

E-mail dated March 18, 2019

To: Mayor and Council
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Re: 11641 227t St.; 2017-461-RZ; Public Hearing

Dear Mayor and Council,

With regard to the above development, I would like to point out that 227th Street is a designated bike route. Improvements are needed to make this route safe for all ages and abilities. In future, an overpass is planned at 227th Street over the Haney Bypass to facilitate cyclist access to a future riverfront trail. Also, 227th Street bike facilities will improve cyclist access to the Bypass. We have been told by the Ministry of Transportation that a multi-use facility will likely be built along the Bypass as part of Phase 2 of the improvements along the Bypass.

North of this development there are existing bike lanes up to Lougheed (no parked cars along the bike lanes), and south of the traffic circle at Holyrood there's a multi-use path on the east side, and a bike lane **in the door zone of parked cars** on the west side. I would not recommend anyone to ride in this door zone bike lane when cars are parked along the curb, as often people do not look behind for oncoming cyclists before opening their car doors. The increased speed of any person on a bike on the downward slope increases the danger of getting doored when someone opens a car door unexpectedly. The fact that many seniors reside in this area makes doorings even more likely.

For the section of bike lane along this development, please ensure a road lay-out that improves cyclist safety (on both sides!). This could be achieved by situating the bike lane between parked cars and the sidewalk (with a buffer between parked cars and bike lane), or a buffered bike lane between parked cars and moving cars.

Kind regards,

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