

Minutes

State Cycle Committee meeting

Date Wednesday 8 November 2006 **Time** 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Place 5th floor large conference room, Transport House

Chair Douglas Woodbury

Minute taker Carol Hodge

Attendees

Damian Mellifont	Smart Travel Centre - Queensland
Robyn Davies	Main Roads
Ben Wilson	Bicycle Queensland
Cr Toni Bowler	Redland Shire Council
Kendrick Benson	Redland Shire Council
John Nightingale	Bicycle Federation of Australia
Bettina Cruise	Local Government Association of Queensland
Damian O'Sullivan	Queensland Health
Eleanor Somers	Brisbane City Council
David Couper	Department of Emergency Services
Kerri Clements	Queensland Transport
Terri Lispcomb	Education Queensland
Paul Murdoch	CBD Bicycle User Group
Nigel Walker	Noosa Shire Council
Joanna Cairns	Noosa Shire Council
Alex Bright	Cycling Queensland
Michael Clair	Department of Local Government, Planning and Sport & Recreation

Apologies

Caroline Acton	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Cr Kay McDuff	Mayor, Bundaberg City Council
Jeff Ross	Main Roads
Greg Duck	Education Queensland
Alton Twine	Brisbane City Council
Lisa Folkman	Queensland Police Service
Kelly Sultana	Queensland Police Service
Janice Buchbach	Queensland Police Service
Randall Fletcher	ITP, Queensland Transport
Matt Gray	Queensland Conservation Council

Agenda item 1A Apologies and welcome of guests

Doug Woodbury thanked people for attending the meeting. He introduced guests and recorded apologies.

Agenda item 1B Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2006 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda item 1C Progress on Actions Arising

Agenda item 3

Doug Woodbury advised the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) was the primary funding source for delivery of bicycle infrastructure prior to the SEQIPP announcement.

Agenda item 4a

Robyn Davies advised the accelerated engineers program was being provided over 2 years rather than 4 years. The course content and number of hours has not changed. People who are on this program do longer days and summer semesters to complete the course in 2 years.

Agenda item 4c

Damian Mellifont advised the Main Roads submission paper was presented to the Australian Bicycle Council at the April 2006 meeting. State Cycle Committee members were emailed a copy of this submission paper with the agenda and meeting papers for the 2 August 2006 State Cycle Committee meeting. If members would like a copy of the submission papers they should contact Carol Hodge.

Task owner	Action item
State Cycle Committee members	Contact Carol Hodge (telephone 3253 4437, email carol.d.hodge@transport.qld.gov.au) if they require a copy of the Cyclists and Crossings submission paper.

Agenda item 1D Correspondence

Correspondence In

- nil

Correspondence Out

- nil

Agenda item 2a Queensland Cycle Strategy

QUEENSLAND CYCLE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2005-2006

Discussion

Doug Woodbury advised that staff in the Smart Travel Centre – Queensland have updated the Queensland Cycle Strategy reporting form. The reporting form will be forwarded to stakeholders within the next month.

The new form differs from the previous reporting form in that:

- there is one lead agency for an action who has the responsibility to contact co-lead agencies and partner agencies (contact details will be provided) to request their input

- once input from agencies have been received the lead agency enters information into the reporting form
- upon receipt of completed forms, Smart Travel Centre – Queensland will produce the Queensland Cycle Strategy Implementation Report 2005-2006.

A copy of the reporting form was handed out to members. It was agreed the colour and style of timing icons should be reviewed to ensure they are easily distinguished when printed or photo-copied in black and white.

Damian Mellifont advised the reports will be completed and forwarded to lead agencies by early December, with responses due by the end of January. The implementation report will then be worked on in the next month.

Information received will value-add to the performance indicators. The challenges involved in populating performance indicators were acknowledged in the Queensland Cycle Strategy Implementation Report 2003-2005.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre – Queensland	Review the colour and style of "timing" icons to ensure they are easily distinguished when printed or photo-copied in black and white.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

Bicycling Achievement Awards

Background

The 2006 Bicycling Achievement Awards were presented at the Bicycling Australia Show Dinner in Melbourne in front of 150 guests from industry, business and the community sector. Below are a summary of Queensland winners.

Local Government Award for Initiative to Encourage and Promote Cycling – awarded to Noosa Shire Council.

Noosa Shire Council has undertaken a program of initiatives to promote and encourage cycling. The Corridor Improvement Program requires all arterial, sub arterial and district collector roads to have on-road cycling facilities. Council has invested \$3.6M in 2006/07 for the TravelSmart Noosa Pedestrian, Cyclists and Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

The Cycling and Walking Strategy was implemented in 2005 and provides for a fully linked network. No design is approved unless consideration is given to cyclists and pedestrians. Noosa's goal is to eliminate all squeeze points and 'bad' on-road cycling areas within 5 years.

