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Re: Proposal Selkirk/117th Ave. bike route - signage and other improvements

Dear Michael and Salar,

We're happy to see that signage has now been installed along the Selkirk / 117th Ave. bike route, helping cyclists to find their way along this route, and we would like to say 'thanks' for making this happen.

Our HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows committee does see some opportunity for further improvement, and we kindly ask you to consider the proposal outlined on the following pages, with suggestions for added/improved signage and a few other solutions to make traveling by bike safer and more convenient, such as added and reversed stop signs.

Thank you for considering these recommendations. The committee would be happy to sit down and map this together with City staff, or convene a ride of the route to document these together if that is helpful in organizing and understanding the list of recommendations. Please let us know if you have any questions.

With kind regards,

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Proposed Selkirk/117th bike route - signage and other improvements

The HUB Cycling Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Committee recommends the following improvements, listed in sequential order if cycling the route.

black = existing

bold and underlined = proposed

italics = comments

Westbound:



Example directional sign with arrows and distance to common destinations

@224/Selkirk: change to 4-way stop.

Sign 'bike route begins', directional sign '<straight arrow> downtown Pitt Meadows .. km, <straight arrow> Golden Ears Bridge .. km'

@223: add 'bike route' sign; reverse stop signs so that bike route users have right of way

@ 222nd directional: "<straight arrow> downtown Pitt Meadows .. km, -> to 121 bike route'

@ 222nd stop sign and 'bike route'

@221st stop sign and 'bike route': **reverse stop signs so that bike route users have right of way**

@220th stop sign and 'bike route' left turn

@Wicklow 'bike route' right turn

@Donovan 'bike route' left turn

@216th stop sign, plus directional: <- hospital **..km**, <- **downtown** Pitt Meadows **..km**, -> Merkley Park **.. km**

Note: sign to Merkley Park is probably not very useful. It's more like a neighbourhood park than a destination park. Going west it would make more sense to go via 222nd Street north and then turn left onto 122nd Ave. anyway. There are no further signs to Merkley Park beyond this point going north on 216th.

@Lougheed/216th: directional sign: -> Pitt Meadows **..km**, -> Hospital **..km**



@Lougheed/Laity directional sign: <- Hospital .. km, <- Pitt Meadows .. km, -> 121 bike route .. km

Need follow-up signs to 121 bike route.

@Cutler: '-> bike route'

@212 '<- bike route'

@117 stop sign and '-> bike route'

@210 stop sign (no 'bike route' sign)

(change to 4-way stop)

@Steeves stop sign

(reverse stop signs) so that bike route users have right of way

@209 stop sign

(change to 4-way stop)

@Graves stop sign

(change to 4-way stop)

@207 stop sign and '-> bike route',

plus directional: '117 bike route, -> Golden Ears Bridge, -> West Coast Express Station, -> Pitt Meadows'

@Thorne 'bike route', plus 'bike route' left turn AND straight

add directional sign: <- Golden Ears Bridge ..km, <- West Coast Express Station ..km, <- Pitt Meadows ..km, <straight> Meadowridge Shopping Centre ..km?

(note: this section on 207th up to the mall is not suitable for All Ages and Abilities (AAA). According to Transportation Plan

<http://mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/3768> (page 85), south of Lougheed bike lanes are proposed, north of Lougheed 'neighbourhood bikeway' is proposed - no bike lanes? According to Transportation Plan this 'neighbourhood bikeway' turns left on Dewdney (this is dangerous!!) and turns right on 206th. Is a MUP along this section planned? No signage yet)

@203rd: stop sign, <- Golden Ears Bridge ..km, -> West Coast Express Station (with symbol) ..km, -> Pitt Meadows ..km

Note that a preferred route by many cyclists is crossing 203rd along the crosswalk and continuing onto the gravel path leading to Hammond Road. It's easier and safer to cross at this intersection than turning left at 116B.



@116B '<- bike route'

@201B '<- bike route'

@Hammond Road 'bike route' turn left AND right; no directional sign apart from West Coast Express sign (not a bike route sign). Note: *Not sure if turning left here on Hammond should be recommended for AAA, unless improvements are made.*

Add directional sign: (<- Golden Ears Bridge ..km (if improvements to be made) , -> Pitt Meadows ..km, -> West Coast Express ..km

No further signs going westbound.

