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Mr Paul French
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Dear Mr French

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2012 about Council cycling expenditure and establishing regular informal meetings between the Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG) and Council officers.

I also thank the CBD BUG for their congratulations on my return to office after the Brisbane City Council elections and your support of Council's \$120 million **Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program**. A key component of this program will be to improve cycling access to Brisbane's major employment areas, including the CBD, and I recognise the important role of your organisation in providing input into the planning process from a user perspective.

I strongly agree with your statement that for Brisbane to become the most sustainable city in Australia, we need to significantly increase the number of journeys undertaken by public and active transport to reduce reliance on private vehicle trips. To this end the Draft **Active Transport Strategy**, which is currently being finalised, has as its principal target that by 2026, 1 in 5 transport trips will be by walking and cycling. The **Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program** will be a key to achieving this goal.

In response to the issues you raised, I understand you have been contacted by telephone and a meeting has been scheduled with Andrew Macbeth, Bikeway Program Manager and Lindsay Enright, Policy, Strategy and Planning Manager in Council's Transport Planning and Strategy Branch for Thursday 13 September 2012. This meeting will discuss projects that are part of the **Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program** and options to continue regular meetings between Council and the CBD BUG.

With regards to the details for cycling expenditure that you are requesting, it is Council's policy that financial spending on all Council projects and programs is only published in annual reports. The funding arrangements for the **Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane Program** are set out in Council's Annual Plan and Budget 2012 and its spending will be documented in the Annual Report 2012-2013. These documents are updated annually and are available on Council's website at www.brisbane.com.au.

I trust this information assists you and thank you again for writing to me about the aims and activities of the CBD BUG. Should you require further information, please call Mr Enright on 3403 8888.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Matic". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Councillor Peter Matic
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