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**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 7.1.2

**Comments:**

I am delighted to see the Transportation Committee moving so rapidly on this item. I fully support the recommendation for Option 2, "Neighbourhood Bikeway using Rapid Deployment on Route 6 (Munroe Avenue to 14th) as early as next year, with additional sections to follow as funding is approved".

When I previously wrote to support safety changes at Wiggins and College, my one concern was that a long-term solution to the heavy north-south pattern of cyclist and pedestrian traffic through Varsity View to the University and RUH campus was not recommended for immediate action. Such a long-term solution is the real issue to be solved, and has been since the recommendations of the Varsity View Local Plan ten years ago.

We lived for 12 years on Munroe at Main. I occasionally walked or biked to the campus from there. Daily we observed streams of dozens each of walkers and cyclists going north-south on Monroe to commute to and from the University / RUH.

When we were involved in the local area plan, the consultants used the term "desire path" to explain how to determine where to put walkways, such as in parks: look at where people are already walking. Munroe was (and I assume still is) such a desire path. It was the path I in fact took both to walk and bike to the university. The reason I (and, I assume, many other walkers / cyclists) prefer this to Wiggins is that Wiggins is a busier narrow street. During commuting hours there is a great deal of traffic and stopped vehicles around Brunskill School and the intersection of Wiggins and College is busy and cramped (and, now, deadly).

Munroe is an ideal, quieter walking / biking path. There are, however, two main challenges to be solved. The first is the crossing of Eighth St. at Munroe, which is an unsignalled intersection across 6 lanes of traffic. To make Monroe a safe route south of of Eighth, pedestrian signals or traffic signals would need to be installed there. Secondly, while there is currently a pedestrian signalled cross walk across College and Monroe, there should be separated pedestrian and bike pathways on the north side of College from Munroe (actually, from the University bridge) to Wiggins, the main entrance to the university. One of the drawbacks of approaching the university from the west or southwest is that RUH and the Health Sciences building present a fortress wall that requires cyclists to go to Wiggins to enter the campus. (Pedestrians can cut through the Health Sciences building when the building is open). There should be a separated, safe route for both.

Thank you very much, Councillors, for moving so quickly to look at this longer-term solution for a major cycling / pedestrian commuter route!

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