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## Re: Moodyville Park Plan

Dear Mr. Hunter and Ms. Oakes,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

The HUB North Shore committee would like to acknowledge and thank you for the commitment to improving Moodyville Park and active transportation through the park. The Spirit Trail is a key east-west bike route connecting Lower Lonsdale and points west with Lynn Creek Town Centre and the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge. The Spirit Trail through Moodyville Park is currently the only east-west route where people can ride separated from traffic and trucks.

A second important existing cycling connection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street lane between Moody Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at Queensbury Avenue. It provides a safe and convenient connection from the Spirit Trail to Queensbury.

The HUB North Shore committee has reviewed the conceptual plans for Moodyville Park and would like to encourage the City of North Vancouver to provide greater separation between pedestrians and cyclists traveling on the Spirit Trail and the proposed Lower and Upper Pathways where we understand cycling is permitted.

- Provide separate bike and walking paths for the Upper Pathway.
- At the Queensbury Plaza and Youth Area the bike path should avoid the plaza and connect directly with the signalized crossing at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Queensbury Avenue.
- The bike path should be designed to allow for cycling speeds for transportation.



With the anticipated population growth in Moodyville and elsewhere in North Vancouver user conflict will increase on the Spirit Trail. HUB North Shore has received feedback about conflict between people on bikes and people walking dogs or using headphones on the Spirit Trail and other multi-use paths. Seniors and people with impaired hearing are particularly concerned about sharing a path with bikes. Increasingly jurisdictions including Vancouver and West Vancouver are separating slower moving pedestrians from people on bikes to improve safety for all and maximize the use of infrastructure for all modes and purposes.

We look forward to see more detailed designs for the bike routes through Moodyville Park.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tony Valente".

Tony Valente  
Chair, North Shore Committee

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