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The Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Province of British Columbia
Via email

Re: The George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Dear Minister Trevena

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization that works to make cycling better through education, events and collaboration. We are Metro Vancouver's leader in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone. HUB Cycling has ten local volunteer committees working on improving cycling throughout Metro Vancouver, including committees in Richmond and Delta, and has a Regional Advisory Committee working on issues of regional significance.

We are writing you today to encourage you to not lose sight of some important work that HUB Cycling was involved in through the George Massey Tunnel Replacement (GMTR) Cycling Working Group. We feel that there was great value in the recommendations regarding cycling routes along the entire project corridor. We hope that these can be retained and used in any future project you may consider.

We are following with interest the recent announcements of work by the Ministry to determine the best solution to address issues relating to the George Massey Tunnel. We write to express our hope that the technical review currently underway, and any work following on from that study, will consider the importance of cycling infrastructure along the Highway 99 corridor in this area.

We have previously written to the Ministry with feedback on the Project Definition Report (PDR) dated December 12, 2015 for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project. We also submitted recommendations to the project team on this project in July 2014, and in March 2016. A challenge we have noted on the project to date has been in incorporating cycling infrastructure, per Ministry guidelines for all Ministry projects, and as such we recommend that going forward, cycling is considered up front. We have seen with the Port Mann Bridge project the significant challenges of building connections for walking and cycling when projects are built without appropriate active transportation connections.

As background, in February 2016, in response to our expressed concerns on the lack of consideration of cycling infrastructure on the project, the Ministry initiated a GMTR Cycling Working Group, involving the Ministry, HUB Cycling, local municipalities, and TransLink. This working group was charged with developing a joint master cycling plan for the project corridor and larger catchment area. The intention of the group was to identify options and make recommendations on the most appropriate cycling routes along the entire project corridor as well as the broader community network. This working group has stopped meeting, but we sincerely hope that the valuable work done over the interim period has been captured and retained, and that it will be used as input for future decisions on improvements to this corridor.

Thank you for your consideration, and we would be happy to lend support and consultation to the future planning. We look forward to an opportunity to discuss these important points with you or your representatives.

Sincerely,

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