Noosa has secured the use of the TravelSmart name and is extensively promoting it in schools eg, Walk and Ride to school Wednesdays, Breakfast Clubs, Classroom Challenges, Cycle Skills Bicycle Education Program, art competitions, Community Bike Ride and Walk events. A cartoonist has developed 'Axel and 'Bell' who promote safe walking and cycling to school. 2,000 students have also benefited from a Cycle Skills program.

The TravelSmart Workplace Program is seeing the installation of bicycle parking, end of trip facilities, and a 1.5 hour Cycle Workshop for 400 Council employees. Completion of a competency assessment is required for staff to use Council's three staff bikes. The Bicycle

Advisory Group has also allocated funding to upgrade parking at shopping centres and key local attractors.

'Community Transport Cafes' have been established at Noosaville and Noosa Heads to promote cycling, walking and public transport. Around \$30,000 has been allocated to upgrade parking at shopping centres and key attractors. Noosa worked hard to ensure that shower and locker facilities would be provided near a bus interchange.

Discussion

Nigel Walker thanked Cycling Queensland and Bicycle Queensland for nominating Noosa Shire Council for this award.

Award for an Educational Institution for Innovation in Encouraging Cycling to School – awarded to Nashville State Primary School

Background

Nashville State School has 330 students. It has developed partnerships with Brisbane City Council's Active School Travel Program and Local Councillor Victoria Newton to encourage bike use. The school has integrated its activities into an ongoing School Travel Plan.

A survey was conducted at the beginning of 2006: 16% of children regularly rode to school, 84% lived within 1.5km of school, and 55% of children were driven to school. The local topography is flat, giving the school excellent potential to increase its cycling numbers.

Nashville participated in its first "Bike Week", offering those who rode to school rewards of certificates, stickers, water bottles, bike lights and wrist wraps. The number that cycled increased from 49 to 150, nearly half the school population. Parents were also reported to be riding with their children.

Bicycle education was provided at a subsidised rate to families. The local Councillor provided further financial support from her ward trust fund that offered cycle skills training to the whole of Year 5. Local cycle shops provided discount vouchers for bikes needing repair or servicing.

The school has turned Walking Wheeling Wednesday into a daily, rather than weekly, activity:

- A running tally of transport modes used is kept each day.
- On Walking Wheeling Wednesday classes work out their weekly averages.
- Teachers distribute stickers to students who walked etc to school that day.

The statistics are compiled and an Active Travel Trophy is presented to the winning class each month. On average nearly 20% of Nashville students have ridden to school since the introduction of this activity.

SMART TRAVEL CENTRE – QUEENSLAND

Background

Doug Woodbury advised that staff from the Land Transport and Safety Division have joined the Smart Travel Centre – Queensland. Cycle programming staff from the Integrated Transport Planning Division will also be coming onboard. The centre will be moving to new

accommodation at 200 Mary Street in the City around the end of November or early December.

The STC-Q Planning day in October assisted in developing a work plan for the area. This plan once finalised, will be presented to the Board of Management in the first week in December. STC-Q will focus on the sustainable or active transport modes (walking, cycling and getting people onto public transport).

Discussion

Doug Woodbury commented the grants program for cycling is closed and the successful applicants will be announced shortly.

Doug Woodbury advised with regard to the recent closure of the riverside expressway, Queensland Transport along with other state government departments are looking at how they responded and how they can do better in future. One concern was that cycling and walking was only mentioned in media reports from the Conservation Council. We need to look at how we can push sustainable and active transport modes as an alternative in future situations.

Doug Woodbury advised that if funding does not become available for the initiatives in the White Paper, then other options would be looked at. For example, the TravelSmart Northern Suburbs project is run with funding from Brisbane City Council, the Australian Greenhouse Office and Queensland Transport. If funding from these areas is not available, it may be possible to approach industry.

Agenda item 3a Main Roads Report

Background

Main Roads (MR) appointed a Program Manager (Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities) in June 2006 to implement the MR cycle policy and improve pedestrian provision in Main Roads projects.

The main tasks undertaken so far include:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities element management plans drafted for the Main Roads State Wide Plan
- Held briefing sessions with district staff in Northern, Peninsula, North Coast Hinterland, South Coast Hinterland and Southern Districts on implementation of the cycle policy
- Arranged Australian Bicycle Council meeting in Townsville
- Developed and delivered a 1 hour training module on cycling and walking as part of a traffic planning and management course (to be delivered several times in 2007 as well)
- Helped to double cycling journeys to work in SHOC from 2-4% via national ride to work day promotions
- Presentation to Road Safety Research and Policing conference on "Does more cycling mean less safety?"
- Input to major projects on cycle and pedestrian requirements.

Priorities for the next few months include:

- Finalisation of Bicycle and Pedestrian element management plans
- Formalising a data collection strategy for cycle and pedestrian network evaluation
- Conference presentations to Managers (Transport Planning), Managers (Traffic Operations)
- Briefings with more districts

- Preparation of a brief to deliver cycling and walking training to districts
- Input to major projects on cycle and pedestrian requirements.

