

October 11, 2017

Traffic Safety Committee
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C.,
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to bring to your attention the dangerous road conditions in my neighborhood that affects both cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

You responded to my previous letter of 2016 and indicated my concerns would be referred to city staff for review. Well a year has passed and nothing has changed. I am not certain your staff have actually reviewed the area and the situation. Let me refresh your memories:

My issues continue to be:

- lack of safe cycling infrastructure, on the west side of Underhill, from Broadway to Lougheed,
- lack of safe cycling infrastructure on the east side of Underhill, going north between Lougheed to Eastlake (at the T intersection),
- lack of safe cycling infrastructure along Enterprise
- lack of safe cycling infrastructure around the Lake City Skytrain, no signage or road markings anywhere,
- a dangerous mix of pedestrians and bikes at the Lake City Station, but nowhere for the bikes to go in and around this station,
- lack of pedestrian crossing lights in the Lake City/Enterprise area
- lack of a crosswalk in the Lake City/Enterprise area.

I ride from 8400 Forest Grove, (see Map A) down Underhill going south to my job at BCIT. I enter the intersection on the corner of Underhill and Broadway. This delightful corner sandwiches me in front, or behind and often beside cars and or trucks. I ride through the intersection, going south on Underhill on the west side, stopping at the three way stop at Eastlake and then turn right on Enterprise.

As I ride I note, and have noted for years, there is absolutely no cycling infrastructure in my areas with the exception of an urban trail that is 'shared', on the east side of Underhill, and is on the wrong side of where I need to travel. I continue to cycle south, riding between the moving traffic on my left and the parked cars on my right and sometimes for good measure pedestrians that walk between me and the parked cars on the street due to a lack of a sidewalk between Eastlake and Enterprise on both sides of Underhill.

The vehicle traffic in this area (as indicated on the map) has grown since I last wrote in 2016 and no doubt will continue to grow considerably with the build of new Eastlake Campus and its hundreds of cars moving in and out of the complex each day in addition to the sometimes hundreds of movie production people and their cars in and around the old Sears building. Every bit of available space is taken up by parking, and moving vehicles. Where is the infrastructure for bicycles *and* pedestrians to be safe?

I turn right onto Enterprise and turn left on Lake City Way, going past the Skytrain station on my right. I then join the traffic on Lougheed Highway going west. I have a bit of unprotected roadway.

I further note: the area around the Lake City Skytrain area has exploded with pedestrians arriving and leaving each morning and afternoon to work in all the warehouses around the Lake City area. As pedestrian exit the Skytrain, they wander up the street, cross in the middle of the street sometimes looking for cars and sometimes not. Vehicles of all sizes including large transport trucks roar up and down Lake City Way. Between the Swiss Coffee Plant and the Propane Station, there is no pedestrian crossing, no pedestrian lights, no crosswalk and certainly no safe cycling infrastructure including signage or safe area to ride. It's my own urban nightmare.

My return trip home each day (see Map B) has its own daily challenge, but as the days get shorter, and then the rains, it's an especially tricky area.

I ride on the south side of Lougheed going east until I cross at Lake City Way. As I travel through the cross walk, I encounter a pedestrian zone with absolutely no cycling infrastructure or signage.. Nothing to indicate 'look out pedestrians' here comes bikes!, because there is nowhere safe for me or anyone else to ride in this area.

I have had my share of pedestrians yelling at me and a few near misses as people who aren't watching where they are going almost collide with me. Where is a cyclist to go? There is no cycling path on the east side of Lake City, so I just keep riding around the pedestrians. As I ride north along the side walk (west side) I turn right on the corner at Enterprise. This is always an interesting ordeal as the semi's, delivery trucks and cars that drive south and north Lake City far and away exceed the 50 KPH speed limit. It could be closer to 70 KPH. There is a nice little incline for drivers going south on Lake City Way as they come down to Lougheed. They do take advantage of this incline to speed up. Then there are the vehicles waiting at Enterprise to turn left (south). Lots of action. As for the cars coming up from Lougheed (north) they take little notice of cyclists and pedestrians.

As I ride east along Enterprise where there is no cycling infrastructure at all, not even signage, or markings on the roadway. I then come to the corner of Enterprise and Underhill. This section of the road is particularly interesting as motor vehicles, mostly trucks parked too close to both the north and south corners reduce my visibility to see traffic and safely turn left. Whatever the traffic regulations say about the vehicle parking here is immaterial as the trucks, mostly, but other vehicles as well park too close to both corners. Either move all the vehicles completely and let businesses worry about where the vehicles will park or bring the stop line out by 15 feet so I can legitimately wait at the traffic line and see the traffic move up and down Underhill.

As a result of a lack of visibility, I must creep out well past the stop sign into the traffic roaring up Underhill to see well enough to turn left. The traffic coming off Lougheed up (north) on Underhill is traveling very quickly, often far exceeding 70 KPH. When it is dark, this corner is pretty hair raising as I also have vehicles beside me turning right (often a big truck). So its vehicles behind me, beside me *and* vehicles racing up and down Underhill.

When I finally, and carefully turn left (going north up Underhill) I am now in the thick of vehicles of all sizes traveling north on Underhill with parked cars to my immediate right. I am again

sandwiched between and around vehicles. There is absolutely no safe area where I can separate myself away from traffic. But the story is not over yet. As I ride to the three way intersection (Eastlake and Underhill) I now encounter a hellish position where I am literally at the mercy of cars all around me. There is again, literally nowhere for me to situate myself except in the traffic with all the vehicles to get through the intersection.

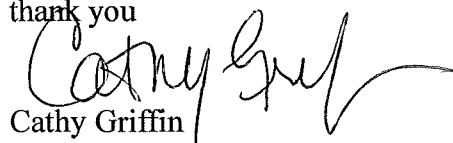
Once I get myself through the intersection its onto the urban trail (east side of Underhill) and up the big hill to get home.

I am shocked, and dismayed the city does not see the need to appropriately re mediate this area to create safe cycling infrastructure as well as sidewalks for anyone (customers, workers, the general public etc etc) to walk and ride safely in this area. The above scenario is unbelievably unsafe. Do I need to feel I am taking my life in my hands each and every time I ride my bike whether for work or pleasure?

In summary, my issues are:

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thank you



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Forest Grove Or.

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from business and legal aspects

Map "B" (not to scale)

SEARS

Eastlake Dr

Lake City way

Stephen
Cathy

Cathy home

Ped crossing

Longhead
West

Longhead
East

Ped Path urban trail?

consider

Close to
park
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Emery Ave
stop

stop sign

small
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sidewalk
connected to
nothing

stop sign

Underhill

Underhill

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access Gas Co

Gas Co.

grassy area

no proper cycle
path here
can squeeze
myself between
cars, or use
grassy area
and come to
corner landing.

urban trail

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