Section 2 Council Correspondence 2018.03.01

Leah Libsekal, MCIP, RPP, Transportation Planner Long Range Planning c/o Office of the City Clerk 4949 Canada Way Burnaby, B.C. VSG 1M2

Dear Leah,

I am a Burnaby resident who often cycles on the Carleton bike route (S2RB) between Dundas and Gravely. The traffic calming circles at Triumph, Francis and William as well as the cyclist activated cross button at Hastings are appreciated. However, I'd like to bring to your attention the intersection at Carleton and Parker which could fairly easily be improved to make this route safer and more comfortable.

At this intersection, there is neither a cyclist activated stop light nor an adequate median refuge. Parker experiences significant motor vehicle traffic which makes crossing two lanes of opposing traffic with a bike, difficult for experienced cyclists let alone for newer cyclists or families with children. Additionally, east bound cars come over a hill so they are not visible until close to the crossing. Cycling infrastructure should be designed for cyclists of all ages and abilities. To improve cyclist safety and comfort at the Parker street crossing, consider widening the existing median refuge to at least 2.5 m (Figure 1).



FIGURE 1: EXAMPLE OF A BICYCLE FRIENDLY MEDIAN REFUGE, ADANAC ST AND VICTORIA DR, VANCOUVER

1. Transportation Design guidelines: All ages and abilities cycling routes vancouver.ca/files/cov/design-guidelines-for-all-ages-and-abilities-cycling-routes.pdf

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City Manager, Dir. Planning & Building, Dir. Engineering, Dir. Public Safety & Community Services Referred to:

Public Safety Committee (2018.03.13)

Thank you for considering my request. I would be pleased to discuss this further with you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Reid, 420 N Boundary Rd Burnaby, BC V5K 3T1

cc Mayor and Council cc Dave Critchley, Director of Public Safety and Community Services cc Lou Pelletier, Director Planning and Building