Discussion

Robyn Davies requested comments from members who attended the Cycle Planning day organised by Integrated Transport Planning. All councils who were eligible for funding under SEQIPP were invited to the event.

John Nightingale commented the event provided useful input for Integrated Transport Planning staff in that they were advised of some routes which were overlooked. Some expressions of support for particular projects may or may not have changed minds or surprised anyone, but at least it was an opportunity for local government and lobby groups to express their opinions.

Kendrick Benson advised he felt it was a positive experience. The main challenge from a local government perspective was the separation between a local network and a regional network. An opportunity exists to see major cycle routes going into areas which might not have been considered in the past.

Toni Bowler suggested while inviting cycling staff of councils to the Cycle Planning meetings was of value, inviting elected council representatives to the meetings could be advantageous as they can put pressure on state members in their area. Robyn Davies commented Toni Bowler's suggestion should be passed onto Peter Berkeley.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre – Queensland	Pass on Toni Bowler's suggestion that elected council representatives be invited to Cycle Planning meetings to Peter Berkeley.

Robyn Davies advised the Main Roads Policy Cycling on State Controlled Roads was released in August 2004 and undertook to forward out copies to members.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre – Queensland	Forward to members a copy of the Main Roads Policy on Cycling on State Controlled Roads.

Agenda item 3b Australian Bicycle Council Report

Background

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) meeting was held in Townsville on the 11 August 2006.

Keys issues from the meeting include:

- The use of ABC meetings as a key component of the influencing strategy for cycling (e.g., by arranging concurrent pre-meeting seminars etc).
- Actions to develop a consistent approach to reporting cycle data (including on member's websites).
- Potential for local governments to access federal funding for cycling programs.
- Consideration of impediments to cycling and ways to address these.
- Cycling support and promotion (linking ABC through TravelSmart).
- Options for pursuing changes to regulations covering power-assisted (battery powered) bicycles.
- Consideration of reports from the Australian Road Rules Maintenance Working Group and the Austroads Traffic Management and Road Design Review Panels.

The next Australian Bicycle Council meeting will be held in Adelaide on Thursday 23 November 2006 in conjunction with the Cycling Tourism Conference.

Discussion

Paul Murdoch asked whether there was any discussion on lobbying federal government for a response to the House of Representatives Committee Funding Report which recommended a dramatic increase in provision of federal funding to enable both state and local governments to promote active transport options, particularly in outer suburban areas. The report is a couple of years old and there has been no federal government response. Robyn Davies advised this has not been raised at the Australian Bicycle Council and should be brought to the attention of the Secretariat to lobby the federal government.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre – Queensland	Follow up with the Australian Bicycle Council secretariat concerning the federal government's non-response to the House of Representatives Funding Report recommendation to increase provision of federal funding to enable both state and local governments to promote active transport options.

Doug Woodbury advised the Australian Bicycle Council had concerns about some so-called power-assisted bicycles becoming available on the market which were in fact mopeds. They discussed what the maximum power output should be and agreed on 300 watts which is the international standard. The Australian Bicycle Council wants regulations that maintain the clear distinction between bicycles and mopeds. There are some so-called bicycles which have pedals attached that don't do any pedalling.

David Couper asked whether there was any discussion on the Segway which has a high power output but the actual energy at the wheels are very small. Damian Mellifont advised that the Segway is yet to be defined in Queensland.

Eleanor Somers advised Brisbane City Council do not accept the Segway as they are not acceptable on footpaths because of conflict between the devices and pedestrians.

Agenda item 3c Cyclists and Crossings Working Group

Background

A meeting of the Cyclists and Crossings Working Group was held on Thursday 2 November 2006.

Key issues from the meeting include:

- Members confirmed reasons supporting a change in legislation allowing cyclists to ride on crossings in Queensland. These include:
 - The major reason for change is that Queensland crash data confirms this is not a safety issue.
 - The existing requirement to dismount is a barrier to more cycling
 - The change will bring consistency with crossings being treated as another shared environment
- Members agreed to discuss a way forward in progressing the legal change:
 - Queensland already has Australian Road Rules (ARR) departure by allowing cycling on footpaths
 - The Working Group is to investigate the legal process necessary to achieve the amendment.

Discussion

Damian Mellifont advised that Robyn Davies, John Nightingale, Alton Twine and Ben Wilson attended the Cyclists and Crossings Working Group meeting. An apology was received from Senior Sergeant Kev Groenhuizen of the Queensland Police Service. The meeting had consensus on the reasons supporting the change to the road rule:

- This is not a safety issue but more a perceptual issue.
- The rule to dismount is inconsistent with the existing rule allowing cyclists on footpaths.
- Crossings are just another shared environment.
- The requirement to dismount is a barrier to more cycling.

The group discussed how to move forward and agreed Queensland has the opportunity to lead the way. Victoria is also looking to go down the same path. In Queensland we already have Australian Road Rules departure by allowing cycling on footpaths, therefore no approval from the Australian Road Rules Maintenance Group is required.

