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Dear Mayor and Council,

Our HUB Cycling Committee is disappointed to see the recommendation by staff to remove the traffic calming measures that have been implemented in past years on Park Road.

We were in support of further traffic calming on Park Road when public consultation was done in 2018, and provided several suggestions in [our letter](#) dated October 17, 2018. We are not aware if our suggestions were considered at the time.

Park Road is an important east-west bike route, with various important destinations:

- Meadowtown Mall
- Meadow Vale Shopping Centre
- Harris Road Park
- Railroad crossing at Harris Road
- Railroad crossing at Meadowtown Mall
- Connecting route to Maple Ridge via Dunn Ave.
- Connecting route to Pitt River Bridge and beyond

As a collector road, Park Road does not have bike lanes. Removing the speed cushions and increasing the speed limit all along the corridor to 50 km/h will make this route feel less safe for more people on bikes. We recommend a speed limit of 30 km/h for on-road neighbourhood bike routes.



According to the more recent traffic counts in 2022 done by the city (from staff report attached to agenda for Public Meeting of November 29), both traffic speeds and volumes were significantly reduced west of Somerset between the speed cushions (85% speeds from 48 km/h in 2016 to 44/43 km/h in 2022, and traffic volumes from 3113 in 2016 to 1764/1803 AADT in 2022), which is a positive achievement. With traffic calming improvements, Park Road will still allow for efficient traffic flow to arterials, however reduced speeds are encouraged to allow for better safety for vulnerable road users and improved livability.

According to the referenced staff report a significant number (58.5%) of local residents were in favour of traffic calming in May 2019. TransLink's Transport 2050 plan calls for more "People-First Streets", where all road users, including people with disabilities and people using transit, biking, walking or rolling, feel safe, comfortable, and connected.

Enforcement never leads to a sustained reduction of speeds. Road design does. We therefore strongly support the installation of permanent speed cushions, and we would like to keep the maximum speed at 30 km/h east of Bonson, and extend it west all the way to Harris.

We would also appreciate if the suggestions we made in our letter of October 17, 2018, could be given consideration.

With kind regards,

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