



October 7, 2021

To Mayor Vagramov, Council, and Jeff Moi,

Re: Guildford Greenway extension to Murray Street

Recently Coquitlam confirmed plans for construction of the **Guildford Greenway** in 2022. This is a pair of protected on-street bike lanes that will traverse Coquitlam along both sides of Guildford Way between Pinetree Way and the Port Moody border. This new facility will connect residents with schools, recreation facilities, SkyTrain, Coquitlam City Hall, the City Centre branch of the Coquitlam Library, and other amenities, along a fairly flat route.

Port Moody now has the opportunity to connect the Murray Street protected bike lanes to this new infrastructure. We respectfully request that this project move forward as quickly as practicable to ensure a successful rollout of this new route for both cities. As things stand now, the Guildford Greenway's protected lanes will abruptly end at the Port Moody border, less than 700 meters from Port Moody's Murray Street separated bike lanes. The HUB Cycling Tri-Cities Local Committee feels that this gap between the Port Moody border and loco Road may deter potential riders who are concerned with safety. It is generally the weakest link that breaks a bike network, and most people feel vulnerable with only a simple painted line separating them from fast-moving traffic.

With the rapid growth of Brewer's Row as well as new developments on Murray Street, protected bike lanes would allow residents and visitors alike the opportunity to safely get around the city by bicycle, curbing traffic and greenhouse gas emissions while not requiring road reallocation away from vehicles. This helps Port Moody meet its goal of having 40% of trips by bike, transit, or walking by 2030.

Thank you for your consideration,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that <u>#UnGapTheMap</u> to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit <u>bikehub.ca</u>.

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