The action from the meeting was to explore the legal process which would allow a change to the rule in Queensland.

Kerri Clements expressed an interest in joining the Cyclists and Crossings Working Group on behalf of the Services Group of Queensland Transport. At the May 2006 meeting she advised Services Group are not in favour of the change to the road rule at supervised school crossings, the reason being that children with bicycles are taught to dismount and walk across the crossing. Kerri has concerns on the impact a change of the road rule will have at these locations.

Damian Mellifont advised cycle education for children is important. This is an opportunity to start educating children on how to share transport environments.

Ben Wilson commented that research shows children with bicycles who walk across crossings, stop at the other side to remount their bicycles and hold up children who are behind them. This is not an efficient flow of movement. One of the key areas the group is looking at is having an efficient movement of people. If the road rule is changed there would be an education program for school crossing supervisors.

Kerri Clements said there was scope to do some trials at school crossings.

David Couper asked whether the width of crossings has been looked at. Damian Mellifont said the reality of it was that the cost would come into play.

Ben Wilson commented some children do not want to dismount to cross a road. If they are forced to do so at a school crossing, they will simply ride up the footpath further, ride across the road at that point, and break the law.

Kerri Clements advised her division has contracted a consultant to look at the risks around schools where crossings are currently located. Paul Murdoch commented the hazards around schools come from cars not cyclists. But the cyclists are having their freedom encroached upon on which will have the effect of discouraging cycling.

Ben Wilson commented if the road rules change, there will be no real behaviour change. It will just mean that cyclists will move efficiently and take up less space. There is no evidence that there is any danger in riding a bicycle across a crossing if they stop before they proceed. Ben Wilson stressed that Bicycle Queensland remain very firmly in favour of the road rule change.

Robyn Davies commented the Traffic Engineering and Road Safety Branch of Main Roads are supportive of the road rule change to allow cyclists to ride across crossings given that this is not a safety issue. Robyn noted that MR has installed bicycle lanterns in a few locations to allow cyclists to ride across crossings. These lanterns cost \$20,000 each. The money saved via a road rules change will allow funds to be spent on other cycling infrastructure.

Doug Woodbury advised that information will be provided to members at the next State Cycle Committee meeting regarding the legal process necessary to allow cyclists to ride across crossings in Queensland.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre - Queensland	Report back at the February 2006 State Cycle Committee meeting about the legal process necessary to allow cyclists to ride across crossings in Queensland.
Smart Travel Centre - Queensland	Set up a meeting with Services Division to discuss any concerns they may have with a change to the road rule.

Agenda item 3d Bicycle Queensland Report

Background

Cycle Queensland 2006

Cycle Queensland brought a great and opportunistic message about cycling to the far north regions of Queensland with fantastic participation (over 1000). The event received strong support from cyclone-ravaged communities along the way.

Discussion

Ben Wilson advised Cycle Queensland 2006 was met by mayors and CEOs from all 8 councils throughout the route. Media in Cairns and regional newspapers was fantastic. Cycle Queensland 2007 will travel from Miles to Mooloolaba.

Wilson HTM Brisbane to the Gold Coast Ride

In only its second year, the ride attracted a Queensland record, 3900 participants in a largely incident free bike ride over 100km. The ride created great media interest, including four consecutive stories on cycling in the Courier-Mail. With thousands of people participating or supporting the riders, the message is that cycling is easier than you think – even over a considerable distance. The event raised in excess of \$60000 for Diabetes Research. TransLink's sponsorship via use of the busway was superb. Other public and private sponsorship support also strongly contributed to the success of the event.

National Ride to Work Day

Bicycle Queensland led Queensland's participation in the first National Ride to Work Day, 5 October 2006, a new national event with sponsorship from the Australian Greenhouse Office and coordination from our brother group, Bicycle Victoria. Queensland had 38 companies across the state involved. This is despite the event being held during school holidays and between Bicycle Queensland's other key annual events, plus Bike Week's Ride to Work Challenge already occurring in March. This was a great outcome which Bicycle Queensland is looking to ramp up next year, with possible inclusion of a school program as well.

Agenda item 3e Brisbane City Council Report

Background

New Bikeway Openings

The Tinchi Tamba bikeway was opened on Thursday 26 October. This bikeway links Bracken Ridge to the popular recreational spot of Deepwater Bend on the Pine River. A community opening was also held on Sunday 29 October, which featured a ride to Deepwater Bend and some community activities.

This link cost approximately \$1M and provides a safe off-road pathway for residents and visitors to this popular north Brisbane recreation location.

Nashville State School wins Cycling Promotion Fund Award

Nashville State School is one of the schools Brisbane City Council is working with as part of the Active School Travel program. This program focuses on creating travel behaviour change in favour of sustainable modes of transport at selected schools.

