

Delta City Council

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Dear City Council Members,

Support for Establishing an Active Transportation Committee in Delta and hiring Active Travel Staff person

HUB Cycling Delta would like to propose the establishment of an Active Transportation Committee for Delta and hiring an Active Travel staff person, particularly in light of the 2023 endorsement of the Cycling Master Plan.

This plan demonstrates Delta's commitment to promoting cycling as a viable mode of transportation; and, a dedicated committee to promote active transportation to include cycling would further support this mission by ensuring ongoing attention and expertise in active transportation for our city.

Similar sized cities such as [Richmond](#), [North Vancouver](#) District and City, [Pitt Meadows](#) and [Saanich](#) which have dedicated Active Travel staff or Active Transportation committees, offer strong examples of the benefits of consistent focus on active transportation. These committees play a crucial role in maintaining active transportation as a priority, informing infrastructure decisions, and integrating walking, cycling, and other sustainable travel methods into their broader city plans.

As Delta's population continues to grow, new developments emerge, and traffic increases, it is essential to prioritize the safety and accessibility of our roads for all, especially vulnerable road users like people who walk or cycle and those with mobility challenges. An Active Transportation Committee or dedicated staff person would bring a wealth of insights into designing safer streets for all those not in vehicles, especially children, elders, those with disabilities, planning inclusive infrastructure, and improving overall public health and wellness through active commuting options.

Such a committee or staff person would serve as a valuable advisory point, providing input on infrastructure designs, policy development, and project priorities, all while aligning with Delta's climate action plans and Vision Zero strategy.

Delta's trails, businesses, proximity to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal and natural beauty also have huge potential for tourism and economic growth. A committee or staff person whose role it is to

advance active travel, would also be integral in ensuring that opportunities for active travel tourism and Delta as a destination were encouraged and promoted.

It would also ensure that active transportation remains a core part of our city's agenda and that we are prepared to meet the challenges of a growing, dynamic community.

Thank you for considering this important step in making Delta a safer, healthier and more sustainable city. We urge you to prioritize the formation of an Active Transportation Committee or hire an Active Travel staff person to support the goals outlined in our Cycling Master Plan and advocate for all residents' and visitors' right to safe and accessible transportation options.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair, Delta HUB Committee

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Co-Chair, Delta HUB Committee

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 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 over 3,000 members and more than 50,000 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.