

August 26, 2021

Bill Gilles, Supervisor, Park Operations, Regional Parks
CC: Craig Sobering, Park System Planner, Regional Parks

Re: Lack of bicycle access to Mundy Creek and Garden Trails

Dear Mr. Gilles,

We are writing to you to respectfully ask that Metro Vancouver finds a suitable route for cyclists adjacent to the Mundy Creek Trail in Colony Farm Regional Park as soon as practical. This trail, prior to the ban on bike usage, served a crucial purpose of allowing cyclists a safe route adjacent to Lougheed Highway without having to go uphill through the səmiqʷəʔelə lands, allowing people of all ages and abilities an alternative to vehicle travel. Further, we request the Garden Trail be reopened to people cycling after two years of closure.

We understand there are challenges at play with regards to the habitat of the Oregon Forest Snail, and a new trail is necessary to safely accommodate both people walking and people on bikes for the Mundy Creek Trail. While it is encouraging to hear that such a trail is being planned, we would like to request that such a trail moves quickly through surveying, planning, funding, and building to minimize delays to persons on bikes. Quite often people with disabilities use their bikes for support and it is not often possible for them to dismount and walk their bicycles. Further, a mandate that people on bikes walk their bikes seriously impedes the time-competitiveness of cycling and serves to deter cycling as users become more likely to simply drive between destinations. For these reasons we believe it is necessary this new route be constructed quickly. The Garden Trail also needs to be opened to people cycling because it provides better connections through the park.

Thank you,

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About HUB Cycling

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