Nashville has shown an outstanding commitment to cycling as part of this program and was nominated for this award by Brisbane City Council. Nashville now is in the running for the Lord Mayor's Award to be announced next Monday night at the Blast! Concert at City Hall.

Over the course of bike week the number of children riding to school increased from 49 to 150. This represented nearly half the school population. The school also reported parents riding with their children. On average nearly 20% of Nashville students have ridden to school since the introduction of this activity.

“I think another lovely story that I heard from parents last week, was that instead of parents having ‘blues’ about car parks, they were getting together and meeting each other around the bike lock-up and having a chat. A much more pleasant start to the day, a great way to get young people out and about in the community.” Cr Newton Council minutes 14 March 2006

Personal Safety Review of Bikeways

Brisbane City Council is currently finalising its Review of Personal Safety along Bikeways, initiated by the Lord Mayor as part of Council’s response to the spate of attacks that have occurred in North Brisbane. Council has been working with the Queensland Police Service and other stakeholders to assess the bikeway network in terms of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. A report is due in the near future. Preliminary indications confirm the Queensland Police Service advice that these attacks have been crimes of opportunity and have no direct relationship with bikeways.

Green Bridge Bikelanes

The Lord Mayor has announced that on-road bikelanes will be constructed as part of the associated works for the Eleanor Schonell “Green” Bridge. The bridge is scheduled to open early next year but may open earlier. The on-road bikelanes will be on Gladstone and Annerley Roads.

North South Bypass Tunnel and other detours

The Active Transport Unit has been involved in negotiating detour arrangements for cyclists during construction works around the northern and southern portals of the North South Bypass Tunnel. There have been limited opportunities due to the physical constraints imposed by construction works, but negotiation has seen outcomes improved for both portals but particularly along the southern access. The involvement of the cycling community in these discussions has been very welcome.

A detour was quickly enacted with the snap closure of the riverside expressway and North Quay earlier last month. But by the time these detour works were finalised, the expressway and north quay re-opened!

Detours have also occurred on the bike network as a result of various works around Brisbane. Compliance with Brisbane City Council’s requirements for detours has not always been met. Brisbane City Council is investigating this.

Detours will be occurring in the near future along the Bicentennial bikeway at QUT and off the Goodwill Bridge. Again, Brisbane City Council is endeavouring to make these as least onerous as possible for cyclists.

Brisbane City Council is moving

As from next week, the Active Transport Unit will be relocating to Floor 6 of Brisbane Square. This award-winning environmentally friendly building will replace the current Brisbane Administration Centre. Phone numbers for staff will remain the same.

A feature of the new building is the access tunnel leading from the bike room to the Bicentennial bikeway, allowing Council staff to easily access the new building. The bike pool room is also much larger. Suncorp will be occupying the top floors of the new building and staff will also have their own bike pool room in the basement.

Discussion

Eleanor Somers advised the Active Transport Unit have taken responsibility for the River Walk. An extension of the river walk will be happening this year.

Eleanor Somers advised Brisbane City Council have joined Queensland Transport in a partnership for the Cycle Centre under King George Square. The opening will be in March 2008.

John Nightingale expressed concerns about the lack of detour signs for cyclists during the Riverside Expressway closure. Eleanor Somers commented a review process is underway and recommendations will hopefully advise of how to deal with this in the future.

Robyn Davies commented the review committee would be interested in any bicycle counts that were taken before and after the closures. She advised Michael Roth and Paolo Marinelli would be the people to contact with these figures.

Agenda item 3f Bicycle Federation Australia Report

Background

The Bicycle Federation of Australia (BFA) held its Annual General Meeting and a Planning Meeting open to members at the Bicycling Australia Show, Melbourne Exhibition Building, on October 14. Delegates from a number of new members were present, notably from BUG groups in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

It was pleasing to see that one of these delegates, Rob Eke of Wheels of Justice, has joined the committee. Another new committee member is Sam Powrie from the Bicycle Institute of South Australia. Members of the committee all had another year of their terms of office to complete, so we only need a Secretary to complete the committee.

The Planning Meeting agreed to campaign for a federal program of spending similar to the Roads to Recovery program. In doing this, we were encouraged by a motion to be put to the National General Assembly of Local Government. This motion calls for spending of an extra \$50m for four years on walking and cycling infrastructure. The intention of this motion is that communities can invest in:

1. Quiet, safe, alternative transport routes,
2. Active recreational opportunities for residents and visitors,
3. Facilities that will enhance community members' physical and mental well-being.

Projects would be expected to be within the range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Regardless of the outcome of the General Assembly, the Bicycle Federation Australia plans to lobby in favour of federal funding of active transport in portfolios not related to the Australian Greenhouse Office, which is already a strong supporter of active transport.

The Cycling Promotion Fund is committed to this campaign. We are expecting that the Cycling Promotion Alliance will also be involved.

The Bicycle Federation Australia is now taking a role in the transformation of the "Four Wheels For Sean" (4W4S) Trust into a body supporting cyclists who suffer injuries and disabilities by cycling accidents. This also involves other members of the Alliance.

