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HUB Cycling Langley
May 17, 2024

Mayor and Council Members
City of Langley
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC, V3A 4B3

Re: Concerns about vehicle speeds on 208 Avenue between 44th and 48th Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

In October 2023, City residents presented concerns about people driving vehicles speeding on 208 Avenue between 44th and 48th Avenue, and the Council supported exploring safety improvements and traffic calming measures.

We are writing on behalf of HUB Cycling's Langley Local Committee to express our strong support for constructing a protected bike lane on 208th Street between 44th and 48th Avenues as a traffic calming measure as well as closing a Gap on an important North-South cycle route.

Implementing a protected bike lane would address these concerns by reducing vehicle speeds and providing a safe route for people cycling, rolling and using other micromobility devices like wheelchairs. In addition, by removing this critical gap in the route, we will also enable Uplands Elementary/Uplands Montessori school students to walk or bike to school.

Currently, there is a painted bike lane north of 48th Avenue and a paved shoulder south of 44th Avenue, creating a dangerous gap for people cycling between these two points on what our community considers a key North-South bike route. This gap forces current people cycling or rolling on this route into traffic, increasing the risk of crashes and deters potential community members who would like to using a bicycle for daily commutes or for recreational purposes.

Connecting this section of 208th Street to the 48th Avenue bike lane would also enhance the City and Township's cycling network, linking several trail systems and public facilities.

We urge you to prioritise the construction of a protected bike lane on this stretch of 208th Street to improve safety and connectivity for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Evanochko - Chair
On behalf of HUB Cycling Langley

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 26 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 50,000 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.