

E-mail to Shahrzad Honarmand <shonarmand@mapleridge.ca>, dated Sept. 11, 2015  
re 2nd Open House 203rd Street improvements between Dewdney and Golden Ears Way

Hi Shahrzad,

Even though in my opinion whenever possible preference should be given to cycling facilities on both sides of the road, both for safety and accessibility reasons, the design for the bi-directional cycle track on 203rd Street looks pretty good!

Just a few things:

1. As we have emphasized previously, bi-directional paths can pose dangers for cyclists, especially for roads with not too many cyclists (yet...) and with driveways and side streets (esp. leading to schools, so with lots of turning car traffic!). Therefore, it would be nice to see slightly raised crossings. See e-mail UBC Cycling in Cities researcher Kay Teschke, text attached for your convenience, as well as the Harris and Schepers studies referred to and a graph showing the advantage of raised crossings.
2. It would be nice if bike-friendly drainage grates could be used.

Thanks!

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