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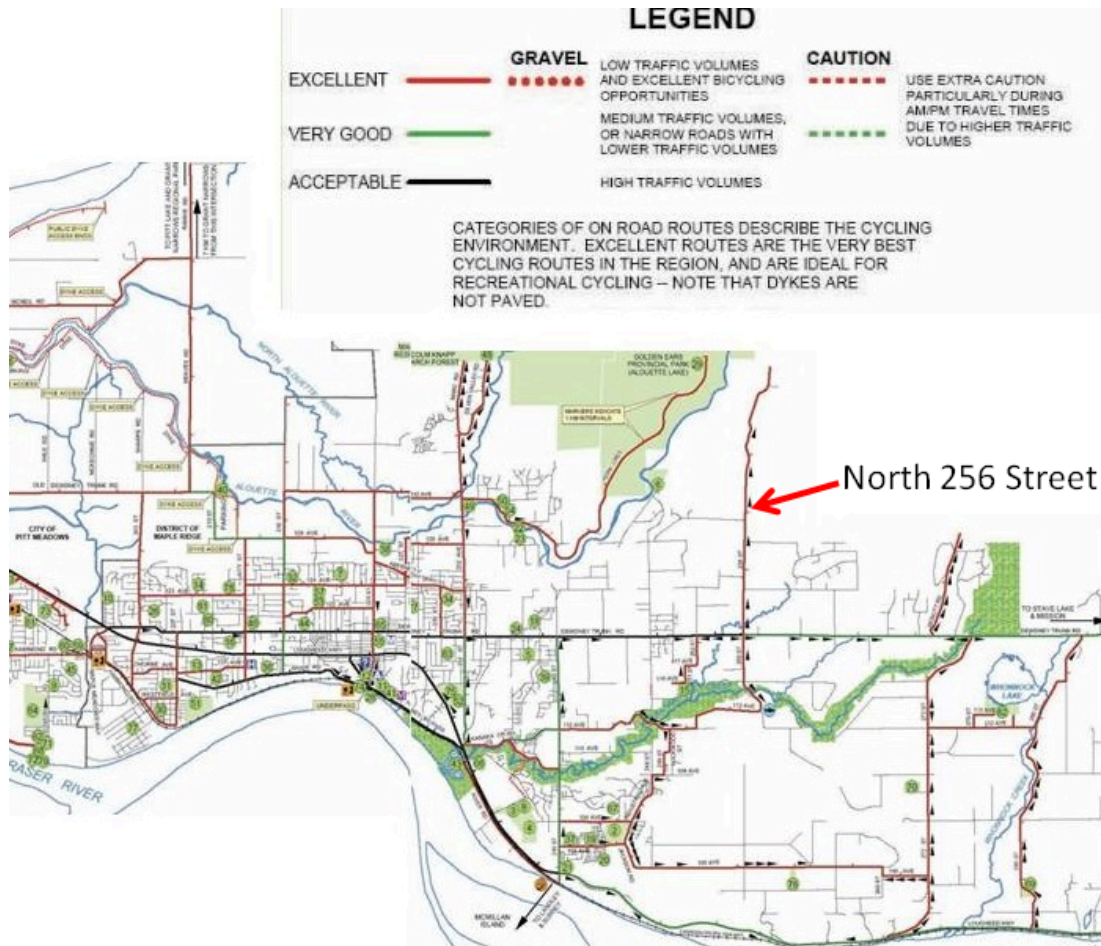
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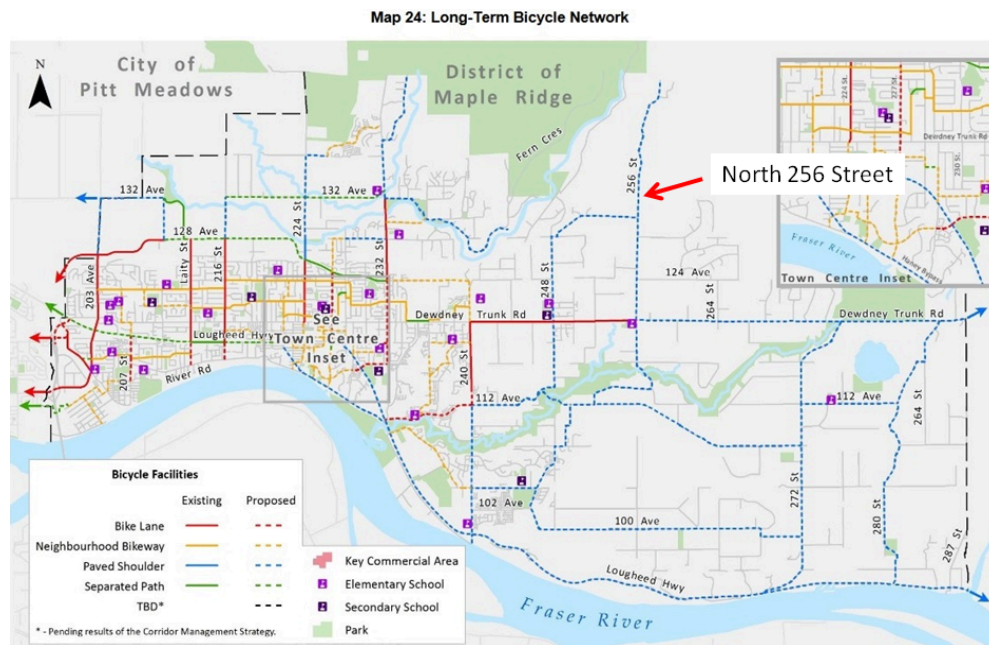
Re: North 256 St. Industrial Lands Area Plan

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows requests the 256 St. corridor to be added back on the map of planned cycling corridors.

