



TransLink – 2021 BICCS & WITT Funding Program 400-287 Nelson's Court New Westminster, BC V3L 0E7

RE: Letter of Support - City of Coquitlam, Active Transportation Projects

December 19, 2020

Dear TransLink,

The Tri-Cities Local Committee of HUB Cycling is happy to support the City of Coquitlam's application for BICCS funding for a sidewalk and separated cycling facility along Barnet Highway, from Falcon Drive to Bond Street.

This section of the Barnet Highway forms part of a connection between Moody Central Station and Coquitlam Central Station. It also connects active transportation users with business frontage roads. It is already heavily used by people walking, as evidenced by the worn gravel pathway (see photo, below). As it is in a TOD area its use will certainly intensify in the next few years.

This section of the Barnet Highway has an existing painted lane that has been assessed as not comfortable for most people in HUB Cycling's Benchmarking The State Of Cycling in Metro Vancouver report¹, and not safe at all for people of all ages and abilities, especially young adults and toddlers. We encourage the implementation of new infrastructure here that is suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

We support the creation of a separated cycle facility along this stretch of the Barnet Highway.

Yours sincerely,

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HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environment, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often.

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¹ Benchmarking The State Of Cycling in Metro Vancouver (HUB Cycling)

We have a Regional Advisory Committee, composed of board members at HUB Cycling, and we work in a coordinating role with 10 HUB Cycling Local Committees in Metro Vancouver, and on regional cycling issues.

