

Dear Jenn; thank you so much for your extensive and detailed responses to my concerns. The external funding information was particularly appreciated.

Firstly, I, together with my HUB Cycling colleagues, are very reassured to note your view that Council and staff continues their commitment to active transportation development (Strategic Goal Objective 4). However, the relatively minor component of the preliminary 2021 Capital Project Request list related to productive biking infrastructure, remains a disappointment. While it is encouraging to learn of the various small-scale improvement requests, HUB feels that the District should be focused on developing its arterial bikeways, in particular the Marine-to-Main (M2M) Bikeway, and a Slow-Street component as a means to promote mobility through cycling.

Notwithstanding current severe fiscal constraints, it is notable that the District's 2021 proposals are a strong contrast to the budget plans of the other North Shore municipalities which we understand are allocating a significant portion (about one half in the case of DNV) of their Transportation budgets to active transportation investment.

It is particularly disappointing to learn that the Marine Drive eastbound protected bike lane is apparently still at the discussion stage with DNV. Recent discussions with DNV staff lead us to believe that this project is ready to implement and that DNV is only waiting for DWV to tell them where to send its share of the funding (which DNV has allocated). This protected bike lane would be an important complement to the forthcoming Welch Street Bridge improvement and help provide safe connectivity between Ambleside and Lions Gate Village and beyond as part of the M2M bikeway. It is key portion of TransLink's Major Bikeway Network, and should be eligible for significant external funding.

In looking to the future, I note from your response that undertaking of the Strategic Transportation Planning Study (SG Objective 4.2) included under the supplementary COVID Safe Restart Program budget proposals, is not yet assured. HUB considers this study to be a crucial task in advancing Council's Mobility agenda. HUB would look forward to working with the consultants and your staff on that study, as well as on NXSTPP should these tasks proceed.

In addition to the budget items, you have mentioned a few other projects, including Westmount, and the 2 BRICC-funded ones. If any of these (and other) projects includes a cycling component, HUB would greatly appreciate a chance to review and comment on them, preferably in the early design stages, when making changes is relatively easy.

Lastly, thank you for your commitment to an ongoing collaborative dialogue with HUB. There are clearly numerous matters of mutual concern to discuss with you and your staff. We look forward to regular meetings at your and your staff's convenience during the year ahead.

I wish you success in your budget requests and conclude with the hope that room may yet be found to address the M2M-related project in collaboration with DNV.

Yours sincerely,

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