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Tatlow Creek Project Team,  
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
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Re: Volunteer Park Detour for Pedestrians and People on Bikes

Dear Tatlow Creek Project Team,

We are writing to express our heartfelt appreciation on behalf of our members for the exceptional work you have done in managing the pedestrian and cycling detour at the Tatlow and Volunteer Park Stream Restoration site on the Seaside Greenway. We are often quick to send letters of concern, but today we feel compelled to commend this outstanding work.

The quality of the path provided for people walking, rolling, cycling and using other micro-mobility modes like wheelchairs at this construction site has exceeded our expectations. The wide, well-marked path not only ensures a comfortable experience for all users, but also reflects a commitment to accommodating active and sustainable modes of transportation in our city.

One aspect that particularly stood out to us was the excellent visibility around the corners due to the construction fencing. When the original fencing went up, visibility was restricted at the corners but in short time a second fence was erected further inside the work site, and the dust-mitigation cloth was removed from the fence along the path, vastly improving the ability for everyone to see around the corners. This enhanced visibility greatly contributes to safety, allowing people walking, rolling and cycling to navigate the detour with confidence. It is indeed commendable to see the Park Board's dedication to ensuring the safety of those using the Seaside Greenway during this construction period.

Furthermore, we are happy to note the provision of lighting along the detour. Proper lighting is crucial, especially during the darker months, and your attention to this detail ensures that people on bikes and people walking and rolling can use the path safely day and night. This not only fosters accessibility but also encourages more individuals to embrace active transportation options. In addition, providing adequate lighting along active transportation routes has proven to be a very successful strategy to decrease threats (real or perceived) to user's personal security and social safety.

Lastly, as is very important in the fall, we are happy to see that fallen leaves have been regularly removed from the path. Slippery fallen leaves, particularly in the dark, rainy months are very dangerous and keeping up with removing this hazard is challenging - as we see on bikeways around the city. This path is particularly challenging as it routes through a park with many trees, but the fallen leaves are being removed regularly. Once again, the attention to safety is laudable.

Your efforts in creating such a well-designed and executed safe detour demonstrate your commitment to the well-being of Vancouver's residents and the promotion of sustainable transportation. As a

cycling advocacy organization, we recognize and appreciate the positive impact that thoughtful infrastructure and planning can have on our community - even temporary installations.

We believe that positive actions deserve recognition, and this letter serves as a testament to the excellent work that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and its contractors have done in managing the Volunteer Park detour. We hope that this example will be an inspiration for future construction detours on greenways and cycleways around the city.

Sincerely,

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### **About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent 25 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca).