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RE: Spirit Trail – Sunrise Park to Lynnmouth

Dear Lisa and Carolyn

HUB is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. Safe and accessible infrastructure plays an important role in getting more people on bikes.

Members of HUB North Shore are writing to thank-you for the design of the Spirit Trail from Sunrise Park to Lynn Creek. The Spirit Trail will encourage more people to bike who feel uncomfortable and unsafe riding with heavy traffic and trucks on Cotton Road and Main Street. This section will be an important link for people travelling to the Iron Worker's Memorial Bridge.

There are many positive aspects to the design of this section as they relate to encouraging people to cycle. We particularly appreciate the following features:

- 4- meter-wide path throughout
- Good lighting throughout
- Shallow grade coming down from Heywood St. to Kennard Ave.
- Safer intersection design at Gladstone Ave.
- Full signal light (user activated) at East 3rd Street and Brooksbank Ave.
- Maintaining and narrowing the existing unpaved path along Lynn Creek and moving the Spirit Trail away from the creek
- Separation of people dog-walking and people cycling along Lynn Creek
- Paved connection to Lynnmouth Ave.
- Proposed route through an important retail destination (Park & Tilford Mall) and attraction (Park & Tilford Gardens)

We make the following suggestions for improved safety:

- Separate people walking from people cycling along the short section from Brooksbank Ave. to Lynn Creek. This area is likely to become quite busy. Path separation will increase safety for all users.
- Minimize the use of bollards along the path.
- Use bike stencils plus green paint on all roadway crossings. Motorists do not necessarily understand what the existing Spirit Trail crossing marks mean and that they should look out for cyclists as well as pedestrians. Adding green paint and bike stencils with left/right arrows would help people to understand that cyclists



use the path.

We appreciate the city's ongoing effort to put in place infrastructure such as the Spirit Trail which will encourage active forms of transportation. This particular section will be an important addition to the existing magnificent public resource.

Sincerely,

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