

December 28, 2018

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Sent via email: delta@bikehub.ca

Dear Mr. Schootman,

Re: November 9, 2018 Letter from Delta HUB regarding the Highway 91/17 and Deltaport Way Upgrade Project

Thank you for your letter of November 9 and for meeting with the Project team on October 23 to discuss the above-noted project. We appreciate the time that all parties took to share thoughts and help improve the Project benefits for cyclists.

We were pleased to receive your positive feedback regarding some of the cycling safety improvements that both this Project and the Alex Fraser Bridge Improvement Project are undertaking, including increasing clearance for cyclists at overhead road sign locations.

Although the Highway 91/17 and Deltaport Way Upgrade Project consists primarily of a series of small improvements to existing routes, several measures to improve cyclist safety and travel experiences are planned. These measures will address some of the areas you identified. Specifically, the draft design concept incorporates the following improvements:

- 2.4-metre wide shoulders along Highway 91C.
- The new Highway 17/Highway 91C interchange will incorporate safe cyclist access to ramps and designated ramp crossings to facilitate full-movement cyclist connections
- Safer access for cyclists at the River Road and 96 Street intersection (to be developed in conjunction with the City of Delta).
- Consideration of turning radius for large trucks to ensure they remain in their travel lanes, and in turn, provide more space for cyclists in the shoulders.
- Drainage improvements within the Project area including new culverts and ditch upgrades that will help improve drainage conditions for bike paths west of Nordel Way.
- Provisions in the Design-Build construction agreement with respect to cycling needs, including shoulder widths, cyclist access to ramps, and safety during construction.

We have noted your comments about shoulder lane sweeping and maintenance within the Highway 91/17 Project area and will bring this to the attention of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's maintenance contractor and District office for their review.

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The Ministry actively promotes and supports regional cycling improvements through the BikeBC program. Our Project team looks forward to receiving your proposal letter and sharing it with our BikeBC colleagues. Please note that a key criteria for BikeBC funding is support from the local government, so I encourage you to also share your ideas with relevant municipalities and First Nations. You may also be interested in BikeBC's most recent notice about 2019/20 funding applications, which is available at recent news release that the Ministry is accepting 2019/20 funding application <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0220-002453>.

With regard to your concerns about drainage at the south end of the Alex Fraser Bridge specifically, the Project Team understands that property owners are working with Delta to improve this area, which is outside of the Project and the Ministry's jurisdiction.

Thank you again for your input and for taking the time to meet with us. I look forward to our next encounter. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact the Project Information Office and share this contact information with your colleagues:

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Sincerely,



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