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Re: Support for Ladner Secondary Access - River Road Overpass

Dear Mr. Trapp

We are writing in support of the city of Delta's request for an Active Transportation overpass of Hwy 99 at River Road. The original project design (that included this overpass) was very much supported by our vibrant cycling community in Delta. Our city's Cycling Master Plan also highlighted this important active transportation connection.

This overpass would provide a significantly more efficient and safe connection for people cycling west or east of the Fraser River Tunnel. In addition, should work on the Fraser River Tunnel require any closure of the actively used Millennium Trail, this new River Road overpass would be the only safe and effective way for people cycling to travel east or west of Hwy 99 immediately south of the tunnel along the Deas Slough arm of the Fraser River.

In summary, this overpass would significantly benefit people cycling recreationally, to destinations such as the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal, and to work in Tilbury, Ladner, and Richmond. The overpass would also benefit people walking between Ladner and Deas Island Regional Park.

We support all levels of government towards building projects which promote safe, active and carbon free travel. This project very much fits with these goals that help combat climate change. In addition, as citizens of this province, we encourage our government to take a very long-term view regarding the overall tunnel project, rather than potentially building this overpass years from now, when the cost of this overpass would be significantly greater.

We at HUB Cycling's TFN-Delta Local Committee are available at your convenience to discuss this matter further.

Regards, Neil Pope Co-chair, TFN-Delta Local Committee, HUB Cycling delta@bikehub.ca





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The Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca) The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, MLA Delta North, Minister of Housing and Government House Leader (<u>ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca</u>)

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 23 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that #UnGapTheMap to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit <u>bikehub.ca</u>.