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To: Clerks

Cc: Patrick Berting

Subject: Letter to Council: Gagliardi Cycling Lane

Dear Burnaby Mayor and City Council,

SUBJECT: GAGLIARDI WAY BIKE LANE

For a long time, I have seen cyclists riding up Gagliardi Way to SFU, and putting themselves at considerable risk while doing so due to the narrow shoulder that they have to ride.

Sadly, on 29 June 2019, a cyclist was hit by an SUV and killed while riding northbound on Gagliardi Way, past Broadway, at the curve where a lot of people who ride their bikes on the trails park their cars.

In consideration of this, and to avoid future accidents, I propose that the city build separated bicycle lanes on Gagliardi Way on both sides, at least from Broadway to the first intersection (at Burnaby Mountain Parkway). I suggest that the existing shoulder be widened and some sort of curb or divider be installed to separate car lanes from the bicycle lanes.

In addition, I recommend that a (gravel?) hiking path be built next to the cycle path so that walkers do not have to go on the bike path and risk a collision with cyclists.

I realize that such a construction project will not be cheap, but I feel it will be worth it because the number of cyclists in Burnaby is rising and future cyclists should not be put at risk. Secondly, this is a chance for Burnaby to demonstrate its commitment to alternative forms of transportation to cars. The more people cycling, the fewer cars making the trip up the mountain and belching CO2. Finally, I know Burnaby is a leader in providing facilities for cyclists, and I am glad to see the new bicycle lanes that have been constructed other parts of the city, so I hope that Gagliardi Way will be the next to have them.

Note: I would also like to see Burnaby Mountain Parkway from Hastings St also have bike lanes, but I feel Gagliardi Way is more urgent.

I wish to thank council in advance for giving my request serious consideration.

If you wish to contact me, my address is

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Sincerely, a concerned cyclist and Burnaby resident,

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