

March 5, 2007

Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition
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Dear H-JEH (Jack) Becker:

RE: Oakridge Centre Redevelopment Plan

Thanks for taking the time to write to us, regarding cycling facilities for the proposed Oakridge Center Redevelopment. We have now had the opportunity to review your letters dated January 24, 2006, March 19, 2006 and December 13, 2006. We were pleased to see that your suggestions are very much in line with the City's goals and plans for the Oakridge redevelopment and enhancement to the cycling connections around the area. We provide the following specific comments on your suggestions.

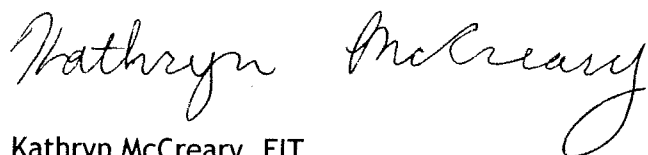
As you are aware Staff are concluding the Oakridge Centre policy statement which has a goal of accommodating cyclists in the design of the new street through the site and providing bicycle racks and lockers in association with key destinations. Class A and B parking stalls will be provided with each development site as per City Bylaw at the time of development. Also, we will be seeking end of trip facilities in order to encourage mall employees to cycle to work. We are going to look for an opportunity to introduce a secure and safe bike station (bikeade) to serve the mall and the Canada Line as part of the rezoning and we envision a future connection between the mall and the Canada Line station.

Translink's design development of the Canada Line station at Oakridge is now complete. Cyclists, like all other wheeled users, will access the departure and arrival platform via two elevators. We understand that bike parking associated with the station will consist of two bike racks holding six bicycles each and ten bike lockers all located on the plaza. There may be an opportunity to increase the public bike parking with the Oakridge redevelopment, particularly with the potential addition of a bikeade as mentioned above.

With regards to your comments on cycling connections, Staff are continuing to look for ways to create appropriate bicycle connections from existing bicycle routes to the Oakridge Mall and the Canada Line station. Staff are currently engaged in a public consultation regarding the Heather Street bike route southerly extension which will link 38th Ave. to the Canada Line bridge. The Oakridge Centre policy statement identifies opportunities to create a more direct link for the Heather Street bike route using the new Oakridge Centre High Street and the existing lane to Tisdale Street. The current Heather St. consultation is looking at an interim routing until the Oakridge site route is available. In addition, Staff are working on developing the east west connections between Ontario St. and Cambie St. by way of an arterial route on 41st Ave. and an off arterial route on either 44th Ave or 45th Ave. Staff are also investigating opportunities to place bicycle lanes on Cambie St.

The City's Bicycle Advisory Committee will be consulted in the bike route, bike connections and Oakridge redevelopment design process. We will take into consideration your comments as the design evolves and will consider every opportunity to provide safe and easy bicycle access to and around Oakridge Centre.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn McCreary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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