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Dear Mark,

Thank you for taking the time on November 17, 2017 to present the City of Port Moody's plans for cyclists to our Tri-Cities HUB Local Committee; and thanks also to your co-presenter, Stephen Judd. We are writing to you to offer our feedback and observations.

We are happy to see that Port Moody is working seriously on a cycling infrastructure strategy for the next few years. Cycling across Port Moody can be problematic, particularly for young or casual cyclists. It's wonderful to see progress.

Based on our understanding, your first priority appears to be the Murray Street corridor from Klahanie to the Moody Street overpass. This is a direct and logical route to connect the existing Murray Street MUP with the overpass, and it sounds like the time is right now that the street is due to be dug up. We are in full support of this project.

In our view the next priority ought to be the ability to cycle safely along Clarke Street. Clarke is the natural and preferred route for cyclists heading out of town along the Barnet Highway. But Clarke also could provide a much-needed connection to Moody Centre Station. New building developments are already in progress or being planned along this corridor, and every property on Clarke is five minutes or less away from the station by bike. It seems that now is the time to work with developers to create something that is safe, direct and convenient enough to convince people at Westport Village to choose Skytrain over their cars.

We are really pleased with the ambitious planned cycling development along St. Johns Street. This has the potential to solve many transportation problems along St. Johns and to make a great improvement in the quality of life along that street. At this time and as you pointed out, there is little opportunity for families and people of all abilities to feel secure cycling across the City of Port Moody. We hope for a future in which these families can ride safely and quickly to Skytrain connections and local shopping destinations, and in which older children can cycle safely to school. The St. Johns development goes a long way towards helping us reach that goal.

We understand that we are not privy to the larger picture of Port Moody downtown development. Hence, we are basing our observations on what has been presented to us so far. Once again, thank you very much for giving us the chance to provide input.

Yours sincerely,

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