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## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group

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Office of the Lord Mayor

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My dear Lord Mayor

This letter requests your action to improve the cycling connection from the Bicentennial Bikeway, Toowong to the University of Queensland, and specifically address safety for people riding bikes and walking at the intersection of Sandford St and Gailey Rd, St Lucia.

The primary reason from this letter is the serious crash that occurred at this poorly designed intersection between a single bike rider and a group of bike riders very early on the morning of Tuesday 7 June 2016. The details the CBD BUG has on hand about this crash are that the individual rider was heading towards the city and was turning on to the Gailey Rd footpath from Sandford St when they collided with a small group of outbound bike riders turning left into Sandford Street from Gailey Rd. It is unclear if the group of riders was on the footpath or the road. This crash resulted in three people being taken to hospital, one with a bleed on the brain. The individual rider is known to have had front lights on, but the effectiveness of lights can depend on the angle people are approaching.

Given this intersection is on the designated and highly popular bike route between the CBD and the University of Queensland (the second biggest traffic generator in the city) the CBD BUG views this intersection as requiring a complete overhaul, with priority along there given to bikes. At this time the delineation of desire lines is not obvious, resulting in people riding in multiple, and sometimes conflicting, directions to access the bikeway. There is also significant potential for conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians at this location.

As part of a complete upgrade of the Toowong-UQ cycle route, a desirable outcome of the overhaul at this location would be a "wombat" crossing at the Gailey Rd termination of Sandford St. This would improve safety by slowing down motor vehicles entering and exiting Sandford St and eliminate the bikeway access ramp from the road. Other safety enhancements at this location would include: improved separation of cyclists and pedestrians on the bikeway; widening of the bikeway; trimming of trees to improve sight lines; and bikeway pavement replacement.

We will also be submitting a number of other enhancements along the route that would significantly increase the attractiveness of cycling to the University of Queensland. In the meantime, I may be contacted directly on 0431 893 907 if there are any aspects of this matter on which further detail is required.

Yours sincerely

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