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To: City of Maple Ridge

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Re: Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study

Dear City of Maple Ridge,

On behalf of HUB Cycling's Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Local Committee, we would like to provide feedback on the active transportation aspect of the tentative plans for the new pool/community center and athletic park project.

As the project moves forward, we urge the City to ensure that safe, convenient, and connected cycling infrastructure is integrated into the design. Encouraging walking, cycling and rolling aligns with City's climate and health goals and also ensures equitable access for residents of all ages and abilities.

We respectfully recommend the following considerations:

- **Connectivity**: Ensure seamless cycling connections from the existing bike route on Thorne/117 Ave to the community center and the athletic sports fields to support safe and active travel.
- 207th Street: Install uni-directional protected bike lanes along 207th Street to connect the major bike route with both the community center and the athletic park. This corridor is critical for safe and direct access, including to the future BRT stop and the many other destinations on Lougheed. For the high volumes on 207th, it would require protection to be Comfortable for Most and receive cost-sharing dollars from partners like TransLink.
- Westfield Area: We support traffic calming on Westfield as well as a 30km/h speed limit. This
  would allow Westfield to be a Comfortable for Most neighbourhood bikeway and be eligible for
  cost-sharing from other levels of government.
- Westfield to Golf Lane to 209th Corridor: If the plan is to connect Golf Lane to 209 St for general traffic, future traffic volume modeling would show if protected lanes are needed to be Comfortable for Most or if volumes are low enough to do traffic calming and 30km/h speed limit to be a Comfortable for Most neighbourhood bikeway shared with vehicles.
- **Wayfinding**: Add clear and visible wayfinding signage at key intersections, particularly at Steeves and 207th along the 117 bikeway, to support navigation and encourage cycling.
- End of Trip Facilities: We support secure, covered bike parking including for e-bikes, cargo bikes, trailers and car share spaces. More information on high quality bike parking can be found here.

We believe that by incorporating these elements, the City of Maple Ridge can create a model for inclusive, sustainable, and forward-thinking community development. We would welcome the opportunity to collaborate or provide further input as the project progresses.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to building a healthier, more connected Maple Ridge.

HUB Cycling
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee

## **About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 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 over 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.