

# Phase 3 - Edmonds, Royal Oak, and Cascade Heights Community Plans

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To: **Planning and Development Department, City of Burnaby**

Thank you for the invitation to provide input on the three Draft Community Plans through the Phase 3 consultation process.

We applaud the ambitious goal outlined in the Draft Community Plans of building designated bike lanes or shared biking facilities on almost every road in the Urban Village or Town Centre. However, as described in our [feedback for Phase 2](#), we are worried about a presumably incremental approach to developing the cycling network. Incremental implementation would lead to fragmented, incomplete, and unsafe infrastructure, similar to the current situation in Town Centers. Given the long time span for development, we suggest first implementing a provisional "quick build" network with protected cycle paths to provide immediate, viable cycling options without critical gaps, which can later be converted to the full-scale facilities outlined in the Draft Community Plans.

In 2019, Burnaby declared a Climate Emergency and established targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The carbon reduction targets are 45% reduction by 2030 and 75% reduction by 2040. Since transportation emissions make up 36% of Burnaby's GHG emissions, the connected and safe "quick build" network will encourage more people to adopt active transportation for their daily trips to help meet the GHG emissions targets and reduce congestion. These short-term implementations of dedicated bike lanes should also apply to major commercial streets, as studies show that bike infrastructure can boost business. We recommend including

- protected intersections,
- No Right Turn on Red restrictions,
- traffic calming measures (as done e.g. for the Edmonds Cycling Network in 2023),
- protected intersections,
- continuous/raised sidewalks (would be great e.g. on all street crossings on Rumble St. MUP),
- advanced walk/bike signals, and
- bike-specific traffic signals

to enhance safety and comfort for people of all ages and abilities.

Thank you for considering our feedback,  
HUB Cycling Burnaby Local Committee

## 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](http://bikehub.ca).