

City of Maple Ridge
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 7:00 pm
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **AGENDA ADOPTION**
3. **MINUTES APPROVAL – May 31, 2017**
4. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**
5. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - 5.1 Cycling on Sidewalks Subcommittee
6. **NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 2017 & 2018 Committee Work Plan / Strategy
 - 6.2 Requests for Agenda Items
 - 6.3 Engineering Update
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 7.1 Letter from Ivan Chow, HUB Cycling re: follow up on lower speed limits on 224th St. presentation and proposal
8. **QUESTION PERIOD**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

City of Maple Ridge
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, held in
Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bijan Naghipour	Member at Large
Councillor Duncan	Council Liaison
David Rush	Cycling Rep
Franklin Salguero	Member at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association
Kino Roy, Vice-Chair	Youth Rep
Paul Yeoman, Chair	Member at Large
Tara Abraham	Fraser Health
Wayne Stevens	Seniors Rep

DELEGATIONS

Ivan Chow	HUB Cycling Group Presentation
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Pollock	Staff Liaison / Municipal Engineer
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Cpl. Steven Martin	Ridge Meadows RCMP – Traffic Services
Lisa Beare	School District 42 Rep

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-016

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated May 31, 2017 be adopted.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

R17-017

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated April 26, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 HUB Cycling Presentation – Ivan Chow

The presentation included background on work done by HUB around cyclist vehicle conflicts. A short term proposal focusing on restricting speed limits in specific areas was proposed. In the long term HUB would like to collaborate with other stakeholders to create a vibrant pedestrian friendly downtown. The Committee was asked to consider the proposal and forward it to Council if supported.

Note: Ineke Boekhorst entered at 7:21 pm

5. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

5.1 Cycling on Sidewalks Subcommittee

Wayne Stevens provided a subcommittee update, including background on the need for the issue of cycling on sidewalks to be addressed and information on different types of sidewalk users. The subcommittee requested that ATAC consider the proposal to disallow cycling on sidewalks in specific locations and to forward the proposal to Council if supported.

R17-018

It was moved and seconded

That the subcommittee will draft a letter to Council which will outline the recommendations to remove cyclists from specific streets, with clarification if necessary, and provide the draft to a future ATAC meeting for approval.

CARRIED

6. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 2017 & 2018 Committee Work Plan / Strategy

Tabled to a future meeting.

6.2 Requests for Agenda Items - Nil

6.3 Engineering Update

The Staff Liaison shared that an Open House is coming up for proposed area plans and that two large proposed developments were recently presented to Council. The Staff Liaison addressed the pedestrian accident at the intersection of 214 Street and 121 Avenue and shared enhancements planned for the intersection. A multi use pathway has been installed along a section of 117th Avenue.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 FYI to ATAC - G and C Mohr Message re: Cycling on Sidewalks

7.2 FYI to ATAC – V Appleton Message re: Cycling on Sidewalks

8. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

9. ROUNDTABLE

Kino Roy shared his experiences as a regular cyclist on 216th Street between Dewdney Trunk Road and 128th Avenue and recommended that alternative uses be explored for the area currently used for vehicle parking.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Chair

/ss

July 4, 2017

City of Maple Ridge
Mayor and Councillors
11995 Haney Place
Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9

Subject: **City of Maple Ridge - Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)
Recommendation**

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As you may know the City of Maple Ridge adopted Traffic Bylaw #6704-2009 in January 2010 which stated:

A person on cycles, roller skates, a skateboard or other means of transportation, shall not ride without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using a sidewalk, footpath or walkway.

Since that time the City of Maple Ridge has grown dramatically. Along with that growth came a significant increase in the number of pedestrians, especially in the downtown core. A substantial number of these pedestrians are elderly, many of whom utilize assistive devices while on the city streets.

Over the past couple of years the City of Maple Ridge has received a number of letters and complaints from residents regarding cycling on sidewalks, in particular, in the downtown core.

