

April 20, 2023

To: Charles Goddard, Director of Planning
Cc: Mark Halpin, Transportation Manager
Chad Neufeld, Manager of Parks Planning & Development

Re: **Committee of the Whole April 18;**
2022-439-RZ; 11235 243B Street, subdivision of 3 single family lots, first reading

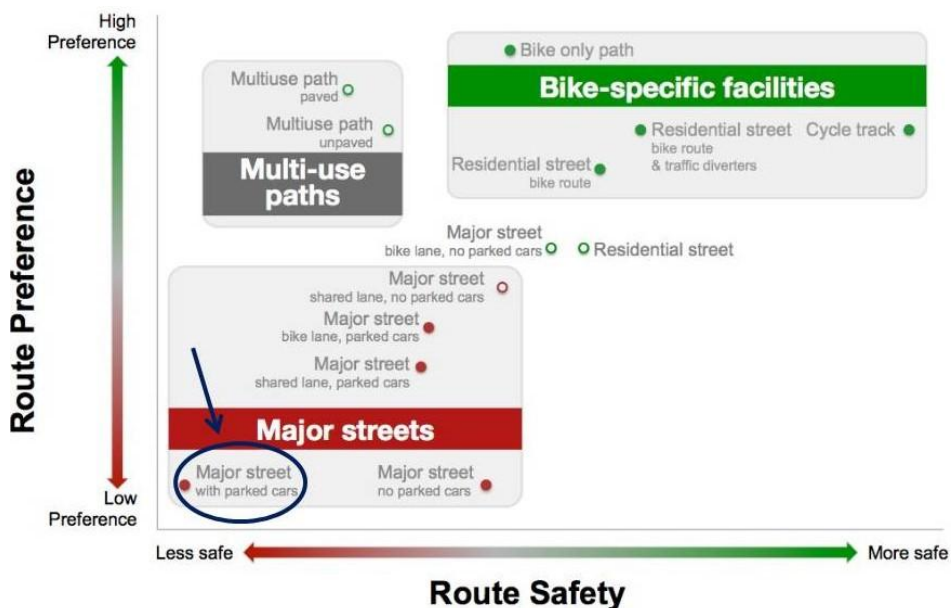
Hi Chuck,

Would you be able to let me know if, as part of this development proposal, the developer will be required to build a multi-purpose trail along 112 Ave. to connect the existing segments of multi-purpose trail?

If it's still part of the plan to complete the trail connections, it would be great if the city could improve the trail detail to ensure that trails that are built by developers are comfortable for more users, including equestrians and people cycling. Trails should be hard packed, fine gravel, free from obstructions and vegetation, including low overhanging tree branches. We do not recommend multi-use gravel trails behind or in front of the sidewalk in subdivisions with frequent driveways. Experience has shown that homeowners tend to use these trails to park their vehicles.



112 Ave. is a designated bike route according to the draft new cycling plan. According to the 2014 cycling plan it was supposed to get bike-accessible shoulders for cycling, however as development happens, there are more and more cars parked along the curb, which tends to make for a dangerous ride for people cycling. They risk getting doored on one side, or clipped by speeding cars on the other. It is the type of infrastructure that is least preferred by people cycling, as well as the least safe:



Now that development is advancing in North East Albion, traffic along this corridor will increase significantly, which will make it even less safe for cycling at a time when more people will be considering cycling to the new destinations this route will serve.

Considering the planned traffic volumes and speeds, and the lack of nearby parallel alternative routes, we recommend protected bike lanes on both sides of 112 Ave. to connect with the protected bike lanes planned further east along 112 Ave. in the North East Albion area.

With kind regards,

Jackie Chow
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 Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee

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