

RE: Thank you for attending Hwy 7 - 266 St to 287 St Design Information Session

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Hi Kristen,

Thank you for involving TransLink in the meeting hosted by MoTI on September 22nd, to discuss MoTI's Highway 7 – 266 to 287 Street – widening project.

We appreciate being engaged and would like to submit the following high level comments:

- Although the design of the widening project was considered 50% complete, there were no active transportation facilities included or considered in the design.
- The current speed limit on Lougheed Highway within the project study area is posted at 80 km/h. At or near this speed, collisions between motor vehicles and vulnerable road users can lead to severe injuries and/or fatalities as there's a direct relationship between motor vehicle speed and injury severity. The BC Active Transportation Design Guide notes that bicycle and pedestrian accessible shoulders are not recommended for design speeds greater than 70 km/h.
- As demonstrated in the BC Active Transportation Design Guide, protected bike lanes "are most appropriate on roads with higher motor vehicle volumes and speeds, multiple motor vehicle lanes, relatively high bicycle volumes, and relatively few laneways and driveways." They should be considered the preferred design treatment where motor vehicle speeds are posted at 60km/h to 80km/h, at any motor vehicle volume.
- Given the Province's Road Safety Strategy (Moving to Vision Zero), including the vision that BC will have the safest roads in North America and will work toward the ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries, prioritizing vulnerable users including cyclists, should be demonstrated within the project design.
- The Province's Active Transportation Strategy (Move Commute Connect) provides multiple references for the need for more, better and safer infrastructure for cyclists and other users in order to get the province to zero fatalities and serious injuries resulting from collisions on the road.
- Given this corridor is part of TransLink's Major Bikeway Network and is a primary cycling network identified in the Ministry's Regional Cycling Network study, TransLink would like to see the Ministry reconsider the inclusion of active transportation facilities along this important cycling corridor.

While the Ministry is making improvements to this segment of Highway 7 from a mobility and safety perspective, Highway 7 should be considered a regionally significant cycling corridor. The project provides the Province with an ideal opportunity to include protected cycling facilities that are comfortable for all ages and abilities (AAA) for this MBN corridor.

We look forward to continued collaboration. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Lisa

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Hello all,

Many thanks again for your time yesterday in attending the design information session for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Highway 7 – 266 to 287 Street Project to discuss transportation and mobility related considerations. Your comments are valuable and appreciated as we continue with the design development process.

As I mentioned on the call, if you have any further comments or questions, please email them to either myself or the Ministry's project mailbox: Hwy7.266to287@gov.bc.ca. We will respond as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I am sharing a PDF of the presentation. As the design is preliminary and not yet finalized, please share this information only within your organizations.

Once again, thank you again for your involvement in this process.

Best regards,
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