The issue of cycling on sidewalks has been on the agenda of both the previous and current ATACs and has been discussed at every meeting of the current ATAC since our inaugural meeting on January 25th, 2017. ATAC discovered that no other Metro Vancouver city (other than New Westminster) allows cycling on city sidewalks. (Note: New Westminster does not allow cycling on certain streets) As a result of this continued discussion an *ATAC Cycling on Sidewalks sub-committee* was formed, with representation from the cycling, seniors, and downtown business sectors.

Following much discussion, the ATAC subcommittee delivered a presentation (*Appendix A*) to ATAC at their May 31st, 2017 meeting. The presentation outlined their findings and suggested that ATAC recommend the City of Maple Ridge amend its bylaw to no longer allow cyclists on certain downtown core streets as per the attached map. (*Appendix B*).

The ATAC subcommittee also recommended that signage include both standard pole mounted signs as well as 'painted on the sidewalk' signs, as shown in the presentation.

The City of Maple Ridge Active Transportation Advisory Committee would like to suggest that the Maple Ridge City council consider amending Traffic Bylaw #6704-2009 so as to no longer allow cyclists on City of Maple Ridge sidewalks as follows:

- on 224th Street (from 122nd Ave. to North Ave.)
- on Dewdney Trunk Road (from 222nd Ave. to 227th Ave.)
- on Lougheed Highway (from 223rd Ave. to 227th Ave.)
- on Edge Street (from Dewdney Trunk Rd. to McIntosh Ave.)

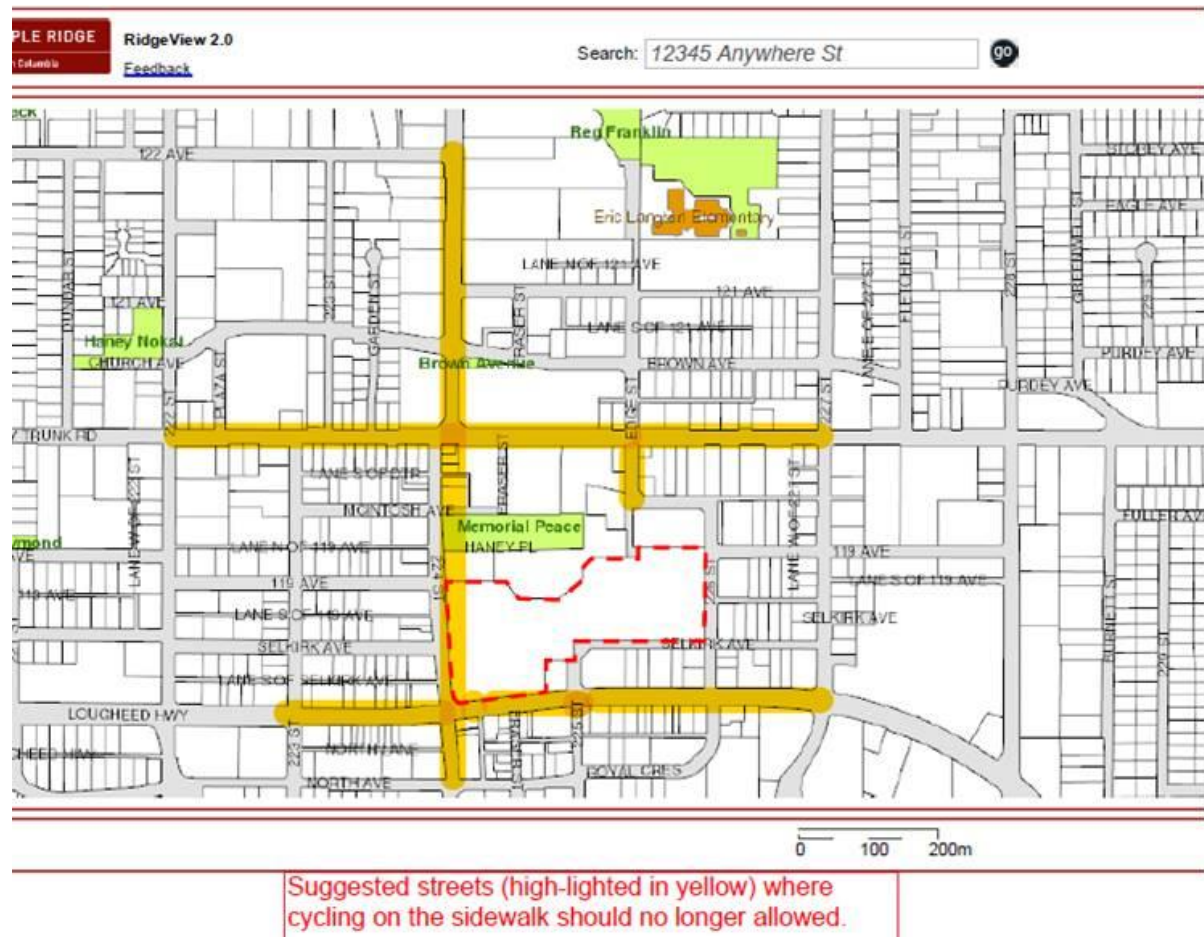
Please do not hesitate to contact the Active Transportation Advisory Committee should you require any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Yeoman – Chair
City of Maple Ridge Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Appendix A – Cycling on Sidewalks Subcommittee Presentation

