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Robert Flemming, Minister of Transportation

## **Re: Highway 99 to Crescent Road Project including Nicomekl Bridge Replacement - Cycling Facilities**

Honourable Robert Flemming,

The MoTI Regional Cycling Gaps Assessment Study has identified gaps at King George between the Nicomekl River and 40 Avenue. The project to rebuild King George from the Crescent Road to the south side of Highway 99 overpass, including replacing the Nicomekl Bridge does not fix the gaps in the cycling network and does not provide walking facilities either. While safe cycling and walking facilities are being constructed at the bridge itself the remainder of the facilities north of the bridge that are being reconstructed do not provide better cycling facilities and do not provide any walking facilities. In the press release for the project you are quoted as “This wider crossing, built to modern standards, **will be safer for pedestrians and cyclists**, and alleviate the traffic bottleneck at the present three-lane crossing.” HUB Cycling’s Surrey White Rock committee disagrees safe cycling and walking facilities are being constructed on this project.

At a meeting with Surrey staff on November 1, 2021, HUB Cycling’s Surrey White Rock committee viewed the project plans and finally today the plans were made public as there was no public consultation for this project. We are very concerned that the project does not provide protected bike lanes throughout the project corridor and mainly replaces bike facilities like for like, except for the bridge itself and small portions elsewhere. The MOTI portion from the bridge to Highway 99 is retaining painted shoulders, high speed unprotected crossings of on and off-ramps, and neither providing protected infrastructure nor any pedestrian facilities. Unfortunately, the project leaves a gap identified with the MoTI Regional Cycling Gaps Assessment Study unfilled with poor cycling infrastructure despite being recognized as a gap.

The provincial government's Cycling Policy<sup>1</sup> aims to integrate cycling on the province's highways by providing safe, accessible, and convenient bicycle facilities and supporting and encouraging cycling. The Cycling Policy further states that provisions be made for people cycling, of all ages and abilities, on new and upgraded provincial highways.

The project provides one-way cycle tracks and pedestrian facilities on both sides of King George on the bridge. To make this project safe for people cycling and meet the City of Surrey's goals for Vision Zero, our committee recommends that:

- one-way cycle tracks and pedestrian facilities are extended to Crescent Road and to the Highway 99 overpass
- proper crossing facilities be provided instead of the current high-speed crossing with no priority, and
- high-speed ramps are eliminated.

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<sup>1</sup> [B.C. Government Cycling Policy](#)

