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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 12 November 2013 about the Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade project. I appreciate the time and effort your group puts into providing input on projects like the Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade.

As you mentioned in your letter, the design for the upgrade has not yet been finalised. To date, Council has completed preliminary design for Stage 2 and is currently out to tender to engage a consultant to start the Project Definition phase for a combined Stage 2 and Stage 3 design in early 2014. These two stages run from Theodore Street to Breakfast Creek Road. The Project Definition phase will help to determine the final scope of works, particularly for Stage 3.

Council is aware of the importance of providing appropriate facilities for cyclists in the upgrade and your previous comments have been incorporated into the ongoing planning for the Project Definition phase.

I can confirm that, since your meeting with the project team, facilities for cyclists have been further considered in conjunction with specialists from Council's Transport Planning and Strategy branch. The current preferred cross-section incorporates a mixture of on and off-road facilities. Details of these will be further investigated during the Project Definition phase.

Regarding the on-road cycle lane width, the current intention is for a 1.8 metre on-road cycle lane in both directions between Theodore Street and Riverview Terrace, in accordance with Austroads and Council's current standards for this class of road and posted speed limit.

On-road, off-road and any combinations of on and/or off-road cycle provisions between Riverview Terrace and Breakfast Creek Road, including segregation from pedestrians, will be considered during the Project Definition phase. Safe connections between on and off-road facilities and the final integration of cycle facilities into the existing cycle network will also be considered at that time.

Where possible, Council will indent and lengthen bus bays to improve safety for all modes of transport.

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I appreciate that you are concerned with how pedestrian crossings on Kingsford Smith Drive interact with cycle facilities. The Project Definition phase will consider replacing the existing signalised pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Kingsford Smith Drive with both Cooksley Street and Crescent Road, with grade-separated pedestrian crossings.

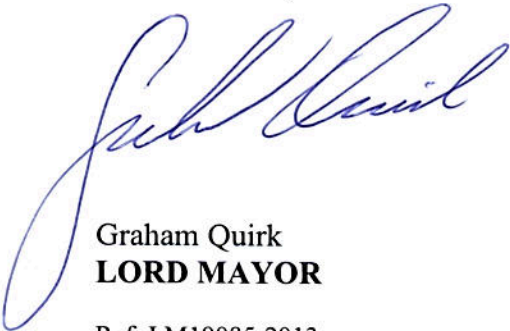
While the current concept shows these as pedestrian overpasses, further investigation into options for pedestrian crossings at these locations will be conducted during the Project Definition phase. This will include looking at overpass, underpass and at-grade crossings. Once selected, the preferred crossing method will be designed so as not to encroach on cyclist and pedestrian facilities.

Advanced stop lines for cyclists will be installed at intersections where vehicles are required to turn left at signalised intersections by crossing the cycle lane on a green signal rather than turning from a left slip lane. This is consistent with Council's current standards.

Council's intention has always been to further consult with cycling groups and I expect the project team to contact you in early 2014. If you would like to meet with the project team earlier, please call the project's information line on 1800 669 416 or email 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 and may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Quirk', written in a cursive style.

Graham Quirk
LORD MAYOR

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