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Dear Ms. Melony Burton,

Re: Dangerous road conditions at Ecole Irvine Elementary

We are writing on behalf of parents and students at Ecole Irvine Elementary who have expressed concerns regarding the safety of students walking, cycling or taking transit to school, especially in close proximity to the school.

Parents note issues such as people driving rolling and/or failing to adhere to stop signs, people in vehicles not yielding the right of way to people, including school children, at crossings, and speeding in the school zone. While these conditions are unsafe during regular before and after school times, they are additionally concerning on wet and dark winter days.

HUB Cycling's Tri-Cities Committee encourages the City of Port Coquitlam to find practical and affordable safety enhancements to encourage students to "Go By Bike" or other active modes of transportation, like walking and rolling to and from school.

We understand from an email from the City of Port Coquitlam dated February 27th, 2023 that the City has agreed to three raised crossings along Wellington Street, with one at each of Renton Avenue/Way, Myrtle Way, and 3897 Wellington. Our suggestion would be to additionally include a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of Wellington at Myrtle - a crosswalk at the top of a hill that proves particularly treacherous (per *Figure 1*).

We respectfully ask that these raised crosswalks be built as soon as possible and that you continue to work with Ecole Irvine Elementary's PAC toward creating safe routes to walk or go by bike to school.

Additionally, we encourage the City of Port Coquitlam to establish interim measures, such as flex-post curb bulbs (as per *Figure 2*), which could be installed quickly at a low cost. This is a solution that has been successful in other school zones.

HUB Cycling's Tri-Cities Committee looks forward to working with Irvine Elementary, the City of Port Coquitlam, and School District 43 to address parents' concerns for safe active transportation to and from school.

Sincerely,

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Copies to: Port Coquitlam Mayor and Council, Ecole Irvine Principal & VP, SD43 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents.



Figure 1 - Myrtle and Wellington. The blind hill is dangerous - an RRFB would help! Courtesy Marc Fernandes.



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Figure 2 - Flex-post bollards were implemented in front of Glen Elementary at Glen Drive & Pipeline Road in Coquitlam to improve pedestrian safety. Photo courtesy Google Maps.

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 close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 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.