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The Burnaby Local Committee of HUB Cycling saw that the City of Burnaby on February 25, 2025 endorsed the principles of the Supportive Policies Agreement (SPA) for the Burnaby Mountain Gondola (BMG) and directed staff to finalize and execute the SPA. Two of the principles of the SPA listed in Council Report 38000-01 are:

- **“Design:** the design of a public realm that is safe, vibrant and accessible to people of all ages and abilities, whether they are walking, cycling, using transit, pushing a stroller, or using a mobility device;
- **Demand Management:** the use of TDM measures that discourage driving and promote sustainable travel, which may include parking pricing to promote walking, cycling and transit around the two terminals;”

Production Way-University Station, which is also the future southern terminus of the upcoming Gondola, currently does not have a safe connection to two popular east-west cycle routes in Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail (BMUT) in the north, and the Central Valley Greenway (CVG) in the south. This is unfortunate as Production Way-University Station is a key connection to Simon Fraser University (SFU) and destinations along the SkyTrain.

Sadly on April 1, 2025, a person walking was seriously injured at the intersection of Lougheed Hwy and Production Way by a motor vehicle crash:

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Burnaby RCMP seeks witnesses, dashcam video after collision that seriously injured pedestrian

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Burnaby RCMP seeks witnesses and dashcam video after a collision that has left a pedestrian in the hospital with serious injuries.

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at approximately 12:20 p.m., Burnaby RCMP frontline officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian at Lougheed Hwy and Production Way, in North Burnaby.

There were two vehicles involved in the primary collision. One vehicle was travelling eastbound on Lougheed Hwy when another vehicle travelling westbound began making a southbound turn onto Brighton Avenue. One of these vehicles struck a pedestrian and ran into a commercial vehicle. A fourth vehicle was struck by one of the primary vehicles involved and sustained minor damage.

Two drivers were transported to the hospital, one with broken bones and another for precautionary measures. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital with several serious injuries.

Burnaby RCMP's Traffic Services has assumed conduct of the investigation. At this time, impairment is not believed to be a contributing factor.

"We have spoken to several witnesses, but we believe there may be more," said Cpl. Mike Kalanj with the Burnaby RCMP. "If you witnessed this incident or have video of the incident or the events leading up to the incident, please contact our investigators."

The current roads that connect these two cycle routes to Production Way-University Station are Brighton Ave and Production Way, both busy vehicle traffic corridors with narrow sidewalks and no safe space for people of all ages and abilities to cycle along (Figures 1 to 3). Brighton Ave is only 350 m long from Government St to Lougheed Hwy: there is an opportunity to make quick improvements to address this short and key gap.



Figure 1. Both Brighton Ave and Production Way are wide, busy roads due to Costco traffic, vehicles going to Highway 1, and accessing SFU. The Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail along Eastlake Dr, and the Central Valley Greenway along Winston and Government St are popular existing cycle routes.



Figure 2. Looking north along Brighton Ave towards Production Way Station. Note the hill climbing up to Lougheed Hwy. The road is very wide with parked vehicles. Could the public realm be enhanced to give more space to people walking, cycling, using transit, pushing a stroller, or using a mobility device? This section is 350 m long. Homes along this section have driveways.



Figure 3. Looking north along Production Way. Note the narrow space to accommodate both vehicles and bicycles. Could the public realm be enhanced to give more space to people walking, cycling, using transit, pushing a stroller, or using a mobility device?

When the gondola project is completed, there will be even more people using sustainable modes of transportation to access SFU via the new gondola. It is prudent that there are safe, all ages and abilities routes to connect to the station.

We therefore ask Council to:

- 1) Consider quick-build options to connect the Production Way-University SkyTrain Station with the Central Valley Greenway and the Burnaby Mountain Urban Trail as soon as possible. Especially along Brighton Ave as that can offer a safe connection for people walking and cycling to big box store Costco as well.**
- 2) In the long-term, ensure future developments in this area include protected bike lanes and large sidewalks that are comfortable for most users.**
- 3) Incorporate safe and adequate end-of-trip bike storage at Production Way-University SkyTrain Station to encourage more people to cycle to the station and support growing active transportation participation. Providing secure bike lockers or a monitored bike room will give people confidence to leave their bikes at the station before boarding the gondola, thereby reducing the number of bicycles brought onboard. This will help optimize space within the gondola cabins and improve the overall travel experience for all users.**

Thank you for your attention,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent 25 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that #UnGapTheMap to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.