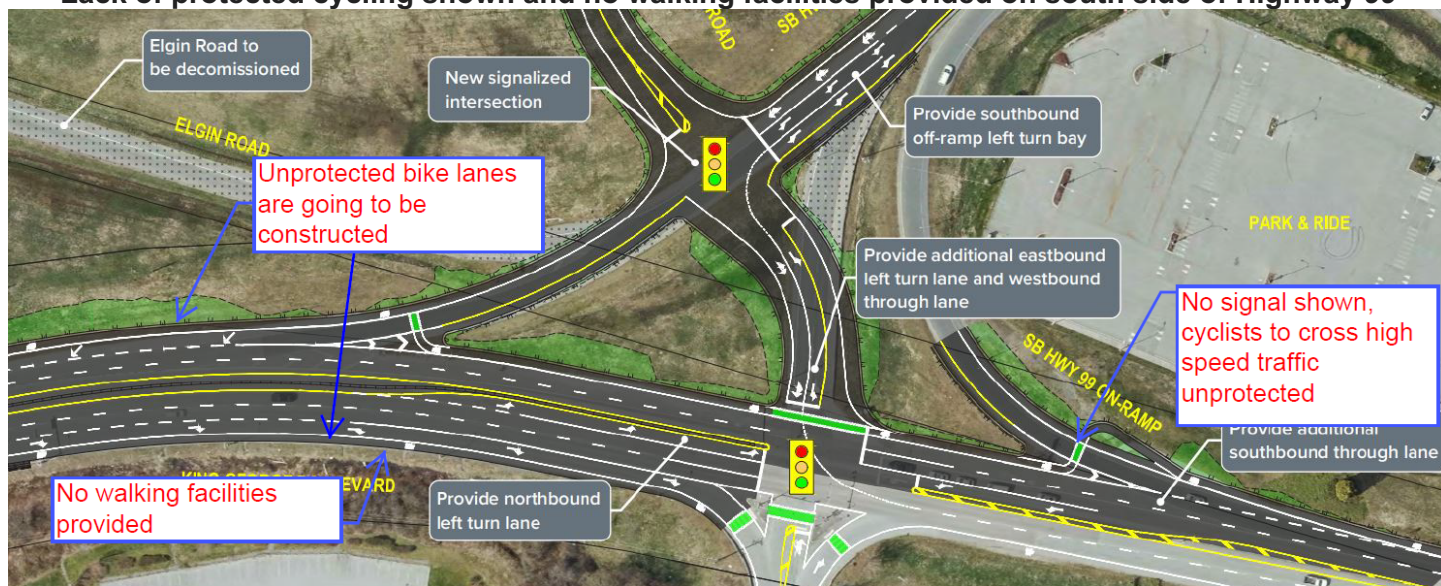
The MoTI Regional Cycling Gaps Assessment Study has identified this corridor as requiring an upgrade that will make it comfortable for people of all ages and abilities. If protected cycling infrastructure were to be included then this would be not only a comfort upgrade but also a key safety upgrade for vulnerable road users.

This corridor has also been identified by TransLink on the Major Bikeway Network. Translink provides up to 75% of the cost for upgraded cycling facilities. Surrey also has a planned greenway on King George and Metro Vancouver has a planned greenway in this corridor as well. Surrey also is planning to construct cycling and walking pathways on King George from Highway 99 to 44 Avenue in an upcoming drainage improvement project.

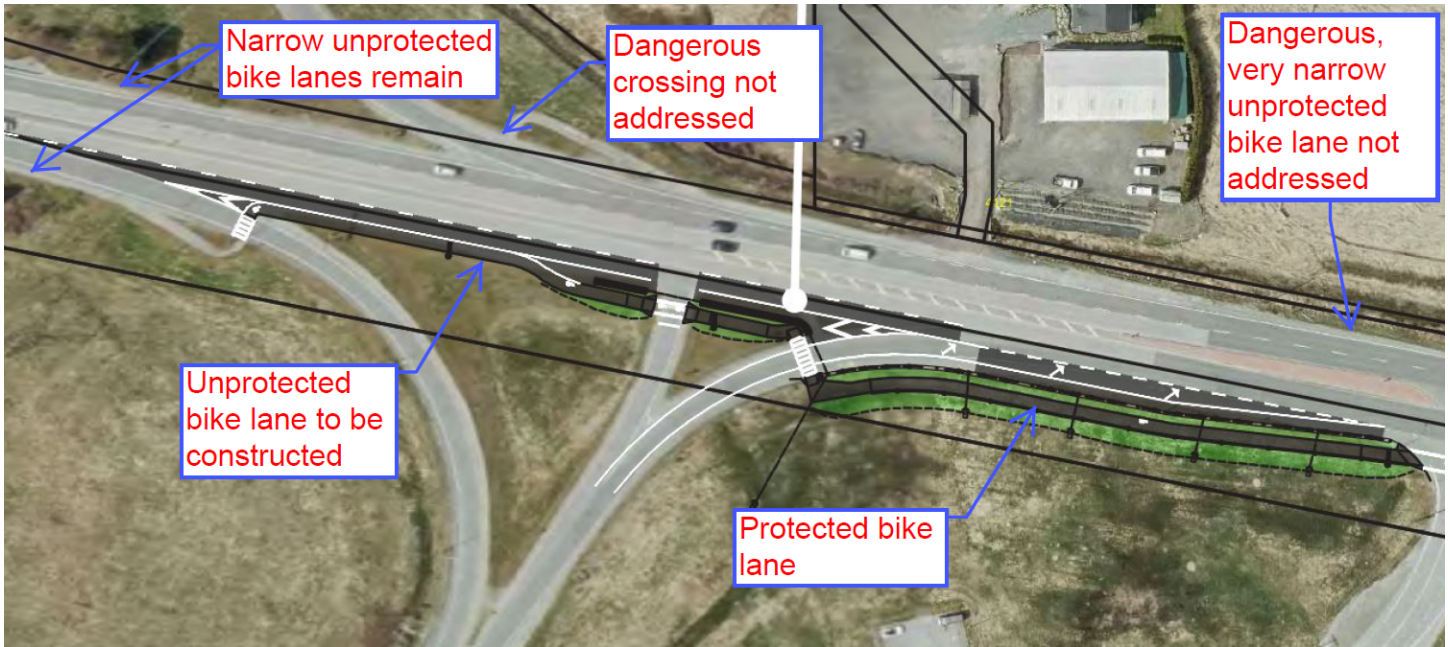
The provincial government's Cycling Policy mandates that cycling interests and local government officials responsible for cycling are in all highway planning consultations. Municipal bicycle advisory committees and/or recognized cycling advocacy organizations must also be utilized to provide advice on cycling needs, facilitate issues, and monitor the effectiveness of the Cycling Policy. Unfortunately, input from HUB was not sought during the design process and we were not aware that this project was going to retain a gap in the cycling infrastructure. In the future we request that design on all major projects such as this is shared with our committee for review at a stage that is early enough to make changes easily.

