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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2019 about the Chatsworth Road, Boundary Road and Samuel Street intersection upgrade project in Coorparoo. I appreciate the concerns you have raised in relation to on-road bike lanes for the intersection.

As you are aware, Council is upgrading the Chatsworth Road, Boundary Road and Samuel Street intersection to address specific safety concerns. The intersection carries approximately 31,000 vehicles per day and currently operates at capacity in peak hours.

The intersection sees significant congestion and has a high crash rate with 33 recorded casualty crashes between August 2007 and July 2017, which resulted in the hospitalisation, medical treatment or minor injury of the motorists involved. The majority of the incidents involved motorists turning right onto Boundary Road colliding with oncoming through traffic on Chatsworth Road or Samuel Street.

The Chatsworth Road, Boundary Road and Samuel Street intersection has been identified as a location that requires an upgrade in order to improve safety and reduce congestion.

The project will involve:

- providing a dedicated right-turn lane on Chatsworth Road into Boundary Road
- installing a fully controlled right-turn facility with arrows on both Chatsworth Road and Samuel Street
- widening Chatsworth Road and Samuel Street to allow for an additional through lane in the westbound direction
- modifying the uncontrolled left-turn slip lane on Samuel Street, to a controlled through and left-turn lane with a signalised pedestrian crossing
- improving pedestrian crossing facilities with safe signal phasing.

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Currently there are no existing dedicated on-road cycle facilities at the intersection due to the constraints of the road width. In order to incorporate on-road cycle lanes, the project would require land acquisition which would significantly impact local residences and businesses around the intersection.

I can confirm that Boundary Road, Chatsworth Road and Samuel Street are identified as Principal Cycle Routes on the Queensland Government's South Principal Cycle Network Plan (PCNP) for South East Queensland. Council understands the PCNP provides a vision for the future bicycle network across the region and exists to guide future planning. The PCNP aims to connect residential areas to major trip attractors such as public transport nodes, universities, schools, shopping and commercial centres, industrial areas, and regional recreational facilities.

The Queensland Government's Priority Route Maps for the PCNP set out their intention for the timing of delivery of the PCNP after consultation with local governments, including Council. The Priority Route Map for this area of Brisbane shows Chatsworth Road as a Priority D route for delivery in the next twenty years or more, demonstrating that it is a lower priority at this point. Boundary Road and Samuel Street are currently unprioritised routes in the Priority Route Map, demonstrating that they are not a priority at this time.

However, please note that these roads are identified as secondary, rather than primary, bicycle routes in Council's bicycle network overlay in *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (the City Plan). Secondary bicycle routes provide links between local bicycle routes and primary bicycle routes and to suburban destinations such as schools, suburban centres, cultural activity areas and recreational facilities.

The Camp Hill bikeway provides a safe alternative route between Boundary Road and Old Cleveland Road that bypasses the Chatsworth Road, Boundary Road and Samuel Street intersection. The Camp Hill bikeway is the preferred northbound route, as recommended and signed by Cycling Brisbane, via Arc Street, Lavington Street, Martha Street, Carranya Street, Bovelles Street and Ashton Street to Old Cleveland Road.

During the design and planning for the project, Council undertook pedestrian and cyclist counts which indicated cyclist numbers through the intersection were very low. A survey conducted in June 2015 over a 12-hour period showed that a total of seven cyclists travelled through the intersection. A second survey conducted in March 2019 showed similar results with a total of five cyclists travelling through the intersection on a weekday (Thursday), with 7 and 25 cyclists travelling through the intersection on a Saturday and Sunday, respectively. This supports the classification of Boundary Road, Chatsworth Road and Samuel Street as secondary cycle routes under the City Plan.

I can advise that should cyclists wish to travel through the intersection, the project will maintain a 3 metre-wide footpath on the southern side of Samuel Street and upgrade the existing 1 metre-wide footpath on the southern side of Chatsworth Road to a 1.5 metre-wide footpath. In Queensland, cyclists are allowed to ride either on the road or on the footpath, unless otherwise signed. When riding in a pedestrian area, cyclists must keep left and give way to pedestrians.

I acknowledge your suggestion that any future transport infrastructure plans be assessed against a checklist as to how they contribute positively to the *Transport Plan for Brisbane - Strategic Directions* (the Transport Plan) before they are presented at Council Committee meetings. The Transport Plan is the framework that guides more detailed transport network policy and planning from which specific infrastructure projects, programs or new initiatives will be developed over time. The transport directions and principles you refer to, as well as other intents conveyed in the Transport Plan, inform decision making in Council and will continue to provide direction for our transport network in the future.

If you have any further questions about the project, please contact the project team on 1800 010 705 or by email at cityprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au. For information outside of business hours, please call Council's 24-hour Contact Centre on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adrian Schrinner".

Adrian Schrinner
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