can assure you Council assesses the need and type of bicycle infrastructure based on a number of criteria while taking guidance from the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). The Woolloongabba Bikeway project, with separated infrastructure on Stanley Street and Annerley Road, is an opportunity for Council to develop its own guidance further on this exciting new type of infrastructure.

In relation to your comments about floating bus stops as part of the Woolloongabba Bikeway project, Mr Robertson has confirmed that these proposed floating bus bays are to be installed on a trial basis. As you can appreciate, this type of infrastructure is new to Queensland. This trial will allow Council to monitor any design issues and, if suitable, ultimately develop a new standard to use across the network. The CBD Bicycle User Group is an important stakeholder on this exciting technology and I look forward to hearing your comments on the design proposed.

I share your enthusiasm about the newly opened sections of the North Brisbane Bikeway. I am pleased to confirm that Council's budget has been allocated for investigation works for the section of the North Brisbane Bikeway between the Brisbane Grammar School and Queensland Rail land at Spring Hill. I was sorry to hear about recent incidents occurring on this bikeway and your comments about previous progress on this lighting project. I can advise Council officers have recently conducted site visits along this section of the bikeway to aid in developing concept designs. These investigations have confirmed that additional land may be required to provide space for the lighting columns through the corridor.

Council is now working with DTMR and Queensland Rail to investigate potential locations for these columns. Once this is complete, consultation will occur with the Brisbane Grammar School regarding land in their ownership. Given the challenges associated with the location and width of the corridor, as well as land ownership, the project will not be completed this financial year. However, I appreciate your patience as Council works through the complex issues with these third parties.

I hope this information has been of assistance. Should you have any further questions about the above, I encourage you to contact Mr Robertson on 3403 8888.

Thank you again for contacting me and for your continued interest in improving cycling in Brisbane.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk LORD MAYOR

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