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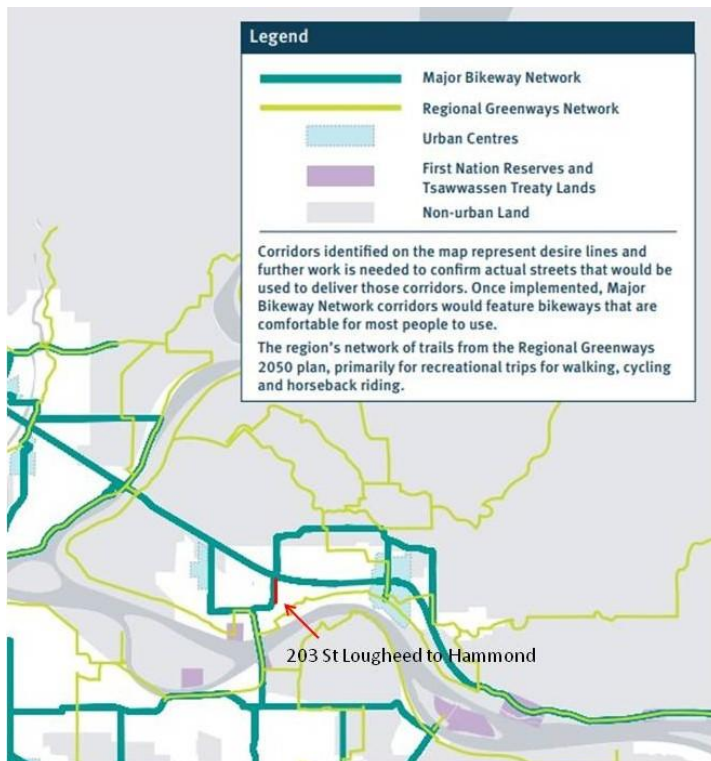
Re: CoW and RC March 28: Award of Contract ITT-EN23-17: 203 St Watermain (Lougheed Highway to Thorne Avenue)

Hi Forrest,

The City is undertaking the above project and staff is asking Council to approve the award of contract for it at Tuesday's Council meeting. We understand that, as part of the work, 203 Street will be repaved between Lougheed Highway and Hammond Road.

The 203 St./113B Ave. corridor is a high priority item on our HUB Committee's [gap list](#) (see bottom of page 1). It connects the existing protected 203rd bike lanes north of Lougheed to the Hammond neighbourhood, and allows people cycling to safely get closer to the Westcoast Express (including imminent cycling improvements westbound on Hammond to the station), as well as to the destinations in the industrial park, and connections to Pitt Meadows and Langley.

The 113B Ave./203 St. corridor south of Lougheed is also part of TransLink Major Bike Network:



The Major Bike Network goal is to use premium quality infrastructure that's comfortable for all users to connect important destinations. "Rapid bikeway network expansion is a top priority, so utilizing rapid implementation as an interim solution to create AAA protected facilities is encouraged." (from [TRANSPORT 2050 IMPLEMENTATION - Moving Towards a Major Bikeway Network](#)).

You're probably aware of TransLink's recently published [Rapid Implementation Design Guide for Bikeways in Metro Vancouver](#), which provides guidance to municipalities to quickly expand their safe cycling networks in a more cost-effective manner.

With this in mind, is there an opportunity to upgrade the cycling infrastructure to protected facilities as part of the planned construction work? It would be fantastic to see protected bike lanes there. I understand that this may add to the scope of the project, but I wanted to raise this as a potential opportunity for cost-effective improvements.

Best regards,

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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 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](#).