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Dr Richard Bean Co-convener Brisbane CBD BUG PO Box 2104 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Dr Bean Richard

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 2016 about a cycling incident at the intersection of Sandford Street and Gailey Road, St Lucia. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was concerned to hear about the accident and certainly appreciate you bringing it to my attention. I note that, as you point out, there were a number of factors involved, including rider behaviour. I hope all who were involved are making a full recovery.

I asked Mr Antony Holloway of Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch to investigate and I understand he spoke with you on 21 July.

As you would be aware, Council is actively improving and building new bikeway corridors to increase safety and reduce travel times for existing cyclists and to encourage new cyclists.

I note the intersection of Sandford Street and Gailey Road is an important link in the bikeway network, connecting the University of Queensland with the Bicentennial Bikeway and providing access for students into the city and South Bank. I appreciate your suggestion to improve bicycle infrastructure at this intersection.

You may be interested to know, Council has made a number of improvements to the route between 2012 and 2016 as part of the \$120 million Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program. Council has previously investigated improvements to this intersection. The options included improvements to the surface of the existing pathways around the intersection and seeking to improve the delineation between cyclists and pedestrians.

As you know, Council has committed \$100 million over the next four years to continually build and upgrade Brisbane's bicycle network. Funding for 2016/17 has already been allocated to other projects across the city. While this means Council does not currently have plans to upgrade this intersection, we will consider the location in line with similar projects across the city as future funding becomes available. Council officers will be in touch with CBD BUG to seek further input on the project, should funding be made available.

Should you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Mr Holloway on 3403 8888. Thank you for your ongoing input about improvements to our bikeway network and I welcome CBD BUG's continued involvement in creating better bikeways across the city.

Yours sincerely

Graham Quirk LORD MAYOR

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