HUB Cycling's Surrey White Rock committee would like to request an urgent meeting to discuss this project with you and the project team.

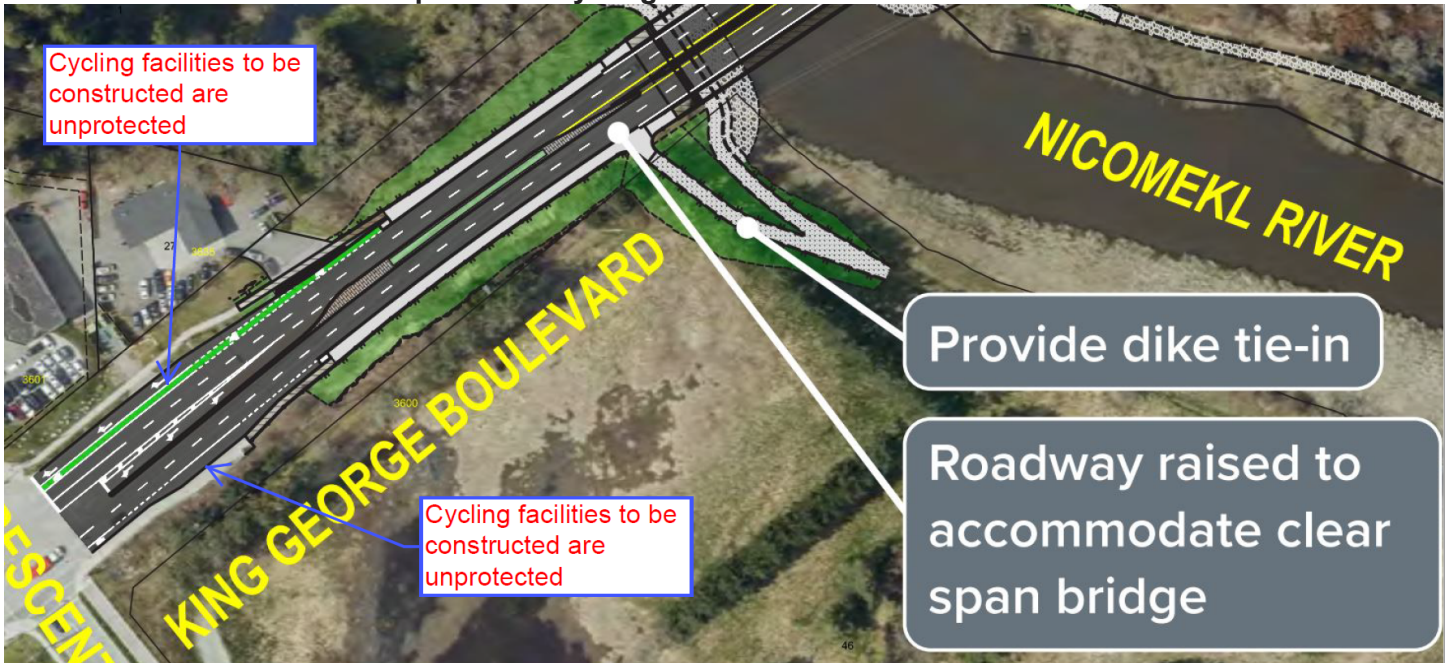
### Lack of protected cycling shown and no walking facilities provided on south side of Highway 99



