

January 29, 2023

To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Charles Goddard, Mark Halpin

Re: 1) 2018-132-RZ; 12121 232 Street - connecting pathway; Council meeting Jan. 31, 2023
2) Request to address accessibility for bikes through policy and guidelines

Dear Mayor and Council,

With regard to the above development application, we would appreciate if the walkway that will be constructed on the north side of the site provides convenient and safe access not only for people walking but also for people cycling, whether on regular bikes, cargo bikes, adaptive bikes or bikes with trailers. Note that the maze gates that are typically used for these types of walkways are often difficult to navigate and can make pathways inaccessible for certain types of bikes.

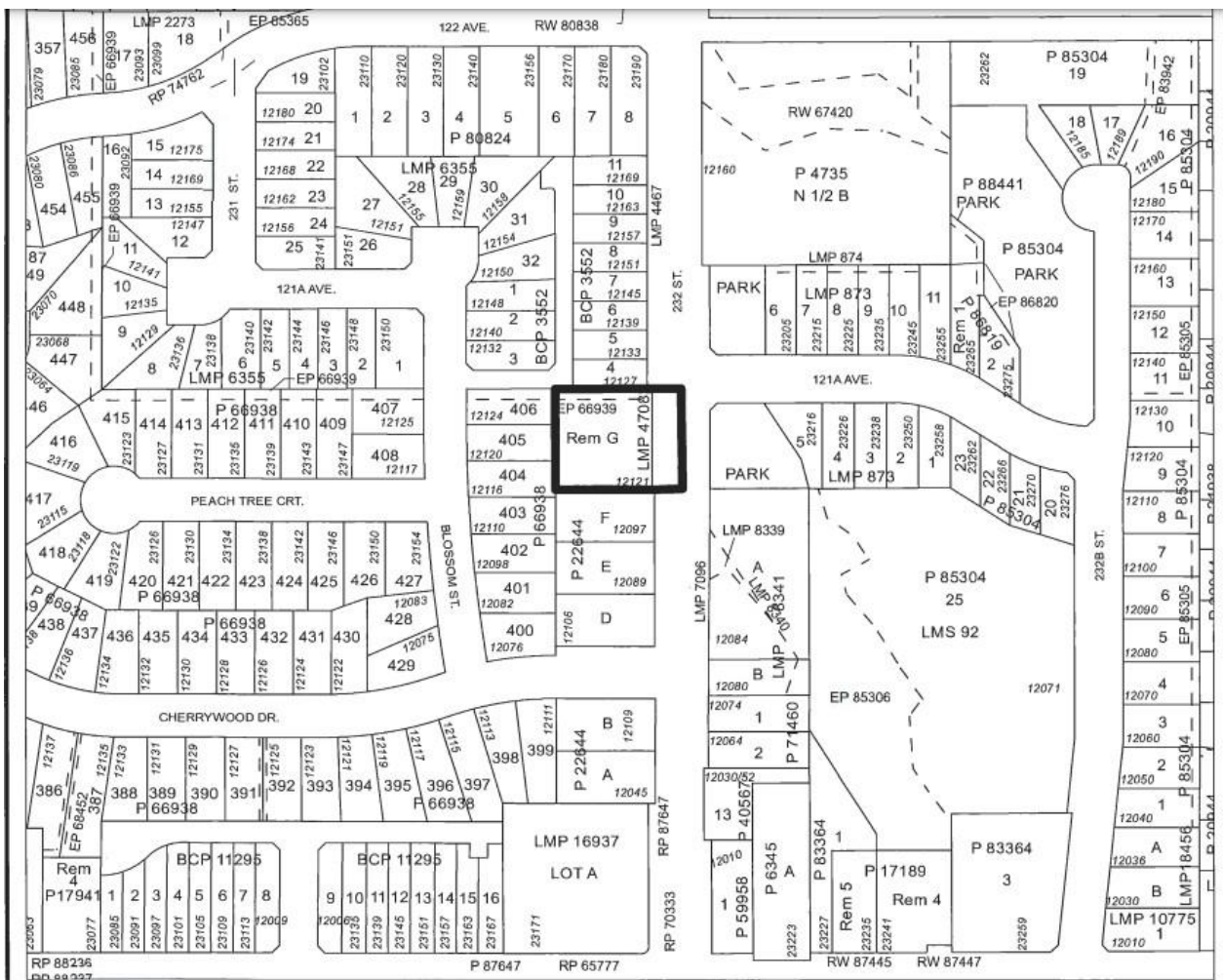


Example maze gate (pathway between Burnett and 228 St.)

