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RE: Ironworkers Memorial Bridge Project Completion

HUB Cycling members send a huge thank-you for an outstanding job. The recently completed widening of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge sidewalks is an exceptional improvement for people walking and cycling. Thank you to Ministry of Transportation staff and the contractor who worked on this project, and to our North Vancouver MLAs Naomi Yamamoto and Jane Thornthwaite, and MLA Richard Lee in Burnaby-North for supporting the project.

We also appreciate important safety improvements off the bridge, in particular widening the Dollarton and Main ramp sidewalks and installing a safety fence between the ramp roadways and sidewalks.

The Ironworkers Memorial Bridge was once a shockingly poor piece of infrastructure. Today it meets the standard for infrastructure that will encourage active transportation. The number of people cycling across the bridge already appears to have markedly increased. The Ministry's bike counter will allow evaluation of the project, monitoring user numbers into the future.

Thank you from HUB Cycling, on behalf of the thousands of people moving through North Vancouver and across the inlet using bikes as a means of transportation, and of everybody who has more recently switched to cycling because of the bridge improvement. This project is a great success.

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