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Re: Proposed Improvements to the Richards Street Bikeway

To Whom it May Concern

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization that works to make cycling better through education, events and collaboration. We are Metro Vancouver's leader in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone. We write today to express our full support of the proposed changes to upgrade and extend the Richards St. bike lanes.

We have reviewed the Open House display boards and attended the Open House to discuss the project with staff. We believe this project will contribute to more people cycling, more often, in the downtown core. The primary benefit in our opinion is one of greater network connectivity, by linking several north/south routes that cross Richards St. with a bidirectional route, thus greatly expanding the utility of the downtown bike lane network and encouraging more people to use it. We are pleased to see the significant improvements made to the proposed improvements since the 2016 plan to improve Richards St as part of other downtown bike lane improvements. We are encouraged particularly by the bidirectional nature of the lanes, by the plan for permanent landscaping instead of plastic planters, and by the attention paid to turning movements for vehicles at key intersections. We request that consideration be given to including phased signal timing at these key intersections, thus protecting users of both the bike lanes and the crosswalks.

We also want to note the importance of providing better connections to Richards St. at Drake St., with the upcoming improvements to there. We strongly support those improvements on Drake St. running from Burrard St. to Pacific Blvd in the initial work, as that will not only provide better connectivity to Richards St from parallel bike routes, but will also provide an alternate route from Yaletown to Burrard and avoid the dangerous situation on Pacific St. in between Seymour and Hornby, with the Granville bridge loops.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. We would be pleased to meet and discuss the above at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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