Appendix B – Proposed 'No Cycling' streets





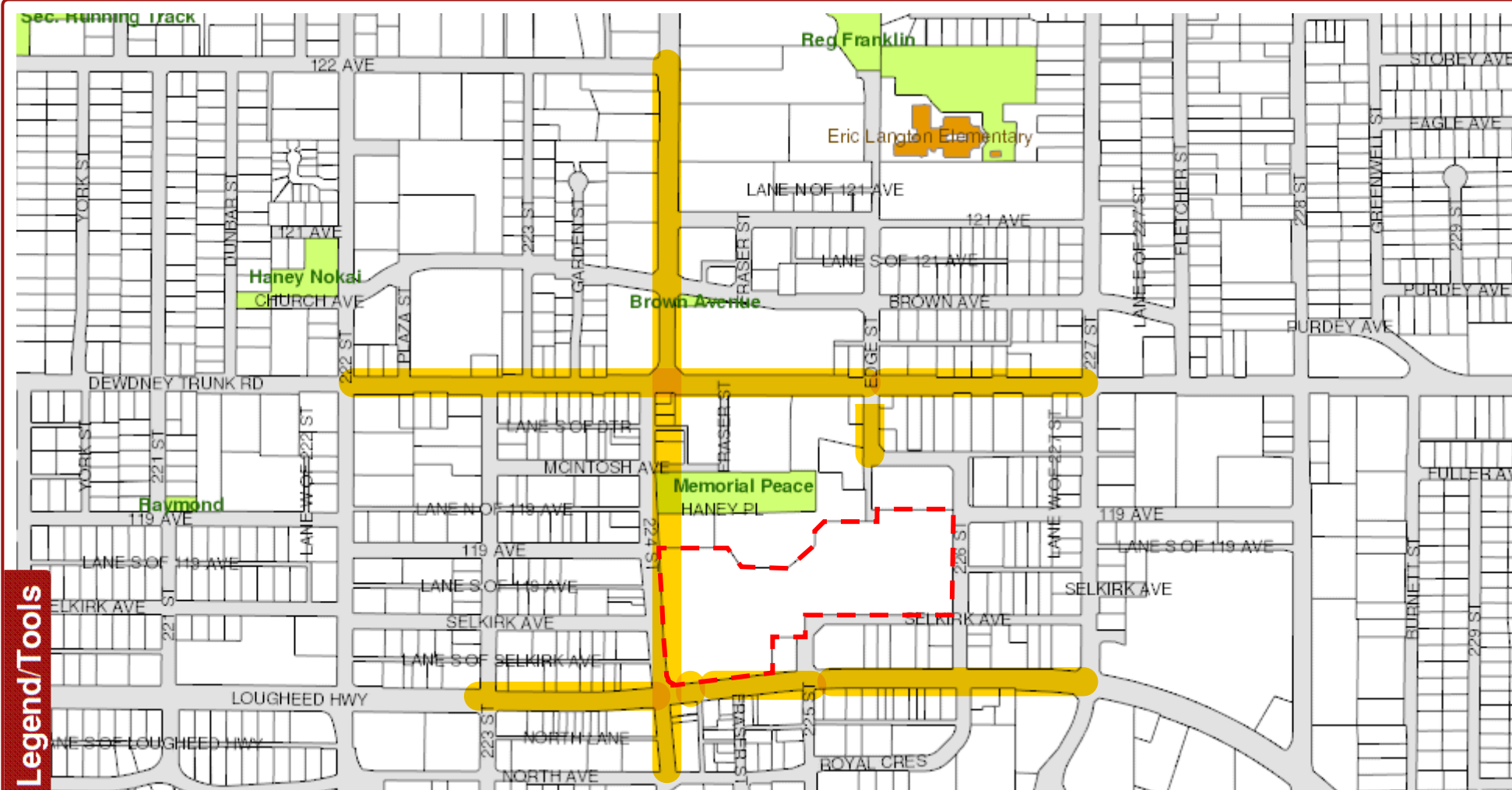
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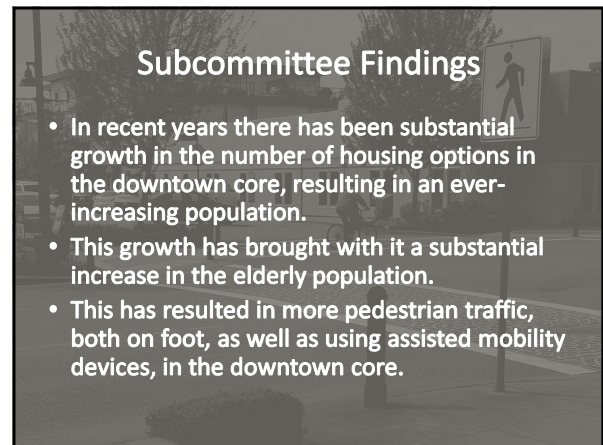
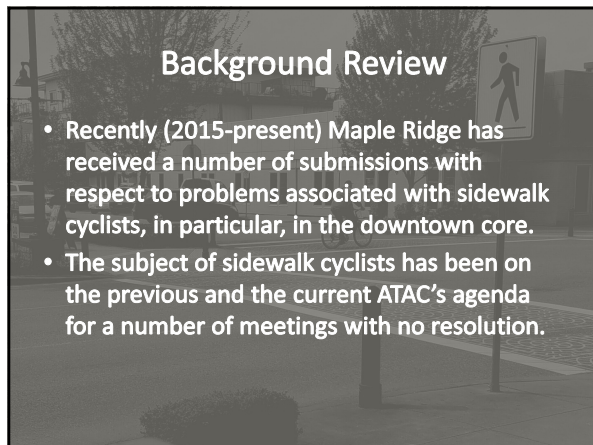
