



Engineering Department

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**SUBJECT: BURNABY MOUNTAIN PARKWAY BETWEEN CENTENNIAL WAY AND  
GAGLARDI WAY**

Thanks for your letter of 2015 December 01 to Mayor and Council. Your letter and concerns were discussed at the Traffic Safety Committee in December and was referred to staff for follow up. Your request for additional street lights along Burnaby Mountain Parkway has already been identified in our Capital Plans. New street lights along Burnaby Mountain Parkway will be installed this year or in 2017 as priorities and funding allocations allow. You may have noticed that new street lights have been recently installed along Gagliardi Way and these will be energized shortly.

The existing storm grates along Burnaby Mountain can be safely ridden over in that they will not trap bike tires. However, as with most storm grates, care must still be taken due to debris or some changes in elevations at the storm grates. Most cyclists will avoid riding over the storm grates altogether, so changing them to a more modern version is felt to have limited benefit. In addition, the change would require the reconstruction of the entire catch basin and portions of the recently repaved street. To help mitigate your concerns, we will be placing a short painted white guideline on the pavement in advance of the catch basin and a reflective pavement marker on the curb face adjacent to the catch basin to highlight the potential hazard for cyclists. This will be completed in the unlit portion of the road in the westbound (downhill) direction where cyclists' speeds are potentially higher and where the bike lane is narrower. This will be completed this year when weather conditions permit.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Zulfiqar Rafiq, the Traffic Technician for the area, at 604-294-7441.

Regards,

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