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Mayor & Council  
City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C.  
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Dear Mayor & Council:

**Re: Safe Passage for Cyclists on Major Roads in the Brentwood Town Centre Area**

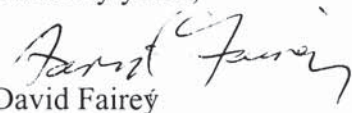
This is an appeal to the City of Burnaby to require construction companies engaged in building major new developments adjacent to Willingdon Avenue and the Lougheed Highway to provide traffic cone separated bikes lanes when roadway curb lanes are blocked for construction activity in the Brentwood Town Centre area.

I am an experienced commuter cyclist and frequently use Willingdon Avenue to cycle to and from my home in Central Burnaby to Brentwood Mall and to Hastings Street in North Burnaby. During weekday hours when there is construction activity at and near the intersection of Willingdon and Lougheed I find that the curb Bus/HOV/Bike lane and sidewalk is blocked and heavy traffic, including many buses, travelling south, must converge from 3 lanes to 2 with no room for a cyclist to travel safely. This hazardous condition could be addressed by requiring the construction companies blocking the lane to provide a traffic coned bike lane separated from the converged motor vehicle lanes during active construction.

Major construction activity in this area is projected to continue uninterrupted for several years. Willingdon Avenue is a major North/South bike route for cyclists. In the City of Burnaby Bike Map it is stated that one of the goals of the City of Burnaby Transportation Plan is that "Safe and convenient cycling facilities be provided as an alternative to the use of private vehicles".

If the City is committed to increasing the cycling mode share along its major transportation routes it would make sense to increase the traffic safety provisions attached to building and development approvals adjacent to these routes for the benefit and encouragement of cyclists.

Sincerely yours,

  
David Fairey