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Dear Deborah:

Thank you for meeting with us for a site visit at the Pitt River Bridge on December 6. As you know there are a number of deficiencies in the bicycle infrastructure on this bridge that we have identified for a couple of years now (please see attached file for a summary). As we discussed at the site visit, our number one priority is to eliminate the unnecessary double 180 degree switchbacks for westbound cyclists who have just left the bridge deck. This situation is dangerous in slippery conditions and can be easily remedied by a short straight section of additional path. We understand that this involves some additional cost, and that MOTI is considering funding such a modification. HUB strongly support this modification to a key part of the region's bicycle transportation grid. A cyclist's perspective of the situation is shown here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYL3no0eo_A

In addition we would also request that a couple of signs prohibiting cyclist/pedestrians be modified so as to not apply to cyclists. These occur at the westbound on-ramp onto Lougheed at Freemont and at the ramp joining Freemont to the Mary Hill bypass. Hopefully this can be done as part of the job to eliminate the switchbacks. Finally we would like further consideration to improving the visibility of the crosswalk at the position of the switchback.

Again, we would like to thank you for joining us on such a cold and blustery day.

Regards,

Simon Watkins
Co Chairs HUB Tri Cities Chapter

Attachment: Report on Pitt River Bridge Infrastructure