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To Mayor Vagramov, Council, and Jeff Moi,

**Re: Request for further separation of people walking and biking on Murray Street**

The HUB Cycling Tri-Cities Committee would once again like to express gratitude for the work done along Murray Street. The protected bike lanes and wide multi-use paths have made a world of difference in providing safe, comfortable infrastructure for all ages and abilities along this corridor, and we are thankful for your work towards making this a reality.

One issue that has frequently come up is that many are unaware that the bike lanes are meant solely for those traveling by bike or other wheeled transportation. We frequently come across people walking or standing in the bike lanes, which becomes dangerous for all parties involved. Particularly concerning is that there are many children along this route who sometimes step out suddenly. While most people on bikes are fully aware that situations like this necessitate caution and speed control, someone riding eastbound has little time to react if a child steps out from the sidewalk, causing harm to both parties.

We would like to respectfully ask that the city explore options to further separate people walking and cycling along the protected bike lanes and sidewalks. The existing multi-use paths, in our opinion, are fine, and it is only the areas where people walking and cycling are meant to be kept separate that this is a problem. This could take the form of signage, added paint, or any other options the city finds feasible. While the path has been open for a while now, we feel it would be best to solve the problem now before further growth along Murray Street and the growing popularity of Brewer's Row complicates matters further by adding more non-vehicular traffic to the path.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 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](http://bikehub.ca).