

2021-101-RZ; 21938, 21952, 21964, 21976 and 21988 Lougheed Highway; bike parking

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Re: Council meeting Sept. 28, first reading

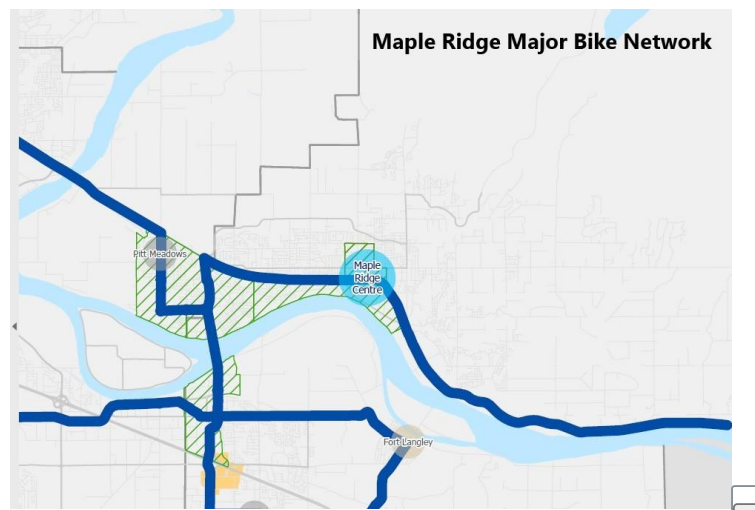
Dear Mayor and Council,

For this proposal for an apartment building of 147 units within a 6-storey structure, no bike parking is required, as it is located just outside the Town Centre. However, bike parking requirements are likely to be included in the Lougheed Transit Corridor Area Plan, which this apartment building could be subject to. We assume that this will only be the case if the Area Plan is adopted prior to third reading of this development proposal.

In our [letter of July 8, 2021](#), with regard to 2018-180-RZ; 22083 and 22057 Lougheed Highway, we recommended a change to Maple Ridge's bylaws to require 1.25 bicycle parking spaces per unit in all multifamily developments throughout the city, which would better align with what's required in other municipalities in Metro Vancouver.

Therefore we propose to request this developer to also provide bike parking at this same ratio.

As pointed out in our e-mail of today re 2021-341-RZ, for another 6-storey apartment building at 22108, 22118, 22126, 22136, 22146, 22154 and 22164 Lougheed Highway, according to TransLink's Major Bike Network map (see below), the specific area meant to benefit from TransLink's planned Major Bike Network (see map below) is the area south of Hwy 7, west of the Haney Bypass, as marked on the map. However, there is only a multi-use path planned on the north side of Hwy 7, and there is no bike route at all south of Hwy 7, for the entire area between the Haney Bypass to the east and 216 Ave. to the west. It can be expected that travel by car by the hundreds of people who are going to be living in these two apartment buildings is going to cause even more congestion on both River Road and Lougheed Highway. By improving bicycle access to and from this area in this prime location so close to many amenities, many of these residents could be convinced to use their bikes for short and medium trips in Maple Ridge, which will help reduce congestion.



With kind regards,

HUB Cycling
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