The Bicycle Federation Australia is running a series of Bikeability Toolkit Seminars in four major Australian cities. They are aimed at local government staff and councillors, BUG members and others interested in improving cycling infrastructure.

Participants will learn how to better integrate cycle planning, policies and implementation strategies using the Bikeability Toolkit that the Bicycle Federation Australia developed for the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO). Seminar dates are:

- Sydney: Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October
- Melbourne: Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November
- Adelaide: Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November
- Brisbane: Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December

All seminars are in the afternoon, and are free. They will include a visual presentation of the Bikeability Toolkit, an inspection of local bicycle facilities and a group workshop to apply the acquired skills. Friday seminars are for local government staff and councillors. Saturday seminars are for BUG members and others from Bicycle Federation Australia member groups.

The Bicycle Federation Australia is grateful to the Australian Greenhouse Office and the Cycling Promotion Fund for funding the seminars.

The Bikeability Toolkit is at <http://www.travelsmart.gov.au/bikeability/index.html>. The seminar flyer is at http://www.bfa.asn.au/bfanew/pdf/Bikeability_Checklist_workshop_flyer_23-09-06.pdf.

To book a place, send: the participant's name, Council/BUG, position, phone, email and the city and date of the seminar to: execdirector@bfa.asn.au.

Discussion

John Nightingale advised Warren Solomon will be presenting the Bikeability Toolkit seminars.

Agenda item 3g Noosa Shire Council Report

Background

TravelSmart Noosa Program

Council has consolidated both behaviour change and infrastructure program under the 'TravelSmart Noosa' brand. Current investment in both areas is approximately \$2.75M. This includes the construction of on-road cycling and pedestrian facilities, pathways and behaviour change programs at schools, workplaces and the general community. Approximately 20km of extra on-road cycle lanes are to be installed in 2006/2007. The majority of arterial roads under Council control have on-road facilities and it is expected by 2008 that the strategic on-road cycle network will be 60% completed. Council has appointed Joanna Cairns as a contract Travel Demand Project Officer to implement TravelSmart Programs. It is hoped that her position is made full time in 2007/2008.

Noosa Cycling and Walking Strategy Implementation Program

Council expects to finalise its 10 year Network Implementation Plan by February 2007. The program primarily addresses network pathway facilities as Council's current corridor improvement program manages on road cycle provisions. The program is being revised to accommodate the IRCNP Grants.

Noosa Cycling and Walking Guide and Sunshine Beach Access Guide

Council is currently revising its Cycling and Walking Guide and developing a new Access Guide in conjunction with Queensland Transport for the Sunshine Beach area as part of the TravelSmart Schools Program. Both publications are expected to go to print in January 2007.

2006 Noosa Great Community Bike Ride & Walk

This free community event was conducted on 16 September 2006 in Tewantin. The event, now in its fourth year, includes a 10km bike ride and 5km walk. Despite wet conditions, the event attracted 150 participants and was supported by 30 volunteers. The event has become a key feature in the local cycling calendar and will be continued in 2007.

TravelSmart Noosa Schools Program

The TravelSmart Schools program is now in its second year at Tewantin State School, Noosaville State School and Good Shepherd Lutheran College. The program was relaunched in March 2006 with a 10 day Class Challenge. There have been a number of TravelSmart activities throughout the year including: Walk/Ride to School Wednesdays, Walk/Ride to School Breakfasts, TravelSmart Competition, TravelSmart Family Day, and the Great Community Bike Ride and Walk School Challenge.

A Cycle Skills Program for approximately 1000 students will be completed by the end of this year. The program focuses on basic bike handling skills and cycle safety. The course was developed by Council and a local service provider and takes approximately 3 hours.

Council and Queensland Transport have also signed up with two new schools, St Thomas Moore Primary School and Sunshine Beach State High School.

TravelSmart Noosa Workplace Program

This year Queensland Transport and Council commenced the TravelSmart Workplace Program at several Council buildings. The cycling activities included:

- Bike maintenance workshops
- The launch of the staff bike pool (3 staff bikes)
- Active Travel Week (June and October).

Council is investing \$100,000 to develop new end of trip facilities at its Main Administration building. It is expected that the project will be completed in June 2007. Extra bike racks and lockers have been installed at the main administration building to cater for increased cycle rates by staff. A further eight hoops will be installed as part of the project.

Council is investigating a staff bike purchase incentive scheme. Here, if staff commit to a set mileage per week, they will be eligible to own the bike after a set time period. This program has been successfully trialled in Western Australia. Initial investigations with staff indicate strong support for the project.

Get Active in Noosa- "On ya bike project"

The TravelSmart Noosa program has also been promoting 'Get Active' in Noosa activities, including: free bike maintenance workshops; free family mountain bike rides; and plans are underway for "Bike Week" in March 2007.

