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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3520-21 and 3469-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Ms Corrine McMillan MP, Member for Mansfield on 20 April 2021 about construction of new bikeway infrastructure connecting Rochedale to Eight Mile Plains Park 'n' Ride Busway, to the Veloway (to the City), to Wishart and to Upper Mount Gravatt.

I assure the Member for Mansfield and her constituents that I take every opportunity to encourage Brisbane City Council (BCC) and other local governments to improve cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. The Active Transport Advisory Committee which I established with Cr Ryan Murphy, Chair, Public and Active Transport Committee, last year provides an excellent opportunity for the government, BCC, and other stakeholders to discuss priorities for active transport investment.

The Palaszczuk Government wants to see more people leave their cars at home and take up cycling as an active, safe and healthy form of transport, and is committed to making walking or cycling an easy, convenient and enjoyable way to travel—wherever you live in Queensland. That is why the Palaszczuk Government is delivering infrastructure and programs to encourage more people to travel by active transport, whether it be for recreation, commuting, fitness or socialising.

The *Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017–2027* sets out the Queensland Government's strategic direction for getting more people riding bikes, more often. The strategy identifies what the government needs to focus on to make sure that riding a bike is enjoyable, comfortable, healthy and safe wherever you live in Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government is investing more than \$240 million between 2020–21 and 2023–24 to design, build and maintain cycling infrastructure and to fund programs to encourage more people to ride bikes.

In June 2020, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) opened the Veloway 1 Stage E from Birdwood Road, Holland Park West to Gaza Road, Tarragindi. Stage E provides 1.6 kilometres of dedicated cycleway including three bridge crossings over Marshall Road, Sterculia Avenue and Bapaume Road near Gaza Road.

As part of the Pacific Motorway (M1): Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill (EMP2DH) upgrade, TMR is extending the Veloway (V1) south from its current end point in Eight Mile Plains. Local connections will be provided at Logan Road, Underwood Road, Maureen Street, Sports Drive, Springwood Road and Moss Street.

V1 construction is well underway with completion of the Logan Road, Underwood Road and Maureen Street local connections scheduled for late 2021, weather and construction conditions permitting.

The construction and maintenance of bike lanes and other active transport infrastructure is the responsibility of the relevant road authority. I encourage local authorities to invest in new active transport infrastructure that connects to recently completed state government active transport corridors.

TMR supports local governments with an approved Principal Cycle Network Plan to design and build cycling infrastructure through the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program. Applications for the next round of funding will open in late 2021 and TMR would welcome applications from BCC for projects in this area that meet the program guidelines.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves downwards.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads