

## Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group CBD BUG

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My dear Lord Mayor

Work done by Telstra north of Glen Road, Toowong has resulted in an uneven surface in front of 20 Benson Street. People riding bikes tend to avoid the black surface because of the uneven join between the surfaces and also subsidence on the left-hand side. This effectively halves the width of Brisbane's best bikeway and causes conflict between people riding in opposite directions. Although this has been brought to BCC's attention via several methods, and action was promised by Cr Schrinner on 13 July, nothing has been fixed. It has also been tagged several times on the "Your Say" cycling map (see attached pictures).

A similar issue exists near the Milton Citycat terminal with a small patch of uneven surface directly adjacent to a metal handrail.<sup>2</sup> This also presents a safety issue. Riders tend to ride to the left or right of this section at high speeds.

These are serious safety issues which present legal liabilities for Council if not fixed. Could you please give them your immediate attention?

I look forward to your response on these issues.

Yours faithfully

Dr Richard Bean Co-convenor Brisbane CBD BUG 14 September 2018

<sup>1</sup> https://twitter.com/space4cyclingbn/status/1017366673286840322 "The asphalt repairs to the bikepath on Coronation Drive at Toowong and not good. The asphalt is rough and the join is uneven. Be careful if you are riding there. We hope the concrete path will be repaired back to original condition soon."

Advocacy Advice Action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://yoursay.brisbane.qld.gov.au/movesafe/maps/mscycling#marker-31023 "There exists a ~5m by 1m strip of bike path here which is rough enough and hidden enough to cause people to come off their bike when passing over it. It exists on the river side of the bike path near where a handrail separated the pedestrian path from the river - about 50m to the north-east of the Milton ferry terminal. I've busted a tyre riding over it. Cyclists need to actively avoid the area by riding in the middle of the bike path, creating a hazard for oncoming cyclists. I don't know how this work was deemed acceptable when it was completed over a year ago, and have requested repairs in the past but received no response."