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Lack of protected cycling shown shown near Crescent Road



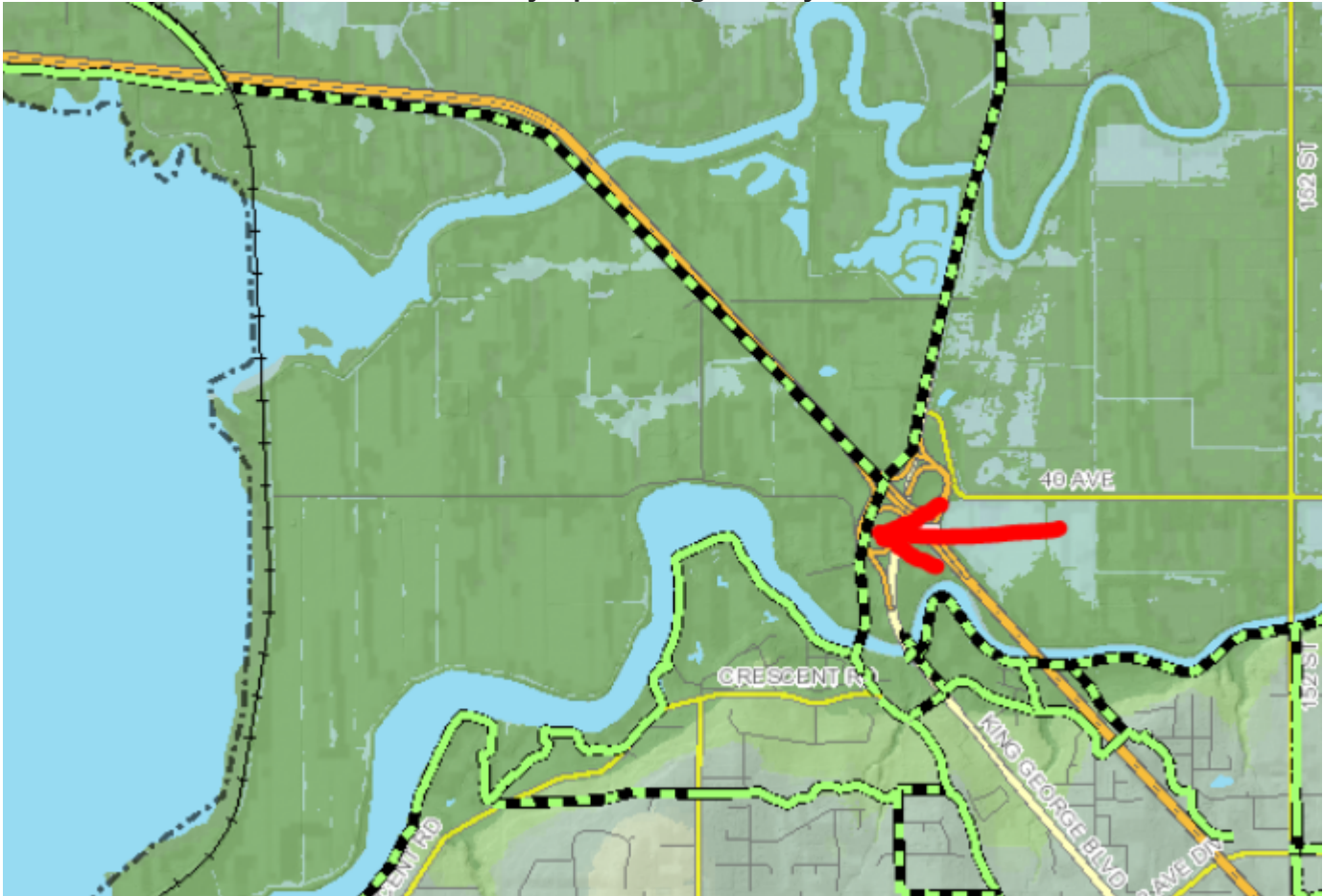
## Metro Vancouver Greenways map showing planned greenway on King George



