

December 6, 2017

Jeff Leigh Chair Vancouver/UBC Local Committee HUB Cycling 343 Railway Street c/o Creative Coworkers Vancouver, BC V6A 1A4 (By email)

Dear Jeff,

RE: Proposed BC Hydro Mclean Bridge and Future False Creek Flats Connections

I am writing to respond to concerns, noted in your September 5, 2017 letter to BC Hydro, with respect to the proposed pedestrian and cycling bridge across the Grandview Cut on the Mclean St alignment.

Regardless of the BC Hydro Mclean Bridge connection, the City is working towards developing a direct Central Valley Greenway (CVG) connection from North Grandview Hwy to the flats as outlined in the False Creek Flats Area Plan. This direct connection is critical, but requires certainty on the final CVG alignment through the flats and needs the support of rail operators and senior government partners. The Mclean bridge, which connects to a different area, will not affect the need or the timeline for the direct pedestrian and bike connection to the flats.

We feel the Mclean bridge, if realized, would provide benefits to people who walk and cycle along the current CVG, as well as provide important local connectivity within the area that is currently disconnected by the Grandview Cut. In particular, it would provide an alternate route that is 60m shorter than the current CVG routing, improving the interim greenway connection. In addition, the bridge would provide a more pleasant crossing of the Grandview Cut that would have separate space for people walking and cycling away from busy traffic on Clark Drive. If realized, we will work with BC Hydro to maximize benefits and provide safe connections to existing walking and cycling infrastructure.

I would be happy to discuss any further questions you may have regarding BC Hydro's proposal or our connections to the False Creek Flats.

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Yours truly,

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