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Subject: RE: [Contains External Hyperlinks] Re: Hazel Dell Crossing Update
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Hi Tom,

The county is aware of the need for pedestrian improvements at the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. We need to answer what specifically needs to be done, when it should be done related to other requested improvements along with how to find the funding to do the work.

Specific questions about how to address the crossing includes, but is not limited to:

- Determining the best location to provide the crossing (midblock at the west trailhead, midblock at the east trailhead or at a public road intersection between the two)
- Providing new sidewalk, curb ramps etc. to facilitate the crossing for all trail users (bikes, wheelchairs, strollers etc.)
- Providing street lighting, crosswalk markings, pedestrian crossing signing, and potentially some form of enhanced pedestrian crossing such as a HAWK Beacon (as constructed on Hwy 99, about 600-ft south of NE 78th St) or a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB, as on NE 88th St at NE 32nd Av)

At this time, the county does not have a way to prioritize this location against other similar locations. When we make significant investments in the infrastructure, we need to have a method to rank the requested locations and choose to build the highest ranking ones first. The ranking methods that we have in place would not be appropriate to use for this type of infrastructure because the scoring for the existing types of ranking matrices are related to larger capital projects, not a project like an enhanced pedestrian crossing. We have installed enhanced pedestrian crossings, but as part of a larger capital project improvement, not as a standalone project.

Clark County has other locations that may also be important to provide improvements. The county is working towards a programmatic way of approaching this type of improvement to make sure that we are fairly evaluating requested locations and working to build them.

I hope this information is helpful in understanding the next steps. Please let me know if you would like more information.

Gary

From: Tom [mailto:tknappy@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:41 PM
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Thx Anna but of course I've been in touch with him.
I believe the next step, based on our January site visit, would be a partnership agreement between the city and county, which is where you can help.
That's why I reached out to you.
Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2019, at 1:15 PM, Dearman, Anna <anna.dearman@cityofvancouver.us> wrote:

Hi, Tom,

I believe Gary Albrecht with the County is out of the office until August 20, but the County would likely have the latest update on the project, since the crossing is under their jurisdiction.

Thanks so much!

Anna

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Anna — Any news on the Hazel Dell crossing?

I believe at the site visit in January, nearly 8 months ago, the next step was a partnership with the County, which seems relatively easy: An MOU to agree to find a solution. As far as I can tell, nothing has happened in the past 8 months.

After four years of politely seeking a solution with City and County staff, I wrote County Councilor Temple Lentz, see attached, and she's responded with a general intent to "look into it." I think Gary appreciates Councilors interest in bike/ped improvements.

I also wrote an article for the NW Neighborhood summer newsletter. I'm a past president. It, too, is attached.

I will soon write City Councilors and candidates to get their support. As I've said many times, as a former staffer myself, I would rather work through processes with staff than go over their heads as many would (and several staff has suggested). But after four years, it's time to up the game.

Any update from you or other appropriate City staff is appreciated. Although this small chunk is unfortunately in the County, the path remains 99% in the City and a prized recreational asset for the City of Vancouver.

Thanks.

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