



OFFICE OF THE
LORD MAYOR
Brisbane

Office
City Hall
King George Square
Brisbane Qld 4000 Australia
Tel 07 3403 4400
Fax 07 3403 9930
LORDMAYOR@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Postal
GPO Box 2287
Brisbane Qld 4001 Australia

5 June 2023

Mr Paul French
Co-convenor
Brisbane CBD Bicycle User Group
GPO Box 2104
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr French

Thank you for your email of 29 March 2023 about accessibility for cyclists and e-mobility riders in the City Centre. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge your feedback about the integration of cycling and e-mobility infrastructure within the Mary Street Vision (the Vision). As previously explained by Council on 23 November 2022, the Vision seeks to enhance pedestrian movements, streetscape amenity and access to public transport. While separated bike lanes are not proposed in Mary Street, I reiterate that initiatives such as this support efforts to reduce reliance on private vehicles, particularly in the CBD, and complement our investment in active transport, including inner city green bridges. At this stage, Council does not intend to revisit the Vision for this street. Notwithstanding this, implementation of the Vision has always been intended to proceed in an iterative manner, with room for innovation and the trialling of various public realm interventions. I can assure you that Council will continue to consider the needs of cyclists and e-mobility riders through any implementation actions associated with the Vision.

You may be interested to know that Council is currently refreshing Brisbane's City Centre Master Plan. Stage 1 of the Master Plan was released in October 2021 as a short-term action plan to revitalise the City Centre following the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The next stage of the project involves publication of the *Brisbane City Centre Master Plan – Stage 2* (in effect, a replacement to the *Brisbane City Centre Master Plan 2014*) later this year. Stage 2 of the Master Plan will continue to consider how active transport connections across the City Centre can be optimised in the future. This will support the city's long-term objective to get more people using active and public transport, while also improving amenity and safety outcomes along key street corridors.

Council officers working on the City Centre Master Plan project would be happy to meet with representatives of the CBD Bicycle User Group to understand your priorities and inform active travel investigations and strategies for the City Centre. To arrange a meeting with the project team, please contact Mr William Back, Senior Urban Planner, City Planning and Economic Development, on 3178 7392.

In addition, you are likely aware that Action 10 of our *Transport Plan for Brisbane - Implementation* states that Council will complete inner city transport network planning. This includes coordinating the planning and delivery of an integrated transport network in the CBD, including changes occurring as part Brisbane Metro and Cross River Rail, as well as improvements to existing public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure to meet the city's future needs.

.../2

While this work is underway, Council is also reviewing the active transport network plan to investigate improved route options to enhance active transport connections into and through the CBD. The updated network will be released for public notification shortly as part of an amendment to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* and I encourage the CBD BUG to participate. This includes future bikeway routes into and through Brisbane's CBD.

Thank you also for your feedback about Brisbane's New Bus Network and the redesign of the CBD bus services. With the introduction of Brisbane Metro, we have the opportunity to evolve our bus network to provide capacity for the growth being experienced in Brisbane's CBD and inner-city precincts. It is proposed to focus the all-day network on Adelaide Street and Mary Street, with a new two-way transport corridor established on Mary Street. By redistributing and expanding bus services to other areas in the city, including Mary Street, we are ensuring public transport connections respond to the evolving needs of community.

Additionally, as the southern CBD continues to develop, connectivity to bus and rail services is key. This reflects the significant community feedback Council has received over the years to enhance services in the southern CBD. The new Mary Street corridor will address this by servicing newly developed areas and improving access to QUT, the Botanic Gardens, and Cross River Rail's new Albert Street station.

Within Brisbane's public transport network, the rail network operates as the primary public transport service connecting other SEQ local government areas (LGAs) with Brisbane. To ensure rail and bus services operate within a complementary public transport network, a multimodal transport model has been used to inform the development of Brisbane's New Bus Network. A model such as this assists with the development of a public transport system that integrates multiple modes of transport to achieve an appropriate capacity distribution between modes. For locations such as Woolloongabba, this complementary system operates by not feeding bus services into the rail network to ensure there is sufficient rail capacity to cater for the connection between other SEQ LGAs and Brisbane.

If you would like more information about Brisbane Metro or Brisbane's New Bus Network, please visit Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Brisbane's New Bus Network'. Alternatively, please call the project information line on 1800 692 333 to speak with a member of the project team who would be happy to talk with you in more detail.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely



Adrian Schinner
LORD MAYOR

Ref: LM01091-2023