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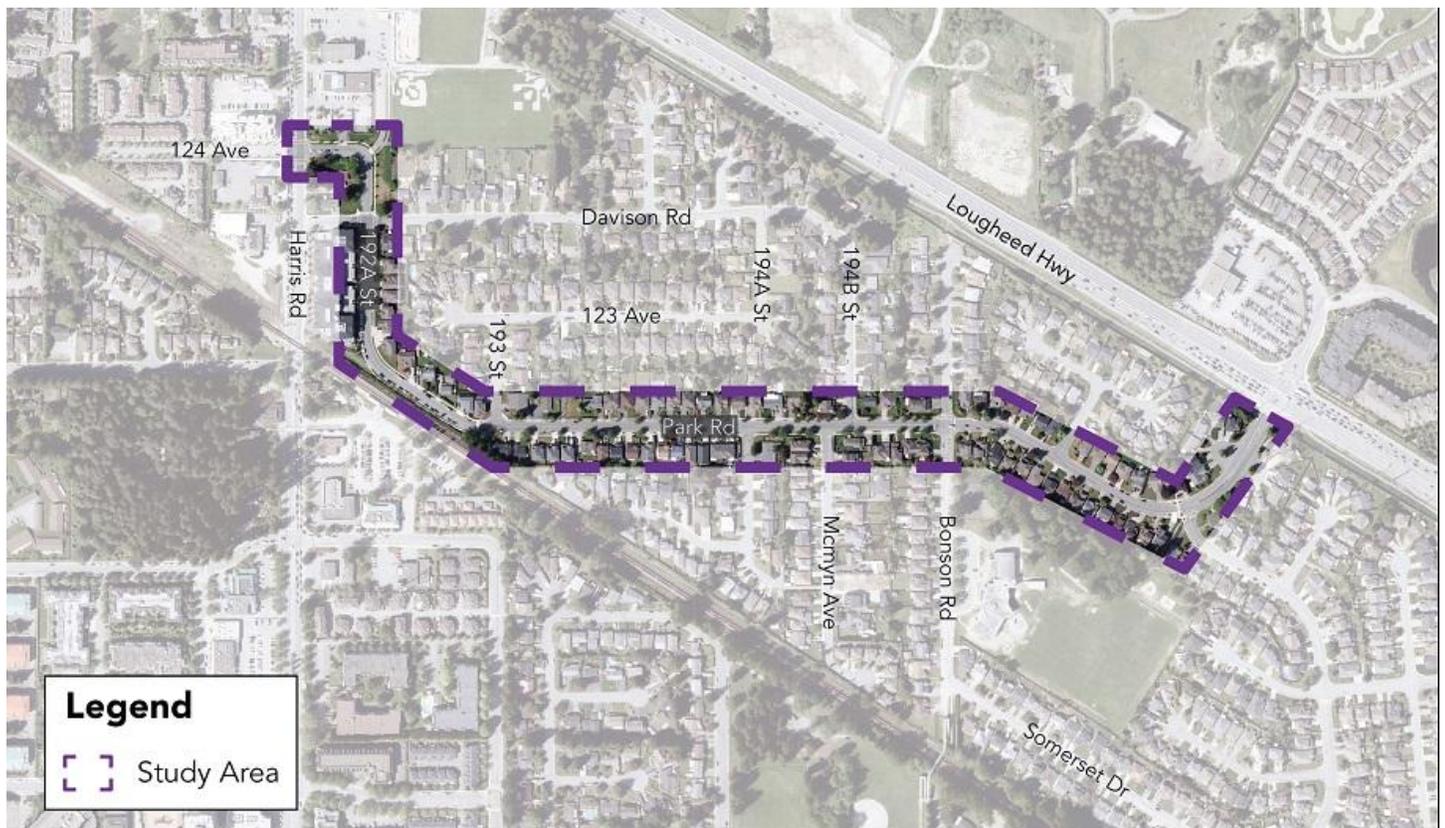
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cc: Mayor and Council <council@pittmeadows.ca>

Re: **Park Road Corridor Traffic Calming Safety Improvements**

Ms. Maki, Ms. Baldrige, Ms. Robichaud,

Our HUB Cycling Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee is pleased to see an effort to make safety improvements along Park Road, which we hope will make the road safer for all users, including people on bikes.



Park Road is an important neighbourhood bikeway which connects from Maple Ridge via Meadowtown Mall to Harris Road and beyond to the Pitt River Bridge:



We would like to give the following feedback with regard to the proposed changes:

- We welcome the removal of the bollards at the intersection of Harris Road and 124 Ave. Bollards often present a hazard to people on bikes and should only be used where proven necessary to prevent access to motor vehicles. Removal of the bollards improves cyclist access to the push buttons, which are located on the sidewalks.
- The curb bulges on Park Road west of the intersection at 193 Street push people on bikes in front of cars, which can be intimidating for less confident people on bikes. We would therefore like to see the max. speed limit on the section of 192a Street and Park Road between Davison Road and 193 Street lowered to 30 km/h. The 20 km/h zone at the corner of 124 Ave. and 192a Street could be extended somewhat and begin at Davison Road to achieve a more logical transition from 30 km/h to 20 km/h.

- We would like to see 194b Street and Davison Road added to the bike network. These local traffic only streets will be a quieter alternative route for people who are cycling westbound to the Pitt River Bridge as well as to the southbound lane along Harris Road once the future railroad underpass is built. For people on bikes heading towards Meadowtown Mall, it will also connect from the northbound bike lane on Harris Road as it emerges from the future underpass.



- Finally, we would kindly suggest to remove the green painted crosswalks as well as elephant feet at the intersection at Somerset, and replace them with regular crosswalks. Cycling on the sidewalk is not permitted in Pitt Meadows and therefore it does not make sense to mark these crosswalks for the use of bicycles. It is important to use road markings for their intended use in order to not confuse people about their purpose.

With kind regards,

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