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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2015 about standard bikeway entrance treatments and deflection rails (also known as banana bars) around Brisbane.

Like you, I want our bicycle network to be as safe as possible for all users and I appreciate you providing me with a list of key deflection rails that are of concern to cyclists. I asked Mr Luke Robertson from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch (TPS) to investigate and I understand he spoke with you on 22 June.

I acknowledge your comments about the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Road's technical note about deflection rails. I can assure you that Council's position is to no longer install single entry deflection rails on new primary bikeways. Instead, dual deflection rails should be used, as they allow cyclists to enter and exit from their respective sides of the pathway.

Council is currently reviewing the location of bikeway entrance treatments as part of the Enhancing Safety and Cyclist Facilities project within the \$120 million Building Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program. This will involve looking at where bikeway entrance treatments are no longer required and where multiple treatments exist and are no longer necessary. We will also consider the safety of existing treatments for bikeway users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

In addition, the project will include a review of standard designs for our bikeway infrastructure. I can assure you that the CBD BUG will be consulted as part of this investigation.

As you can appreciate, this project will take some time, however, the removal of the highest priority treatments will commence this financial year. I have asked TPS to incorporate your list in the sites to be assessed as a priority.

I acknowledge this may not be the immediate outcome you were hoping for, however, hope you can appreciate Council's efforts to develop a more suitable long term solution. Should you have any further questions, I encourage you to call Mr Robertson on 3403 8888.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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