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To the Mayor and Councillors, District of North Vancouver

### **Re: North Shore B-Line Proposal and Cycling**

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often and making cycling safer and better through education, action and events. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

We are very supportive of TransLink's plan for a North Shore B-Line service and the many benefits that would accrue, including improved transportation for all ages and abilities and a reduction in traffic congestion on this key corridor. Improving cycling infrastructure along and adjacent to the planned B-Line route will complement the B-Line's goal to reduce traffic congestion.

The entire B-Line route within the District of North Vancouver is a designated bike route in the current North Vancouver Bicycle Master Plan (2012). This route is also included in the TransLink Regional Transportation Advisory Committee's Interim Major Bike Network (MBN). Improvements to MBN routes are eligible for 75% funding from TransLink. HUB North Shore considers this corridor to be the District's top priority for increasing cycling on the North Shore. Currently, most of this route is simply marked with bike sharrows or has unprotected painted bike lanes.

We appreciate that TransLink and the District and City of North Vancouver hosted a meeting to explain the North Shore B-Line plans to representatives of HUB North Shore. We were encouraged to see that the planners have given careful thought to the facilities for people cycling. Cycling in the priority bus lanes will likely be an improvement for some cyclists, primarily those riders who already use the existing unprotected facilities. However, this is unlikely to encourage people to cycle for transportation among those who are "interested but concerned". Where protected bike lanes cannot be accommodated on Marine Drive and Main Street, we recommend providing safe cycling infrastructure on streets paralleling the B-Line as a District priority for cycling infrastructure investments.

Yours sincerely,

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