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Re: **Haney Bypass Intersection Improvement Project**

Dear Ms. Hui and Mr. Pollock,

Further to our letter dated February 5, and the response received from Ms. Hui on February 6, we would much appreciate some clarification.

As explained in Ms. Hui's e-mail, the feedback we provided for this specific project will not be considered for this project, but only for "any future projects". Would you be able to give us some clarification as to why our input will not be considered for the project for which it was provided?

We would also appreciate clarification with regard to the Ministry of Transportation's cycling policy. According to this policy:

- "Provisions for cyclists are made on all new and upgraded provincial highways",
- "Route evaluations that impact cyclists will include consultations with cycling stakeholders",
- "We involve cycling interests and local government officials responsible for cycling in all highway planning consultations. Municipal bicycle advisory committees and/or recognized cycling advocacy organizations can be utilized to provide advice on cycling needs, facilitate issues and to monitor the effectiveness of the cycling policy."

We fully support the stated policy guidelines. However, in this case we have to conclude that:

- No provisions are made for cyclists on the Haney Bypass.
- Consultations with cycling stakeholders did not take place.
- HUB Cycling, as a recognized cycling advocacy organization, has not been consulted to provide advice on cycling needs with regard to the Haney Bypass bike route.

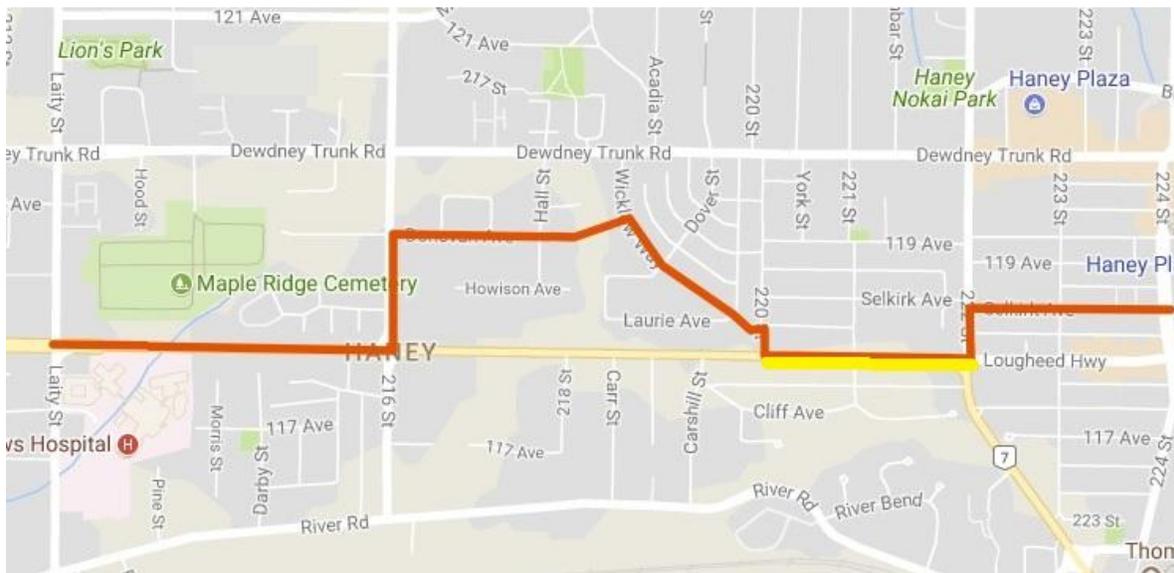
As explained in our letter dated February 5, the Haney Bypass is one of the important gaps in the regional cycling network that have been prioritized by our committee. Therefore we can not support the elimination of this bike route as identified in the Maple Ridge Transportation Plan, and we would appreciate it if consideration could be given to the needs of people on bikes for this project.

We would like to, once again, express our appreciation for the inclusion of a section of multi-use path along Lougheed Highway in this project. This will help fill another gap in our regional cycling network.

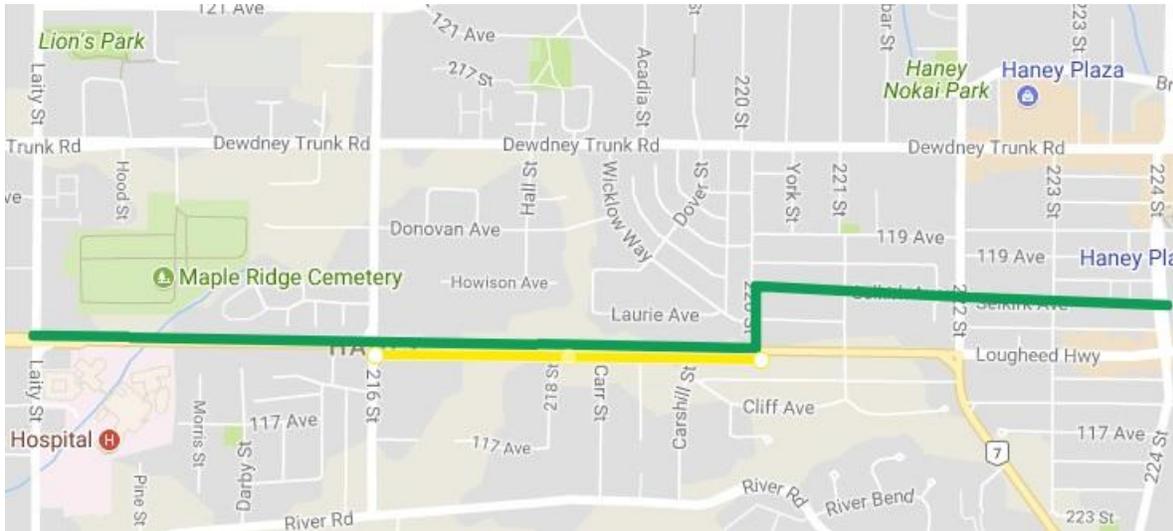
We would like to put forward the suggestion, however, to first complete the section between 216th Street and 220th Street rather than the section between 220th and 222nd Streets.

This would form a contiguous multi-use path all the way from Laity Street to 220th Street and would more seamlessly fit in with the existing east-west bike route. The section between 220th and 222nd Streets can perhaps be completed when further improvements for cycling are made along the Haney Bypass.

The following map shows in yellow the multi-use path as planned by MoTI and the City of Maple Ridge and how it presently would fit into the existing east-west bike route:



The following map shows in yellow the section of multi-use path to be completed as proposed by our HUB committee. It clearly fits better into the existing bike route which would encourage more usage:



To construct a multi-use path between 220th and 222nd Streets before the connecting piece is completed would likely generate a significant amount of criticism among the general public, and the cycling community would undoubtedly also question the usefulness of this path which leads "from nowhere to nowhere".

With kind regards,

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