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Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

CC: Honourable George Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary for Transit Heather Wood, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Transit Kevin Richter, Associate Deputy Minister, Transportation and Transit Colin Fowler and Andrew Hartline, Co-Chairs, HUB Tri-Cities Committee

Dear Minister Farnworth,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as the Minister of Transportation and Transit. We recognize this is a critical time for our province, and your leadership will be essential in shaping British Columbia's transportation future.

HUB Cycling is a charitable nonprofit organization that has been working since 1998 to make cycling more accessible by removing barriers in Metro Vancouver. Through education, advocacy, and collaboration, we have worked to unlock the health, environmental, and economic benefits of cycling. Initiatives like #UnGapTheMap have advanced the creation of a connected and accessible cycling network across the region.

With the provincial government's continued commitment to climate action, economic growth, and community safety, HUB Cycling is eager to support your mandate. HUB Cycling's 10 Local Committee members and the Regional Advisory Committee, bring a wealth of expertise and effective partnerships to help achieve your goals.

Key areas where we can assist include:

**Advancing Sustainable Transportation**: Supporting the development of a Clean Transportation Action Plan and expanding active transportation networks to achieve CleanBC goals, including doubling trips by walking, biking, and other active modes by 2030.

**Improving Transit Integration**: Informing infrastructure projects, such as cycle highways and integrated transit systems, to ensure seamless connections between active transportation and public transit.

**Enhancing Equitable Community Access**: Collaborating with communities across BC to prioritize equitable, affordable access to active transportation options, especially for underserved areas. HUB Cycling's Pedaling Towards Equity report analyzed the current state of cycling infrastructure in Metro Vancouver, identified areas of inequity, and provided recommendations for improving access to quality cycling infrastructure.

**BC Ferries**: Supporting BC Ferries in enhancing vessel bike-friendliness and improving safety and accessibility for active transportation users—both on routes leading to and from ferry terminals and on the vessel. Encouraging and facilitating active transportation use for ferry passengers will support Clean BC goals and provide a more affordable travel alternative for passengers.

**Broadway Extension to UBC**: As a leading advocate for the Broadway Extension to UBC, HUB Cycling has worked to galvanize like-minded organizations and knowledge holders in support of this transformative project. We believe this extension will play a vital role in reducing carbon pollution, improving mobility, and supporting sustainable urban development. HUB Cycling remains committed to supporting efforts to advance this critical initiative by collaborating with the federal government, UBC, the City of Vancouver, First Nations, and other key interested and affected parties to ensure its success.

**MVA Reforms**: We also want to highlight the importance of modernizing transportation legislation to reflect today's active transportation needs. Reforming the Motor Vehicle Act to improve safety for vulnerable road users is an immediate opportunity to protect people cycling, walking and using personal mobility devices like wheelchairs, and fostering a culture of sustainable and safe mobility.

We would like to meet with you and your team to discuss how we can collaborate to deliver on your mandate. Together, we can work to build a transportation network that is safe, equitable, sustainable, and accessible to all British Columbians.

Thank you for your dedication to the people of British Columbia. We look forward to supporting your efforts and helping create a province where active and sustainable transportation is a central pillar of our future.

Sincerely,

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