September 24, 2012 **Roads Department** TransLink 1600 - 4720 Kingsway, Burnaby V5H 4N2

Attention

Rachel Jamieson, Senior Transportation Engineer Re: Safety and accessibility upgrades to BC Parkway

HUB: Your Cycling Connection (formerly known as the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition) 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 recognizes the BC Parkway as one of the key components of Metro Vancouver's regional cycling network. We are eager to see further improvements to this important infrastructure.

As part of this, HUB endorses TransLink's proposal to install sufficient lighting on the section of the BC Parkway from Gladstone west of Nanaimo SkyTrain station to Slocan Street. At HUB we have voiced our concern for the lack of lighting in this area for a number of years. Inadequate lighting is a safety concern for cyclists and in general discourages cyclists from using unlit cycling routes. We at HUB want to make sure people of all ages and abilities feel comfortable cycling around the region at all times of day. A small gap in infrastructure such as this can have a significant impact on the level of cycling on the whole route.

Sincerely,

Tess Kitchen President, HUB