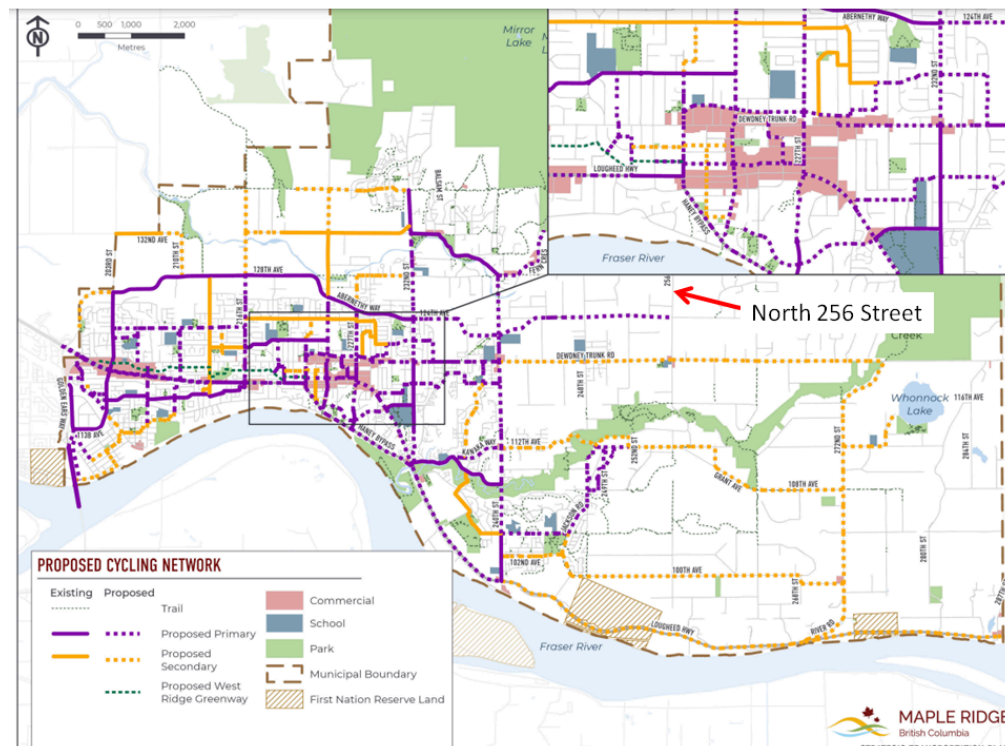
256 Street was on the map of designated bike routes in the 1994 Bikeways Plan, at the time classified as “excellent”. The City continued to use this map until as recently as 2014 for promotion of bike routes.



In the 2004 and 2014 Strategic Transportation Plans (STPs), 256 St. was shown on the cycling map as a “planned” bike route:



In the 2023 STP, the 256 St. corridor is no longer on the map as a designated, planned bike route. 248 Street was also removed. Between 240 St. and 272 St. (7.2 kms) there is no north-south bike route anymore.



Rationale for putting 256 St. (and 248 St.) back on the cycling map:

- For many years, the 256 St. corridor has been an integral part of a popular recreational cycling loop in east Maple Ridge, along 124 Ave, 248 St., 130 Ave., 256 St., then south along the Fish Hatchery, and east along 112 Ave. to North East Albion.
- The 256 St. corridor has been on the map of designated cycling routes in Transportation Plans for 30 years. We consider that as a **commitment** by the City of Maple Ridge to make improvements as the route gets too busy.
- If no cycling improvements can be expected for at least the next 30 years along 256 St., active transportation to the 256 St. Industrial Park will not be an option.
- Bus #701 and #749 serve east Maple Ridge with a stop at Dewdney Trunk Road and 248 St. From there to the North 256 St. Industrial Park it's a 5 km bike ride. Multi-modal travel to the industrial site would be a great option for future employees, including for those who don't drive, who will have access to more jobs if cycling infrastructure is provided along 256 St..
- As a recreational nor as a transportation bike route, the planned multi-use path along Abernethy extension will be of very limited use if it ends at 256 St., with no connection north to the Industrial Park, nor to the south to any of the schools along Dewdney Trunk Road (Blue Mountain Elementary, Garibaldi Secondary School at 248 St., and Webster's Corner Elementary School at 256 St.), the Fish Hatchery south of Dewdney, nor to the planned secondary east-west route south of Dewdney to connect to other destinations.

Thank you for considering our feedback for the North 256 St. Industrial Lands Area Plan.

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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 over 3,000 members and more than 50,000 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.