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## **Maplewood Bike Network**

HUB is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

We thank the District for including us as a stakeholder in Phase 2 of the planning for Maplewood. Nelson Lacharity participated on behalf of HUB in all planning workshops and the charrette in October 2016, in addition to other committee members providing feedback during the public consultations.

For Phase 3 of the planning process please find below a summary of our recommendations for cycling infrastructure in and around Maplewood.

- 1. Make all streets in Maplewood safe for cycling for people of all ages and abilities.
- 2. Provide safe and convenient bike routes from Maplewood to all nearby communities, destinations, schools and regional bike routes, including the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge, Phibbs Exchange, Lynn Creek Town Centre, Blueridge and Ron Andrews Recreation Centre.
- 3. Provide protected bike lanes on Riverside, Berkley extension and Dollarton Highway east of the existing paths.
- 4. Improve the existing Dollarton Highway paths:
  - a. Widen the pathway space and provide separate walking and cycling paths
  - b. Program signals for automatic signal change for path users at intersections (no need to stop and push button)
  - c. Remove bollards
  - d. Mark the paths green at all driveway crossings
  - e. Mark all crossings of side streets with 'elephant feet' and additionally the slip lane crossings in green
  - f. Remove shrubs and other vegetation where they block sight lines
  - g. Widen curb let downs at intersections
  - h. Reduce the number of driveways crossing the paths and avoid building new driveways

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- 5. Upgrade the Mount Seymour Parkway on-road painted bike lanes and multi-use path between Lillooet Road and Riverside Drive to a protected bike facility.
- 6. Make Windridge Drive one-way for cars westbound (downhill) and provide a contra-flow protected bike lane eastbound (uphill). Alternatively, reduce on-street parking on Windridge and provide protected bike lanes in both directions.
- 7. Separate walking and cycling on the Spirit Trail through Maplewood for the safety and comfort of all path users.
- 8. Separate walking and cycling on other multi-use paths where feasible.

If you have any questions or comments about the above recommendations, please contact the HUB North Shore Committee at northshore@bikehub.ca. We would be happy to discuss these suggested improvements with you. Nelson Lacharity will be away during Phase 3 for Maplewood, but HUB North Shore Committee Member Giacomo Falorni will be available to attend any workshops and open houses.

Sincerely,

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