

TriCities HUB Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Tuesday Feb 5, 7:00-8:50PM.

Location: Coquitlam Public Library, Poirier Branch, **Nancy Bennett Room**

In attendance: Gordon M, Jack T, Simon W, Sean R, George S.

1. Pitt River bridge strategy

Recent memo from MOT (Deborah Tan) states that the signs prohibiting cycling will not be removed.

They are still considering access to the bus lane, but it is doubtful, since it would cross the very on-ramp that they are so worried about.

Gordon has asked for a clarification regarding who made this decision.

In response, a recent letter from Brian Atkins, District manager: States that engineers oppose removal of signs for safety reasons. They do not comment on the switchback issue or other issues.

Action items:

- Prepare position paper (this is complete and posted on website)
- Initiate further discussions with senior MOT staff.
- Initiate contact with local newspapers showing them the ongoing problems with the bridge.
- Enlist support from PoCo staff. Are they willing to be mentioned in any correspondence as supporting our proposal?

2. Pitt River Road/Lougheed Highway

This intersection has a modern well designed ped crossing which nevertheless ends in a goat path that is inaccessible for cyclists and requires pedestrians to squeeze between lamp posts. This used to be a common access point from people to get to the PoCo trail from the Riverview neighborhood.

Action items:

- Jack Trumley to contact senior person at Coquitlam (a contact has been established and a meeting set up for early March)
- Prepare a position paper describing the situation (in progress)
- Find out who is responsible (Coquitlam)
- Group ride along Lougheed corridor. This intersection could make a big difference to connectivity to the PMH1 infrastructure on Lougheed.

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