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Dear Renewing Riverview Project Team (<http://www.renewingriverview.com/>)

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit organization with a mission to get more people cycling more often. We have an active local Tri-Cities chapter, made up of cycling advocates who bike regularly in this part of the region. We have read the Vision for Renewing Riverview document with interest and we see a great opportunity for improved cycling and pedestrian connectivity through the renewal of the Riverview Lands.

We are encouraged to read that bike infrastructure is recognized as an important facet of community design that will promote mental health and wellness on the Riverview site. We are also encouraged to read that future residents on the site will have amenities and services in close enough proximity that active transportation will be the convenient, safe and enjoyable option.

In addition to ensuring that the master plan includes a land use mix that promotes active transportation, we hope that the renewed site will include direct, All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling routes. The Riverview Lands are critical for regional connectivity; we have identified the area as a major gap in our #UnGapTheMap campaign (<https://bikehub.ca/ungapthemap>). Riverview links destinations like Coquitlam City Centre (and the future rapid transit there), downtown Port Coquitlam, the Port Mann Bridge, and Braid SkyTrain Station. Renewing the Riverview Lands will provide a great opportunity to formalize these links as an important piece of the regional bike network.

It is important that safe cycling and walking be considered at the outset as important transportation modes and built into the design plans from the beginning. We support BC Housing working with the City of Coquitlam to implement its Strategic Transportation Plan for this area.

The proposed Class 1 bikeway along the north-south stretch of the Riverview Lands would be a major improvement to current conditions. We feel that improvements along the Lougheed Highway are important for commuter cyclists. As the shoulders are very narrow in some areas, many cyclists currently use Orchid Drive, Campion Way, Sorrel Street, Holly Drive, and other pathways through the Riverview site.

In addition to providing a separated bike lane along the Lougheed Highway, we strongly recommend that there be a Class 1 bikeway through the Riverview Lands, which would be more safe and attractive to cyclists of all ages and abilities.

We look forward to seeing the proposed site plan and continuing to provide input on the eventual detailed design. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the vision. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or for further discussion.

Sincerely,

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