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## **Re: Harris Road Complete Street Feasibility Study**

We are excited to provide input to the Harris Road Complete Streets Feasibility Study. We're encouraged that the city has decided to go with a one way bike lane on both sides of the street. The following points should be considered as the study proceeds further.

**Segments 1 and 2** are low priority since a MUP has been constructed from Fraser Way to join the Parkside trail just west of the ice arenas. This is an AAA facility, however the link along Harris Road between the Parkside trail and the Airport trail needs completion. This should be the first priority since the link will also provide AAA access to the Civic Centre and Pitt Meadows Elementary school by way of the cut-through from the Airport trail to westbound on 117A Ave. and then northbound on 190 and 190A Streets.

**Segment 3** Option 2 works the best in that it would preserve parking on the east side and separate cyclists entirely from the travel lanes. Options 1 and 3 would work as well provided the buffers are moved to go between the bike lane and the travel lane and made as wide as possible. The bike lane should be a different (smooth) surface than the sidewalk to help differentiate the two uses.

**Segments 4 - 7** Option 1 would be desirable as it preserves the most trees. However, the buffer between the sidewalk and bike lane should be moved to go between the bike lane and the travel lane and be made as wide as possible. The bike lane should be a different (smooth) surface than the sidewalk to differentiate the two uses.

The interim safety retrofit suggested in the survey presents a serious issue especially in today's cycling environment. A somewhat narrow painted bike lane with a curb on one side and a curb or delineators on the other side would not provide the room required for faster users (i.e. e-bikes) to pass slower (AAA) users.

Thank you for exploring ways to make getting around safer for all active users on Pitt Meadows main street.

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## About HUB Cycling

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