Email to Kellen Truant, MOTI <Kellen.Truant@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Sept. 16, 2015

Re: Lougheed Highway exit to Meadowtown Mall and Golden Ears Way southbound

HIGH PRIORITY

Hi Kellen,

Our Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Chapter of HUB Cycling has received numerous complaints from cyclists regarding the dangerous cyclist crossing at the above location. See attached photo.

I believe it was about a year ago now when the road was repaved and restriped, including the bike lane. The bike symbols, which are absolutely crucial in order for drivers to recognize the bike lane crossing as such, were initially not repainted. After several requests from cyclists who use this route frequently, only a few of the symbols were repainted, but not all. Repeated follow-up requests to finish repainting the missing bike symbols seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

This cyclist crossing is extremely daunting for the most experienced of cyclists. Our HUB committee is of the opinion that this crossing should be a prime candidate for a green painted bike lane crossing, and we kindly request you to make sure that this treatment is applied to this section of bike lane without any further delay. I understand that this type of treatment is not generally used on provincial roads. However, we feel that the danger faced by cyclists on this particular stretch most certainly warrants this approach.

Please let's not wait for a fatality. Without any action on your part, I am certain it is just a matter of time.

Kind regards,

Jackie Chow HUB Cycling Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Chapter

