



September 19, 2023

- To Mayor and Council
- Cc: Forrest Smith, Director of Engineering Mark Halpin, Transportation Manager Alison Clavelle, Urban Systems <<u>aclavelle@urbansystems.ca</u>>

Re: Final draft 2022 Strategic Transportation Plan

Members of our HUB Cycling Local Committee are passionate about helping to improve our city to become a more people-friendly place, allowing its residents to choose sustainable transportation modes more often, and creating better, more livable neighbourhoods throughout the city.

We would like to highlight the importance of connections in the Town Centre and the Lougheed Transit Corridor:

- the West Ridge Greenway, including:
 - the connection through the Cemetery is **not** currently included in the 2022 STP cycling network map but it is integral and should be included. See image 1 below.
 - the long-planned connection via Selkirk and 119 Ave. through to Burnett St. via an off-street pathway between 228 St. and Burnett St. as per the 2004 and 2014 STPs cycling network map see below image (path to be paid for through development; is not included in the draft 2022 STP cycling network map but it should be). See image 2 below.
 - as well as a future separated cycling connection via Lougheed Hwy. (to be paid for by MoTI, according to 2014 STP);
- separated and segregated cycling facilities on Brown Ave. from 222 St. to 228 St.;
- cycle highway along Lougheed Hwy. and along the Haney Bypass;
- high quality north-south connections.

We would also like the city to adhere to the BC Active Transportation Design Guide when designing cycling facilities, as this design guide presently contains more up-to-date guidelines than those of the Transportation Association of Canada, and is based on the latest studies and evidence.

Best regards,

HUB Cycling Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee

SCHEDULE 2–ROAD PATTERN



Image 1 - missing connection through cemetery



Image 2 - downtown connection through planned pathway; removed from 2022 STP

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 25 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 over 3,000 members and more than 50,000 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>.