



October 6, 2017

Mayor and Council,
Corporation of Delta
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent
Delta, BC
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Re: Delta HUB Cycling – Proposed Workshop with Delta Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Jackson,

On behalf of the Delta HUB Cycling Committee, I am writing to request a Workshop with Delta's Mayor and Council.

Delta HUB is a group of local volunteers who have been contributing to cycling safety and connectivity for the past three years. We are one of 10 local committees of HUB Cycling, a Vancouver non-profit that is an innovator in cycling education and advocacy.

Our Committee is open to anyone interested in biking, and includes a diverse range of cyclists – from students to seniors, commuters to recreational riders. We also represent those with an interest in cycling, who may not be as active due to concerns about road safety or biking confidence.

Since we began in 2014, we have been busy documenting area conditions, building relationships with transportation decision-makers, and providing input to both mitigate and evolve the cycling network in Delta.

To date Delta HUB has contributed to various projects, plans, and policies of the municipality, including:

- **Parks, Recreation & Culture:** encouraging new multi-use pathways and cycling facilities during consultations for Winskill Park Master Plan, improvements to the Millennium Trail and Memorial Park cycle track (supporting active transportation, and providing benefits to a wider number of recreational users).
- **Neighbourhood Road Improvements Plan:** promoting contiguous bike lanes on Arthur Drive in Ladner, 52nd Street in Tsawwassen, and 112 Street in North Delta (leveraging NRIP projects to improve conditions along designated cycling routes).
- **South Delta Business Sustainability Strategy:** exploring ways of attracting both local and regional cyclists with the Tsawwassen BIA and Ladner Business Association (supporting local shopping and improved walkability and cycle-ability of town centres). We have also partnered with the Delta Chamber of Commerce at their Summer Visitor booths, and provided input into Tourism Delta initiatives.
- **Official Community Plan:** encouraging new multi-use paths for active travel when major new developments are undergoing municipal review (supporting Delta's OCP Objective "to encourage pedestrian and cycle circulation between the main destination points as an alternative to the automobile").
- **Education:** promoting cycling safety and education to vulnerable road users through organized courses at area schools (Heath, Holly and Gray Elementary), safety campaigns with partners (Delta Police, ICBC, Delta Seniors), and outreach to Delta's Spanish-speaking agricultural workers ("Cycling Rules" poster).



- **Community Energy and Emissions Plan:** supporting activities that reduce daily impacts by promoting active/multi-modal transportation alternatives. This has included direct involvement with HUB Bike-to-Work Week events, TransLink's SouthWest Area Transport Plan, the former Tilbury Transportation Management Association, and the George Massey Tunnel Replacement project.

Delta HUB looks forward to working with Delta to further integrate safe cycling facilities and practises into the community.

As a constructive next step, we are looking to organize a Workshop with Mayor and Council to briefly highlight:

- (i) Why cycling matters in Delta
(including health, safety, environmental, and economic benefits)
- (ii) Ways in which Delta HUB has supported cycling improvements
(including our Spot Improvement and Top Ten Priority List, infrastructure input, bike education courses, and key collaborations)
- (iii) Ideas for the future
(including cycling education, wayfinding and strategic local and regional connections)

If there is a convenient date for a Workshop, or if you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. George Harvie, CAO, Corporation of Delta