Axel and Bell Cycle Characters

Council has developed two cartoon characters, 'Axel' and 'Bell' to promote safe cycling and encourage students to wear their helmets. The program includes a bike and helmet cut out

with the cartoons characters, which is distributed at community events and at all Cycle Skills courses. Council has also created a series of colouring-in cartoons featuring Axel and Bell riding their bikes in local Noosa settings. These have been distributed at community events and have also been given to local restaurants.

TravelSmart Noosa Transport Café

A series of transport stalls and cafes have been conducted throughout the year. The first Transport Café was run on Sunday 8 October at the bus interchange at Hasting Street, Noosa Heads. The aim of the 'Transport Cafe' (a concept developed by Brisbane City Council) was to have a visible presence at a local area to promote sustainable transport choices as well as to receive feedback from the community about cycling, walking and public transport in Noosa. Access Guides and Bikeways Maps were distributed and SunBus and TransLink staff were in attendance to address Public Transport questions. Future 'Cafes' are planned prior to Christmas holidays and at Easter next year.

Discussion

Damian O'Sullivan advised *Active Queensland* was launched at the *Active Living by Design Workshop* on 10 October 2006.

Agenda item 3h CBD Bicycle User Group Report

Background

The Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle Users' Group (CBD BUG) is an organisation of city cyclists, representing and articulating the interests of a very large number of Brisbane residents who commute or ride bicycles to, from and within the Brisbane City Centre. The group with almost 250 members potentially advocates on behalf of the several thousand regular cyclists. It is a primary consultation point for matters concerning cycling in and around the Brisbane CBD.

CBD BUG was established in early 2005 to:

- monitor and identify CBD cycling facilities (and deficiencies);
- act as a resource for CBD commuter cyclists;
- lobby for improvements; and
- act as a network of cycle commuters and other cycle users in the CBD.

CBD BUG is not incorporated, conducting its affairs via monthly meetings of members. It has two co-convenors (currently Paul Murdoch and Sebastian Tauchmann), who are responsible for organising meetings, agenda, speakers, correspondence, maintenance of the BUG website <http://cbdbug.googlepages.com/> and email account (cbdbug@yahoo.com.au).

The CBD BUG's monthly meetings involve the wide provision and sharing of information on cycling-related issues, as well as discussion of issues and decision-making on matters of concern and interest to CBD cyclists. Guest speakers from relevant government and private organisations regularly provide presentations on subjects of interest – presentations have included such topics as the King George Square cycle facility, busway planning and the construction of the NSBT project. Meetings are generally attended by between 25-35 members, with many members attending intermittently. A number of members are also actively involved in identifying issues, problems and positions via electronic communications. Individual members take on responsibility for preparing CBD BUG submissions, and co-ordinating the group's involvement in projects and consultative processes.

The CBD BUG has a close and constructive relationship with Brisbane City Council, particularly the Active Transport Unit, as well as a number of areas and staff within Queensland Transport (QT). Networking with other BUGs and Bicycle Queensland on issues of mutual interest has also been a key CBD BUG priority.

CBD BUG activities and achievements to date include:

- an on-going survey of city cyclists regarding cycling issues, facilities and numbers;
- developed a comprehensive data-base of parking and end-of-trip (EOT) facilities in CBD buildings, and organised tours of CBD 'best practice' facilities;
- regularly met with, lobbied and written to a range of State Government and Brisbane City Council politicians and officials on issues of major concern to commuter cyclists (e.g. cycle network plans, improved commuter routes, reduced vehicle speeds, provision of appropriate EOT facilities, the need for a commercial bicycle centre, improved bicycle provisions in City Plan and issues in busway planning etc.);
- provided advice, encouragement and support to individual members/groups of members seeking to negotiate the provision or upgrading of parking or other EOT facilities;
- established a 'bike buddy' scheme for new/inexperienced cyclists, to encourage higher rates of commuting by bike;
- publicised, lobbied and opposed unnecessary and avoidable disruption, detours and closures of major cycling routes; and
- drafted a number of comprehensive submissions, lodged after extensive discussion amongst BUG members, giving cyclists a direct voice in government planning and policy development. These include the draft CBD Masterplan, QT's Smart Travel Choices Green Paper and the Hale Street Link.

The number of cyclists in the Brisbane CBD and surrounds has visibly and dramatically increased in recent years – CBD BUG aspires to assist in ensuring that facilities, routes, infrastructure, road rules and government policies meet their needs. This fosters the continued growth of cycling in order to achieve target rates, a healthier community, and a cleaner and safer environment for all.

Discussion

Paul Murdoch advised CBD BUG membership have two major areas of concerns – routes and facilities. They have done surveys and have built up data on facilities in 120 buildings in the city. What they have found is people who work for large organisations can often access facilities because they can encourage and lobby their employers to provide facilities. People who work for small organisations often face facility provision challenges. The BUG is regularly contacted by people who request information on facilities. Because of this the BUG is looking forward to the King George Square cycle facility. However, they believe demand will soon overtake supply. CBD BUG has unsuccessfully lobbied Brisbane City Council and the state government for support of a subsidy scheme for cycle facilities, similar to the rainwater tank subsidy.

