



January 26, 2015

Ashok Bhatti
District Manager, Lower Mainland
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
310 - 1500 Woolridge Street
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RE: North West Marine Drive Pedestrian and Cycling Safety Improvements

Dear Mr. Bhatti,

Further to our meeting of December 1st 2014, we are writing to confirm the list of outstanding concerns we have relating to cycling and walking on North West Marine Drive, from Spanish Banks up to Chancellor Blvd.

In our letter of June 2013, we had requested that the sign instructing cyclists to use the sidewalk be modified to allow cyclists to use the roadway, and that the reflectors mounted in the path of cyclists along the edge of the road be removed due to the potential for causing crashes.

We appreciate the recent change to remove the sign requiring that cyclists must use the sidewalk, and the installation of share the road signs.

To complete these improvements, we suggest that

- A new sign be installed that specifically allows less confident cyclists to use the sidewalk, and which says that cyclists must yield to pedestrians
- The reflectors installed on the edge of the roadway be removed, perhaps in combination with use of centreline reflectors
- Sharrows be placed on the hill section in order to alert drivers that cyclists may be on the road.
- The pedestrian path be stabilized and widened at the bottom of the hill as it is too narrow even for pedestrians, and is dangerous because of the steep drop off
- The pedestrian path be widened at the pullout and monument, perhaps by moving the barriers and reducing the width of the pullout.
- Permeability of the barrier on the west side of the road be improved for pedestrians and cyclists by removing some sections of the barriers, especially at road intersections on the hill



- The speed limit on the MoTI section of NW Marine be set at 30 km/hr, consistent with the Vancouver section leading to it

HUB Cycling is prepared to work with groups at UBC to obtain expressions of support for reducing the speed limit on the hill.

In the longer term, NW Marine should be redesigned to be safe and convenient for pedestrians, sport cyclists and cyclists of all ages and abilities. In order to reduce costs and provide priority to the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, consideration should be given to partial restriction of through motor vehicle traffic.

We look forward to your feedback on our recommended improvements

Sincerely,

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