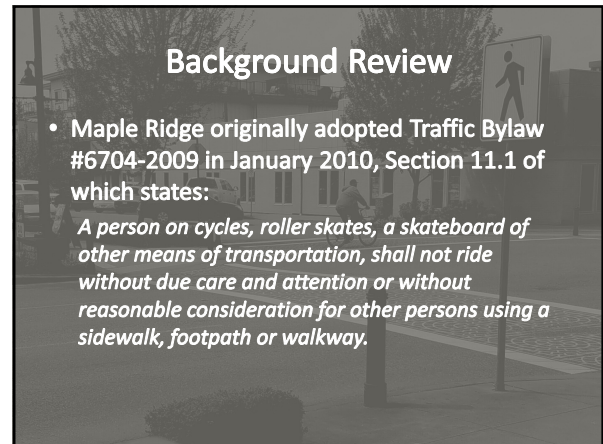
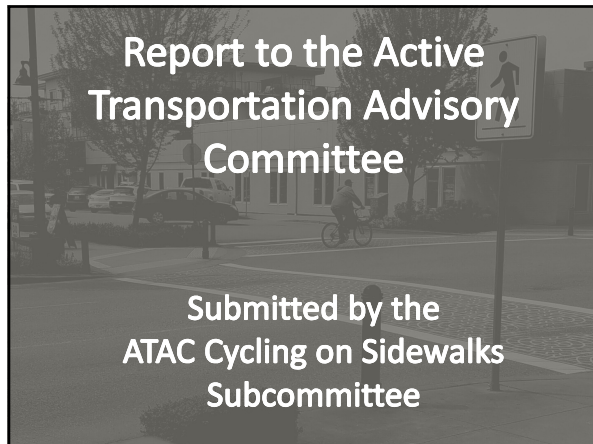
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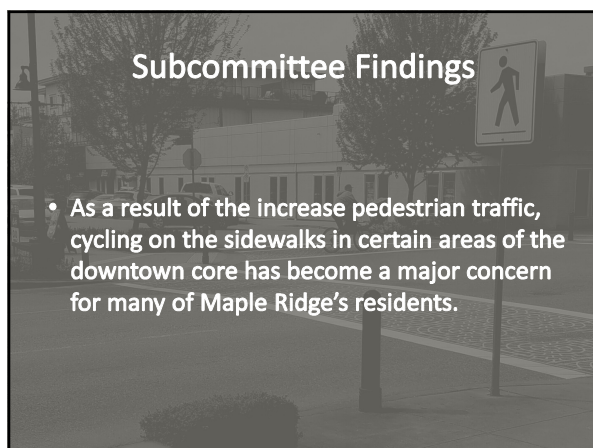
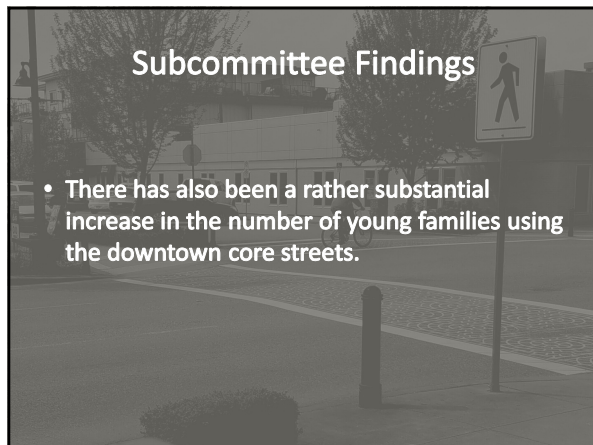
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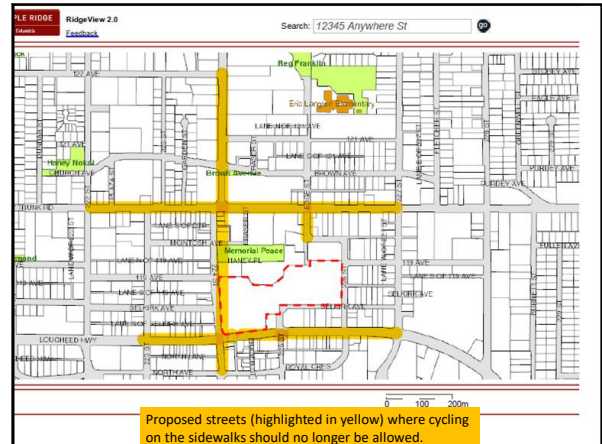
Suggested streets (high-lighted in yellow) where cycling on the sidewalk should no longer be allowed.





