



2022 BC Municipal Elections

Candidate Questionnaire



HUB Cycling Surrey Municipal Election Candidate Survey - Long Answers

We asked candidates three long-answer questions related to active transportation, as well as providing them space to add additional comments. Answers are presented in the order we received them.

The questions were:

1. What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?
2. What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?
3. HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

Candidate answers (click to jump to their answer)

[Doug Elford | Safe Surrey Coalition](#)

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What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

Lobbied for wider bike lanes.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

Connecting some partially completed lanes.

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

15 minute communities

Additional comments

I live in Surrey. Better interconnectivity between communities.

Amrit Birring | People's Council Surrey

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

Introduce more public transit so that it's practical for someone to switch from car to bus/train e.g in Singapore.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

More dedicated bike lanes but we need more adoption as well i.e more participation from people to switch to bikes.

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I think bike routes should be formed but separate from roads, just stand alone.

Additional comments

We need to encourage people to do more physical exercise, bike adoption will increase as a result. Increased bike adoption is needed to justify investing in bike infrastructure.

Manjeet Singh Sahota | Independent

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

I am an avid biker. I bike to work, when I can, I have biked to school when I was studying, I bike to get some groceries, and I regularly go on leisurely bike rides.

Firstly, I would like to work with surrounding cities to make bike paths that connect other cities. That way bikers can get to their destinations quicker and in more of a straight path. With the rebuild of Pattulo Bridge, it is a perfect time to work with New Westminster to get a nice bike route. Crossing Pattulo Bridge right now is not that much fun.

Secondly, Major roads have better bike lanes. I find 152 street not a good road to bike down. However a redesign of the street could remove the middle median and make that a bike lane. That way a biker could bike from Guildford Mall to White Rock in one straight stretch.

Thirdly, as I mention on my website (m4c.info) I think we have an incentive plan for people who bike to work. Then these bikers get entered into a draw for a gift card. It can possibly be monitored by RFID technology.

Last but not least, have more "share the road" signs on roadways. It makes a biker feel safer and a car driver is on more alert that there can be a biker ahead.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

Designated bike and walkways should be better lit. If you are on a midnight walk in the middle of summer or biking home from work at 8pm the path should be safely lit up so it is not hazardous. For example, a walk and bike path in Fraser Heights by 108 Avenue and 156 street needs more lighting at nighttime.

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I endorse land use. In an email I sent to another group I talked about very similar ideas.

I also endorse infrastructure, bold steps and social equity.

Additional comments

The topics I wrote about in the questionnaire are my ideas. However I am open to other ideas and also criticism of my ideas. Feel free to contact me at anytime. Thanks for the great questions!

Brenda Locke | Surrey Connect

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

We do have the ability to make transportation safer in Surrey. Hydro lines may be one of those opportunities and I believe those could be better utilized. But overall, we need to better integrate bike transport into our larger road planning. I note that one of your questions is regarding the diking system - it is important to know that much of that infrastructure is private.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

My biggest concern is about biking safety. We have a lot of trucking on our city roads, we must develop safer ways to travel in Surrey. I believe that safe pleasure biking paths can easily be achieved. Safe biking paths for work may be more of a challenge, but we must work to that end.

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

I support many of the points in the platform, however, where it becomes a challenge for me is regarding the reduction of access by car traffic. Surrey's traffic congestion is getting worse, and so reducing auto access to parking and road infrastructure is something I cannot agree with. I do however, agree that encouraging safe cycling, rolling or other transportation is important. I would support those actions that promote safe cycling, but do not impose additional restrictions or pressures on vehicle transportation.

Additional comments

I believe that Surrey has an opportunity to develop some positive cycling pathways through out the city that would be safe. I will make this part of the overall priority for transportation, and I will be consulting with a professional in transportation planning as we move forward. There is much work to do in Surrey. I would also like to know some comments from you with regard to the scooter and uni-cycle usage in our city. Thank you for this opportunity.

Kulwinder Saini | Surrey First

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

Support sustainable land use plans and zoning to allow residents to use their bikes.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

Increased bike lanes within the city

Gordie Hogg | Surrey First

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

Surrey is the size of Vancouver, Richmond, and Burnaby combined. We're a big place and that means plenty of cycling opportunities, both as a form of transportation to work, but also recreational cycling. As our city continues to grow, we should be building cycling into our mix of infrastructure plans, and looking for new ways to open up our city and its countryside to both the avid cyclist, and the occasional recreational cyclist. As we do that, we need to make sure that cycling and motorists are part of every infrastructure decision, ensuring we're sharing out city and its roads in ways that make Surrey more accessible, affordable and livable.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

With our growth, we should be working more closely with developers to ensure cycling and cyclists are taken into consideration as we develop, particularly in high density areas like city centre, as well as the upcoming SkyTrain construction from Surrey to Langley.

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Surrey First believes in community engagement, something that has really been missing here since the 2018 election. We recognize that cycling today is more than just a pastime for a handful of people. It is definitely a way of getting around that is growing in importance. As such we want to make sure that our infrastructure plans include and acknowledge the growth of cycling, and help to encourage it. We also want to make sure that whatever changes we make complement our existing network of roads, as well as other modes of transportation.

Additional comments

Cycling isn't a fad. It's not something a handful of people do these days. We only have to look at our own neighbourhoods to know that cycling is growing and is part of virtually every family. Families move to Surrey because they like what they see here, and including cycling as just one more part of our way of life in Surrey makes sense, and is something Surrey First will actively promote.

Jinny Sims | Surrey Forward

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

Surrey Forward will be working with all levels of government and industry to fund and design our network of bike routes. We will rely on the best practices from around the world and will not limit innovation. Surrey Forward will ensure that this network is maintained to the highest standards. We will ensure that private organizations invest in secure facilities for their cycling clients.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

The City of Surrey needs more separated bike lanes that are connected so that residents can plan a route to and from work.

HUB Cycling has released a Cycling Platform. Which focus areas and points do you endorse, and which ones do you disagree with?

Surrey Forward does not endorse outside organizations, or their platforms.

Additional comments

A Surrey Forward Mayor and Council will be reviewing all aspects of transportation in the next 4 years. Our aim is to make Surrey a safe place to cycle, be it for our daily commute or for pleasure

Narima Dela Cruz | Independent

What have you done, or will you do to advocate in support of active transportation infrastructure in your city and why?

I would definitely support having a bike share program in Surrey.

What piece of bike infrastructure is needed next in your city?

Multi-Use Trail

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The part I have reservation with is the part about lane removal/road diet as this will have significant effect on road traffic. There needs to be a balance between what Surrey would want to prioritize as far as cycling is concerned. The residents must be consulted first.