Any type of obstruction that is placed within pathways to restrict access for motor vehicles, such as maze gates or bollards, can pose dangers to people cycling, and should be avoided if possible. If, after careful consideration, it is deemed necessary to place a physical obstacle on the path to restrict access for motor vehicles, we suggest using a flexible bollard in this case. We refer to HUB Cycling's position on rigid bollards¹. We understand that flexible bollards are not the standard bollards that the City uses, and preference is given to uniformity. We ask that safety for people on bikes be prioritized.

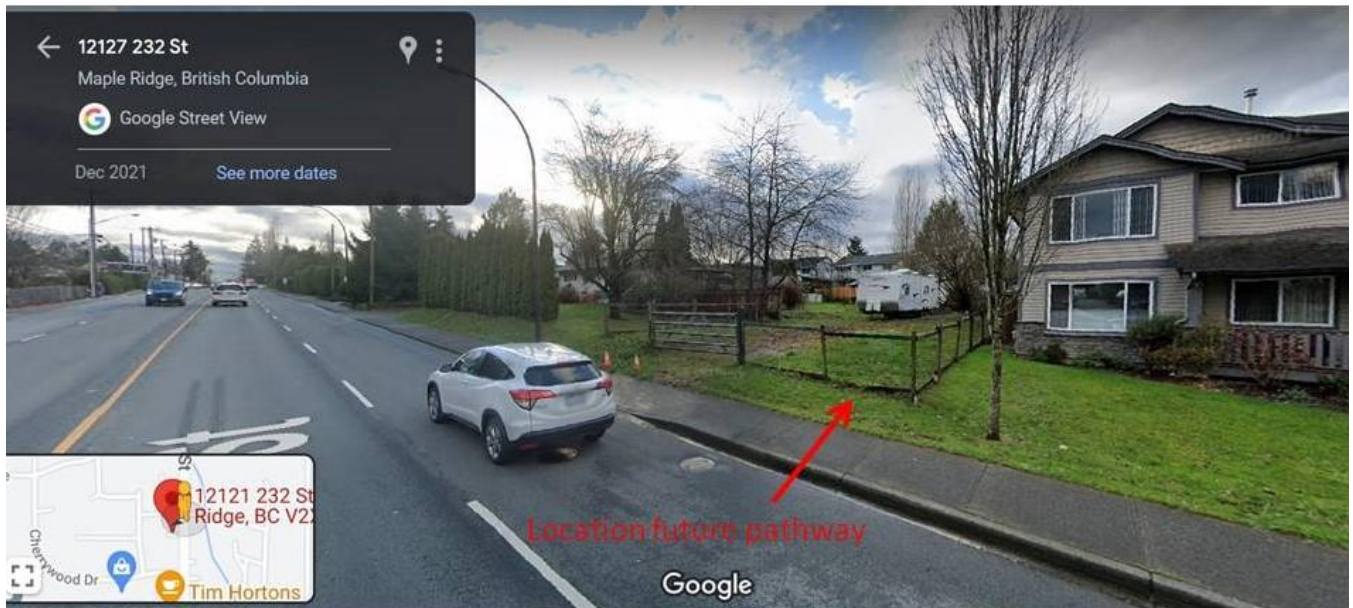
Intrusion by motor vehicles will be much less likely from 232 St. than from the rear lane, so the use of a physical barrier/bollard may not be necessary at the entrance from 232 St.

Location of the site is shown below:



¹ HUB Cycling's position on rigid bollards: <https://www.bikehub.ca/about-us/news/hub-position-rigid-bollards>

The location of the planned pathway as seen from 232 St. on Google Streetview:



We would much appreciate if the issue of accessibility for bikes in general be addressed through applicable policy and guidelines, so that any time a connecting pathway such as this one, or multi-use trails, are constructed, access for active transportation users is adequately considered. E.g.:

- Strategic Transportation Plan (new Plan under development),
- Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture Plan (new Plan under development),
- [Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces](#) (2009, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows) - these guidelines address accessibility for pedestrians, motor vehicles, transit, equestrians and boats, but not bicycles so needs to be updated).

With kind regards,

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About HUB Cycling

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