Reply to HUB letter re cycling conditions on NW Marine Drive

Sent to Heather Harvey via email from Brian Atkins on Apr 4, 2014

Good afternoon Heather,

Thank you for your letter of June 2013, expressing concerns about NW Marine Drive between Spanish Banks and Chancellor Boulevard.

Safety of the traveling public is one of the Ministry's highest priorities, and we appreciate you bringing your concerns forward for our attention. We recognize that cycling offers broad economic, social, environmental and health benefits, and our government is working hard to encourage cycling for both recreation and commuting.

As you are aware of, the Ministry has undertaken a few rehabilitation projects throughout the University of British Columbia and the University Endowment Lands, one of them being the NW Marine Drive resurfacing project. While these projects help to alleviate some of the concerns in this area, we recognize that further improvements can be completed and I can assure you that future rehabilitation works of roads in this area have been identified and will be scheduled as funding permits.

With respect to NW Marine Drive, at this time, Ministry staff are currently reviewing options for future widening, and are currently completing assessments to determine how safety and traffic flow might be improved in this area as part of any future project. You can be sure the ministry is working hard to increase the capacity of our provincial highway network and to provide all users with more efficient travel options. It is great to receive the support and interest of British Columbians such as you.

I hope this has been of assistance and should you have any further questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Thomas Chhun, Operations Manager, <u>604-527-2242</u> or by email <u>Thomas.Chhun@gov.bc.ca</u>.

Thank you again for taking the time to write the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Regards,

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