Add: @West/Dunn intersection: '**<- bike route'** sign

@Maple Meadows Way/Dunn: '**end bike route'**, '**<- Golden Ears Bridge, <-Hammond Road, <straight arrow> Meadowtown Mall'**. **Also add signs at roundabout to Hammond Road, and to Golden Ears Bridge (via MUP)**

Eastbound (for added/reversed stop signs see westbound):

@Maple Meadows Way & Dunn (on west side of intersection): directional sign: '<straight arrow> downtown Maple Ridge', -> Golden Ears Bridge .. km, -> Hammond Road (with further signs at roundabout to off-road path along Golden Ears Way and Hammond Road)

East of intersection: add 'bike route' sign

@Dunn/West ' -> bike route'

@West: directional: '<straight arrow> Golden Ears Bridge ..km, 'downtown Maple Ridge ..km'.

Dangerous section where cars are allowed to park on Hammond. Danger of getting doored: need to stay out of what used to be a bike lane, but is now a shoulder (no bike symbols anymore). At times busy, higher speed commuter traffic.

@201B/Hammond Road 'bike route' straight and left turn

Note: (see westbound) going straight only recommended for strong and fearless? Also, there's a dangerous crack in the pavement right where the white line is just beyond this point.

Perhaps bike route going straight should be eliminated, and direct cyclists along the following route to Golden Ears Bridge, turning left onto 201B (and also providing the



option of turning onto the gravel path a bit farther down Hammond that leads to the 203St/Thorne intersection).

Add directional sign at Hammond/201B

@116B '-> bike route'

@203 'bike route' left turn and right turn (no directional sign)

Add: directional '<- to 123 bike route, -> 117 bike route to downtown Maple Ridge, -> Golden Ears Bridge ..km'

@Thorne 'bike route' left turn

Add directional: '<- 117 bike route, <straight arrow> Golden Ears Bridge'

*Note: No further signs on 203/113B to Golden Ears Bridge. Returning from Golden Ears Bridge no signs up to Thorne.
(railroad track: northernmost track not bike friendly. Southernmost track was fixed several years ago)*

@ railroad track (south side) on 113B: add 'bike route'

Coming from Golden Ears Bridge:

@end of off-ramp add directional '-> to 117 and 123 bike routes, -> downtown Maple Ridge ..km, <straight arrow> to Meadowtown Mall Pitt Meadows'

On 113B just east of Golden Ears Bridge off-ramp 'bike route' sign

@just north of railroad tracks: add 'bike route' sign

Going north on 203rd from Golden Ears Bridge: @Thorne 'bike route <straight arrow> and ->' (no directional sign)

@Thorne add '-> 117th bike route, downtown Maple Ridge ..km, <straight arrow> to 123 bike route'

North of Lougheed add 'bike route' sign

North of Dewdney add 'bike route' sign; directional <straight arrow> to 123 bike route'

@123 Ave: add '-> 123 bike route'

(continued 117 route on Thorne...)

@207 '-> bike route'

@117 '<- bike route'

117@207 'bike route' sign



@212 '<- bike route', directional: '-> Hospital, <- downtown Maple Ridge

@Cutler '-> bike route'

@Laity '<- bike route'

Add: directional '<- downtown Maple Ridge ..km, <- to 121 bike route'

@Lougheed directional sign: '< straight arrow > 121 bike route', '-> Merkley Park and downtown'

Lougheed@216: directional sign: '<- transit exchange, downtown, Merkley Park'

@Donovan '<straight arrow> Merkley Park', '-> downtown, transit exchange'

@Wicklow '-> bike route'

@220 '<- bike route'

@Selkirk 'bike route' right turn

@221 'bike route'

@222 'bike route' with arrow at opposite side of road

Add directional: '<- to 121 bike route, <straight arrow> to downtown Maple Ridge' (with follow up signs to 121 bike route)

@223 no sign

Add 'bike route' sign

@224 '<- Merkley Park, transit exchange', '-> Port Haney'

Note: Doesn't make sense to be going in eastern direction if headed to Merkley Park. Again, Merkley Park not a likely destination anyway for cyclists. Neither is Port. Memorial Peace Park would be a much more likely destination.

There should be follow-up signs to transit exchange (perhaps via Memorial Peace Park loop)

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