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Neil Pope  
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Dear Mr. Pope

**Re: Westham Island Bridge Deck Renewal Plans and Use of Anti-skid Material**

Thank you for your letter dated October 16, 2018 and your follow-up call on January 17, 2019 regarding the replacement of deck planks on the Westham Island Bridge. TransLink understands HUB's concerns regarding the interim repairs that were undertaken in the summer of 2018.

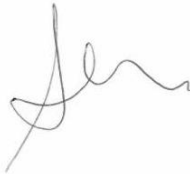
As you may be aware, repairs began in the fall of 2018 as part of the Westham Island Bridge Rehabilitation Project. We will continue to replace deteriorated deck planks throughout the Project. When new planks are in place, and when weather permits, we will apply the anti-skid material along both sides of the bridge.

We also heard from HUB that there are concerns with the gaps in between the existing deck planks. This rehabilitation is replacing the decking with like for like material. Gaps occur due to seasonal expansion and shrinkage and are also required for drainage, which allows for a dryer deck. For safety of all users, TransLink appreciates it when cyclists dismount when crossing the bridge.

Due to heavy usage of the structure, replacement of deck planks will be an ongoing initiative. We will continue to monitor the state of the deck throughout 2019. Since work on the deck is highly disruptive to traffic and the operations of the Bridge, please be aware that TransLink may only undertake work during certain periods of time.

The *Southwest Area Transport Plan* identifies the need to upgrade walking and cycling on the bridge, and will engage with HUB in the future for feedback. We thank HUB again for providing the feedback. If you have any other question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Chu', with a stylized, cursive script.

Susan Chu,  
Project Manager

Cc: Roel Schootman, HUB Cycling Delta Committee Co-chair  
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