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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2016 about truck side guards and seeking an update on Council's actions to improve safety for cyclists.

Council remains committed to road safety for all users and I appreciate your suggestion for truck side guards. I can advise Council's larger trucks comply with the Australian Design Rule and they are all fitted with Front Underrun Protection. For our smaller trucks, which are more challenging due to under vehicle space constraints, Council is in contact with our suppliers to understand how the industry is addressing this challenge. Let me assure you Council will continue to progress options to increase safety.

With regard to the inquest recommendations, Council continues to take an active role in education and infrastructure to improve safety. I understand you have also written to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, about the matters within his jurisdiction.

As you would be aware, Council's Cycling Brisbane program provides a range of cyclist safety information and resources, as well as an annual calendar of free bike skills sessions to help people ride in a range of different environments, including on the road. To view information on this program, I would encourage you to visit Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'cycling in Brisbane'.

Council also educates the community on cycle safety by providing bike skills sessions and speaking to new and existing cyclists at community events, such as National Ride to Work day. Council also has an award winning Active School Travel program, which targets generational change by educating young people about road rules and cycling etiquette.

I appreciate there are safety concerns for bicycle users on roads. That is why, as part of Council's Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program, Council has committed \$100 million over four years to invest in a better commuter network for bikeways.

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Council is currently progressing the Woolloongabba Bikeway as part of this program. The dedicated cycle facilities will reduce conflicts between motorists and cyclists along the highly trafficked areas on Stanley Street and Annerley Road, while helping to reduce traffic congestion and contribute to a healthier, sustainable and more accessible city.

The reference design, released in October, reflects the essential elements of the bikeway and proposed safety improvements. However, it does not represent the final layout. I can confirm that all feedback will be considered as part of the design process, which is currently underway and expected to be completed early next year.

Further cycle safety projects include the peak period bike lane trial along Sylvan Road, Toowong. As you would be aware, Sylvan Road is a popular cycle route linking the Bicentennial Bikeway and the Centenary Bikeway. It is also a key connection for local residents to Toowong Village, Wesley Hospital, the Regatta CityCat terminal and Auchenflower and Toowong train stations.

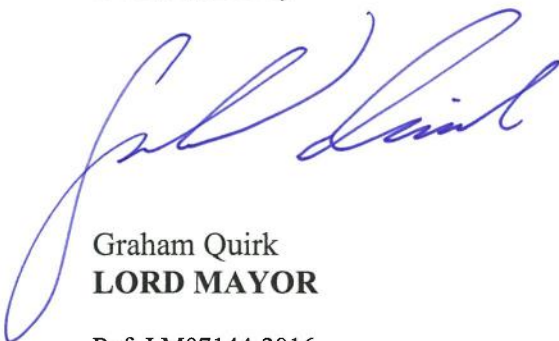
The Sylvan Road bike lane trial involves implementing no standing zones during peak periods along Sylvan Road, in the direction of peak traffic flow, between Milton Road and Land Street. The no standing zones apply from 6-9am for inbound traffic and 4-7pm for outbound traffic, Monday to Friday. Motorists are able to park in the existing dedicated parking areas outside of these times.

Council is monitoring the efficiency of the peak period cycle lanes during the trial to determine whether the changes should be rolled out on a permanent basis either on Sylvan Road or in other locations across the city.

I trust this information helps to demonstrate Council's ongoing commitment to cycling safety in Brisbane.

Thank you for contacting me. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely



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