## Translink Major Bike Network



## Surrey's planned greenway network



[Contractor Pre-qualification for the Nicomekl River Bridge Replacement at King George Boulevard and Associated Roadworks](#)

<https://bikehub.ca/about-us/news/translink-approves-major-bike-network-mbn-map>

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/parks/learn/plans-and-reports/regional-greenways-2050/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.surrey.ca/services-payments/water-drainage-sewer/flood-control-and-prevention/coastal-flood-adaptation/152-street>

### Project Plans

<https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/media/documents/NicomeklRiverBridgeReplacementDesign.pdf>

HUB Cycling's Surrey White Rock committee has communicated with the organizations listed below and they are in support of this letter.

Sincerely,



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### **About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 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 close to 2,500 individual members, more than 44,000 direct supporters and 1,200 plus dedicated volunteers. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that advocate for cycling for people of all ages and abilities (AAA). For more information, visit [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca).

### **About Cross Canada Cycle Club Society (CCCTS).**

We are a non-profit organization for active adults of all ages. The Fraser Valley Chapter has 100 plus members who are mainly retired people living in Surrey and White Rock and enjoy recreational cycling in the local community. One of the main purposes of the Society is to encourage and support bicycling for the purposes of transportation, recreation and sport. To achieve this objective we are more than willing to provide liaison and cooperational with governmental agencies on all matters relating to cycling.

For more information, visit [cccts.org](http://cccts.org)

### **About Team Coastal**

Team Coastal is a diverse group of men and women who share a passion for cycling. Some of us are road racers with decades of experience. Others are recreational riders new to the sport.

We live throughout the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, from Delta to the North Shore, from Tsawwassen to Aldergrove. We ride mostly in the Surrey, Fort Langley and Aldergrove/Abbotsford areas.

Our desire is to develop riders of all levels through peer support, variety of rides and training opportunities. We also aim to develop a strong social group and friendships. After all, while we ride frequently, we also think social interaction sets us apart from other cycling clubs.

Our goal is to promote recreational cycling and social engagements in our communities while having fun. We ride together as a group: we leave together and return together.

### **About White Rock O50 Bicycle Club**

The White Rock O-5-O cycle club is a recreational non profit bicycle club operating under the auspices of White Rock Recreation and Culture. Members are 50 years of age or older, have a variety of cycling abilities and live in the Surrey/ White Rock area. We typically have about 100 members in 050. Our rides are normally on Sundays and Tuesdays, several hours in length and we ride to various locations in White Rock, Surrey and Langley. Our riders are very active and rider safety and supporting bicycle infrastructure are of paramount concern for all our members.

For more information, contact White Rock Recreation and Culture