



Rex Hodgson Senior Planner, TransLink

Cc: Linda Buchanan, Mayor, City of North Vancouver Bowinn Ma, MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale

Secure bike parking at Lonsdale Quay

Dear Mr. Hodgson,

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. This letter is to follow up on <u>HUB Cycling's</u> recommendations to <u>TransLink in 2018</u> with regards to better integrate transit and cycling across the region. The HUB North Shore Committee would like to make specific suggestions for Lonsdale Quay considering that the exchange is scheduled for upgrades.

Secure bike parking is urgently needed at Lonsdale Quay. The parking could be a bike parkade similar to the ones at transit stations in Surrey and Vancouver, or a system that doesn't require a building (e.g. <u>automated bike</u> <u>parking</u> or <u>electronic bike racks</u>, both available from Vancouver-based suppliers). Rental bike lockers could be an additional option, but they are not as space-efficient as other secure bike parking, nor do they address the needs of casual users.

The HUB North Shore Committee sent a <u>letter</u> to TransLink in 2014 on the same issue. The City of North Vancouver subsequently created 2 secure bike parking spots near the exchange by installing bike lids. These 2 spots are always taken on weekday mornings based on our observations. TransLink responded at the time that no funding was available for secure bike parking or other exchange improvements, but will be considered in the future.

Secure bike parking at Lonsdale Quay would support more cycling in North Vancouver by making it easy to combine cycling and transit trips. People are currently forced to take their bikes onto the SeaBus, even when they would prefer leaving them securely parked at the Quay. During peak commute hours the SeaBus is near capacity and it is challenging to board with a bike¹. Even when it is possible to take the bike on the SeaBus, connecting to the SkyTrain is made difficult or impossible due to restrictions on bikes on the trains.

We would be happy to discuss further and provide support in finding a solution for cycling & transit at Lonsdale Quay.

Sincerely,

Don Piercy Chair, North Shore Committee HUB Cycling <u>northshore@bikehub.ca</u>

¹ For recommendations to improve the #BikeToTransit experience on the Seabus, see Section 4 from <u>HUB's</u> <u>Recommendations for improving the #BiketoTransitExperience</u> (2018)