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**Transport and Main Roads**

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Dear Mr Dallaston

I refer to your email of 24 May 2021, to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, about the Gympie Road and Webster Road intersection works. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

I would like to thank you for the time and consideration you have given to the issues at the above-mentioned intersection, and solutions that you have proposed. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) makes public safety its first priority when planning upgrades across the metropolitan road network. As the construction phase of the North Brisbane Bikeway extension project by Brisbane City Council (BCC) has commenced and is due for completion by end of June 2021, TMR has acted quickly for a solution to protect vulnerable road users.

Several options were considered, however, closing the slip lane onto Gympie Road from Webster Road is not currently an option as the current funding allocations do not allow TMR to close the slip lanes and reconfigure the intersection. TMR will install pedestrian signals and lighting to the slip lanes as the safety treatment.

TMR's road safety policy addresses intersections and conflict points across the network. The policy requires that pedestrian crossings are to be provided on all approaches at signalised intersections, and unsignalised left turn slip lanes should generally be avoided at intersections unless signalised with pedestrian protection. The full policy can be found on the TMR website at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au>, and by using the searching "Road Safety Policy".

I understand that during your discussion with a member of the project team on 21 May 2021, you were advised that both traffic signals to be installed on the slip lanes will have a short waiting period prior to turning green, allowing bike riders and pedestrians to cross the slip lanes safely.

Redirecting the bus route and the other road users from Webster Road to the roads you have identified on the map is not considered the most efficient option due to the congestion that would be created as result of redirecting the volume of traffic to other intersections nearby. TMR and BCC regularly consult on projects regarding conflict points and safety solutions in relation to improvement and new infrastructure projects. I can confirm that the Gympie Road and Webster Road intersection is on a priority list for further funding, however, at this time TMR can only commit to the signalisation and lighting improvements to the existing slip lanes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Les Dunn', with a large, stylized initial 'L' and 'D'.

Les Dunn

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