Agenda item 3i Queensland Conservation Council Report

Background

Matthew Gray was employed by the Queensland Conservation Council at the beginning of September, and in the past eight weeks has worked to bring together a group of sustainable transport oriented individuals and organisations. Recent events in Brisbane have highlighted

the importance of sustainable transport systems. Both publicity of, and support for the project has jumped dramatically in the last few weeks.

The project holds many similarities to the Federally-funded Smogbusters project that was run in Brisbane through the QCC from 1996-2002. A number of people who were part of that original project have become involved in this new Queensland Transport funded project. One of the key similarities is the recognition that the current dominant transport mode in Queensland has significant greenhouse gas emissions. The State parliament has acknowledged 'the growing threat to Queensland from climate change' and called on the State government 'to take immediate action to reduce green house gas emission levels'. Embracing less greenhouse intensive modes of transport will be central to this 'immediate action'.

Key objectives of this project are to develop and maintain a network of sustainable transport campaigners and organisations, with the aim of acting as a 'peak' transport organisation, providing better policy direction to Queensland Transport, as well as lobbying governments and business and educating the wider public on the issues surrounding sustainable transport. This will be facilitated through the publishing of quarterly newsletters (first edition due any day now!), development of a web portal, running workshops, seminars, and other functions, and fostering the development of relationships between sustainable transport stakeholders. The reference group has already met twice, with another meeting due at the end of November.

Current work of the reference group includes the development of a strategic plan for achievable campaigns for more sustainable transport modes. Once completed this draft plan will be used to pursue a number of sustainable transport outcomes at both the State and local level in the short term, while a longer-term strategy is developed and implemented.

Queensland Conservation Council has shown itself to be an organisation that is able to support and guide its member organisations, while lobbying for meaningful change at multiple levels. The sustainable transport project is a natural extension of the strong credentials QCC already has as Queensland's peak environmental organisation; we look forward to seeing meaningful progress of sustainable transport in the coming year and beyond. People interested in becoming involved in the activities of the project, wherever you are in Queensland, please contact the QCC on 3221 0188.

Discussion

It was agreed that Smart Travel Centre – Queensland invite Matthew Gray along to a State Cycle Committee meeting early next year to expand on the work he is doing at the Queensland Conservation Council. Queensland Transport is funding Matthew Gray's salary for 1 year.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre – Queensland	Invite Matthew Gray to a State Cycle Committee meeting early next year so he can expand on the work he is doing at the Queensland Conservation Council.

Agenda item 4a Proposed State Cycle Committee meeting dates for 2007

The proposed meeting dates for 2007 are:
Wednesday 14 February 2007

Wednesday 9 May 2007
Wednesday 1 August 2007
Wednesday 14 November 2007

Agenda item 4b Queensland Health Report

Damian O'Sullivan provided the following information on the *Eat Well Be Active* community grant scheme:

- \$10m over 3 years which comes out from the Obesity Taskforce
- For nutritional related programs and physical activity
- Partnership is a requirement with non-government and government organisations and also local governments
- Up to \$50,000 match funding
- Up to \$10,000 non-match funding
- Application close on 15 December 2006.

Damian O'Sullivan undertook to advise Carol Hodge of the website address for the grant scheme for dissemination to members.

Damian O'Sullivan also undertook to send to Carol Hodge a pdf version of the *Active Queensland* document for dissemination to members.

Damian O'Sullivan advised a seminar is being held on 29 November 2006 on ways to implant GIS measures with physical activity in respect to transport.

Task owner	Action item
Damian O'Sullivan	Forward to Carol Hodge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website address for the <i>Eat Well Be Active</i> community grant scheme• Pdf of the <i>Active Queensland</i> document• Information on the seminar on 29 November 2006 for dissemination to members.

Agenda item 4c Redland Shire Council Report

Kenrick Tucker advised Redland Shire Council is currently undertaking a priority infrastructure plan for Redland Shire. Among other things it will pick up the need for the completion of a cycle network to support the expanding development expected in Redland Shire. The plan looks at a 50% increase in cycling population. Potentially, the plan could take the cycling budget up 500% of what it is currently allocated each year for the next 15 years. The plan is out for consultation.

Agenda item 4d Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

David Couper advised Queensland Police Service is proposing a set of guidelines for how CPTED will be applied in Queensland. The guidelines are out for public comment which close later this month. The guidelines are on the Queensland Police Service website. They are proposing to go down the guidelines path rather than the legislative path. There will be a strong push for local government to embrace CPTED. The document sets out principles and details of how they should be implemented in the public and private domain.

Doug Woodbury undertook to pass on this information to planners.

Task owner	Action item
Smart Travel Centre - Queensland	Advise planners of the Guidelines for CPTED that are out for public comment.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 February 2007 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at a venue to be advised.