

## PortBUG Meeting Minutes. 5/11/15

**Present:** Sam, Leslie, Tony, Bruce, Ann, Liz.

**Apologies:** Dave

**Guest:** Kerry McConnell & Shaun Dewaal, PA/E Council.

### 1. Correspondence:

**In:** from Bryan Ruhle, CCS  
from Paul Anderson, CCS BUG  
from TtoT (re Day Trc)

**Out:** response to Bryan (Sam)  
To TtoT (Tony – re Day Trc)

### 2. Status Update – OA/E Bicycle Strategy Implementation:

- **PA/E Bike Plan:** Kerry and Shaun were asked about when ratification of the Bike Plan might be expected. Kerry indicated that there had been some delays and they were currently responding to InfraPlan re likely priorities. The Plan will need to go to the Dec Council mtg.
- **Short-Term Priorities:** Kerry hopes to start at least some of the short-term priorities in the coming year as works opportunities permit.
- There was some discussion of possibilities for completing the Harbour Loop Stage 2.  
Action: Sam to send details of past Stage 2 documentation to Kerry.
- Kerry indicated that building an alternative Greenway access path associated with the Quest apartments redevelopment would definitely be on a short-term priority list (including signs for Greenway around redevelopment site)
- Other short-term priorities and opportunities discussed included:
- Completing a link between the Greenway route over the Birkenhead Bridge and the Mersey Road bike way
- Making Nile Street – ‘no entry – bike excepted’ (it was noted that Nile is already a 2 way street – just ‘no entry’ at one end). The BUG asked that Kerry look to see if this issue can be resolved. She indicated this may be possible.
- The St Vincent St Greenway crossing – Kerry indicated that a design has been approved by DPTI (involves a path through medium with central refuge and narrowing the opening of Lipson St South allowing for large vehicle access). The footpath will be built first with intersection mods likely to be after Xmas.
- Remodeling the bikeway ramp access from Lipson St to the railyards path. Kerry indicated that she’ll consider this and it could probably be dealt with in the short term.

It was noted that the sharrows on the Peninsula sections of the Greenway are installed but a number of signs are still facing the wrong way. Shaun indicated that this was down for action asap.

Liz noted that the connecting paths towards the northern end of the Greenway are still a problem. Kerry indicated that the staggered fence near the Osborne rail station will be removed soon as water works are completed with design work already done.

The BUG raised various issues associated with Causeway Rd. It was agreed that it is a complex area with many varied interactions. It was noted that the Bicycle Plan may be offering rather simplistic solutions whereas the route may really need a larger holistic ‘project’ focus. Noted that issues include parking, access to two schools, buses, road exits, heavy transport etc. The BUG suggested possible need for a DPTI project with Port Renewal.

Kerry noted that there was significant consideration of issues associated with Causeway Road including provision of an alternative exit from NewPort Keys to Semaphore Rd and Council and State Gov't looking at the area around the Christian College.

Tony noted the recent fatality adjacent to the Carlisle St junction and the need to talk to Minister re safety for Gopher riders. Kerry felt that a planning study may be worth writing to the Minister about.

**Action:** BUG (Sam) to draft a letter for circulation and then to Minister.

- **Longer-term 'Big Projects':** The BUG suggested need for an annual 'iconic' project to maintain and assist Council focus on implementation of the Bike Plan. The BUG noted that the proposed Ottoway Pathway would be a great start.
- Kerry noted that Council are looking at a LATM scheme for the area immediately to the West of Ottoway in Rosewater near Bedford st.
- Leslie asked what reporting mechanisms will be used when the plan does go through Council? Kerry noted that the Bike Plan will require a quarterly reporting process as part of regular transport planning work.
- Tony asked about funding estimates for items in the Plan? Kerry indicated that although the Plan does have estimates for some items as part of the priorities, it does not as yet really have an overall funding estimate – this will probably need to wait until individual items are addressed.
- Kerry noted that Council will also be doing an Access and Mobility Plan which will add focus for the Bike Plan.

**Actions:** The BUG will write a summary of its aspirations for the coming year for the Council and point to the value of continuing to work closely with Council. To CC to Mark Withers. **Sam to draft and circulate asap.**

Leslie asked how:

- we might monitor implementation over the coming year?
- we might promote Councillor interest in goal setting for the 2016-17 budget?

Tony suggested we need to put issues up to local councillors. He suggested that we need to have a good idea of what we want, but need to also need to find out from Michelle and Claire what has been proposed. He suggested that we should have resolved by next meeting what we want to pitch to Council/Councillors.

Also noted that we need to write to Minister Mullighan regarding further provision for Greenway funding. Noted that Council funding bids start late November!

**Action:** Sam to draft and circulate.

- **PA/E Bike Plan Priorities:** Further discussion of staged implementation priorities (refer to discussion above)
- **LATM & Bicycle Issues:** Further discussion of possibilities for supporting inclusion of bicycle issues in Local Area Traffic Management plans (see above). Kerry noted that LATM plans are always aimed at slowing traffic and improving active transport access. LATMs are really about trying to calm the whole network.
- **Bikes on Footpath Legislation:** Kerry noted that she and Shaun have an action to respond to this issues for Council.

**Action:** Sam to ensure references and information are on the BUG web site asap.

- **Rosewater LATM:** Plan will start in the NY. Maybe BUG could take an interest in it. Kerry could let the BUG know – info will be on the web site .

**Action:** Kerry will inform the BUG of the LATM commencing.

3. **Quest Apartment Development:** Update (see above)

4. **Greenway Updates:**

- **Lipson St Ramps:** Problems associated with Lipson St access ramp & possible solutions (see above).
- **T to T - South Road Detour:** Liz noted that the TtoT Project Group appear to be ignoring the lack of appropriate planning for bike safety across or bypassing Sth Road. She has suggested that the only reasonable option is provision a detour *now* rather than at some point in 2016. She feels that the BUG should go to Minister Mullighan asap. She noted that the organization and contractor seem to be abandoning priorities for continued bicycle use along the Greenway for the span of the project (2-3 years) and are not accepting responsibility for providing a safe crossing. Liz noted that *planning* for any pedestrian/bike crossing and bypass utilising Port Road is not going to *start* until next year!

**Action:** That the BUG draft a letter to the Minister (Sam) with similar draft email to Tara (Liz).

5. **Spring Ride Proposals:** To discuss possibilities with Kerry & Shaun.

- BUG discussed the various ride-support possibilities that BUGs can undertake (Buddy Rides etc) and the possibility of a special 'spring ride' to end the year. For agenda December meeting

6. **New Business:**

- **CCS Regional BUG Proposal.** The BUG discussed this with Kerry and Shaun. Sam outlined his discussion with Bryan Ruhle from CCS and with Paul Anderson. There was general agreement on some of the possibilities, but also general caution expressed regarding over extending commitments, inability to represent key areas covered etc. Sam to invite Brian to our December meeting

**Action:** Sam to invite Bryan to Dec BUG meeting.

- **DPTI Update:** BUG discussed need to stay in touch with DPTI, funding & state bike plan status. To invite Gemma in Feb or March, 2016.

**Action:** Sam to email invitation to Gemma Kernich.

**Next meeting: Thursday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.**