Subcommittee Recommendations

- The subcommittee would like to recommend the ATAC consider making a recommendation to council that would amend the current bylaw so as to no longer allow cycling on certain streets in the downtown core as per the following map.



Subcommittee Recommendations

- The subcommittee would also like to recommend the ATAC consider recommending the use of the following types of signage.

Subcommittee Recommendations

- Signage applied directly to the sidewalks – easier for cyclists to see.



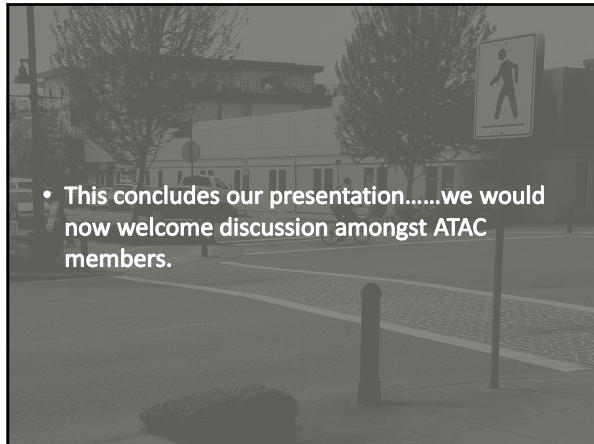
Subcommittee Recommendations

- Additional options could include standard signage.



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- This concludes our presentation.....we would now welcome discussion amongst ATAC members.

Sunny Schiller

Subject: FW: Follow-up on cycling on the sidewalk and lower speed limits on 224th Street proposal

From: Ivan Chow [mailto:ichowfx@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:44 PM

To: Sunny Schiller

Subject: Follow-up on cycling on the sidewalk and lower speed limits on 224th Street proposal

Hi Sunny,

Would you be so kind to forward the message below to ATAC members?

Thank you!

Ivan Chow

HUB Cycling

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Chapter

Dear ATAC members,

We would like to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to present to the ATAC Committee last Wednesday on the subject of cycling on the sidewalk and lowering the speed limit on 224th Street.

Unfortunately we were not allowed to be present during and take part in the discussion following the presentation. We understand that after this discussion the Committee decided to make a recommendation to Council to ban cyclists off the sidewalks on certain segments of 224th Street, Lougheed Highway and Dewdney Trunk Road in the Town Core.

We also understand that some members of the Committee expressed doubt that lowering the speed limit would have any appreciable effect on actual speeds, and that this was the basis for not supporting our request to lower the speed limit on 224th Street, which in our expectation would facilitate the safer use of the road for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

We would like to point out the following:

As you might have noticed, the city of New Westminster, which has had the speed limit of its main stretch along the downtown core lowered to 30 km/h for a number of years, had just posted this [press release](#) regarding its adoption of lower speed limits for vehicles along bikeways, greenways and streets that do not allow cycling on sidewalks, in an effort to improve safety on New Westminster streets.

Further consider the following:

- All designated bikeways in Vancouver have 30 km/h as the posted speed limit.

- The rationale of lowering the speed limit in school zones, regardless of driver compliance, is a matter of safety for children. The same principle should also apply for seniors.
- Experience has shown that drivers do lower their actual speeds along school zones and public parks. Otherwise, we should simply remove such speed limit in those areas.

We understand and agree with the need for safe sidewalks for pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

We have no doubt that cycling on the sidewalks in an inconsiderate manner will continue to happen on the roads in question with or without the change recommended by the ATAC. An unintended side effect will likely be that "legitimate" cyclists will use their bikes less often for trips in the downtown.

We strongly believe that the best way to improve safety for pedestrians on sidewalks is by providing cyclists with a safe space on the road. In our opinion we should strive to make all roads in our downtown accessible and safe for all users. As there is considerable opportunity to encourage alternative transportation in the town core, it makes sense to apply that principle to "destination streets".

We understand that due to significant car dependence in our town, this is not going to happen overnight. However, we need to take incremental steps to work towards this goal. Lowering speed limits on bikeways and on streets where cyclists are not allowed to cycle on the sidewalks makes sense, and we sincerely hope that the Committee will reconsider its decision to not support lowering the speed limit on 224th Street.

Let's make Maple Ridge a city for people, not just for cars!

Kind regards,

Ivan Chow, co-chair

HUB Cycling

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows

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