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George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project Cycling Working Group

Reference: GMT Cycling Working Group Summary

Thank you for your participation in the Cycling Working Group for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project. The GMT Cycling Working Group presents an exciting opportunity for the Project to collaborate with municipalities and the cycling community to create a strategy for the Project corridor, which has great potential for local and regional routes for recreational, commuter and tourist cyclists.

Work to Date:

- The Project has been consulting with municipalities and the cycling community since the beginning of planning in 2012
- Draft concepts for pedestrian and cycling facilities have been developed with input and recommendations from municipalities and the cycling community

The new bridge will provide a new link for pedestrians and cyclists between Richmond and Delta, who previously were limited to using a shuttle or bus in order to travel through the Tunnel. The proposed GMT cycling facility improvements aim to provide safe multi-use pathways on structures crossing Highway 99 and the Fraser River that connect to existing and future municipal routes.

At the first meeting of the GMT Cycling Working Group, the need to clearly define the group's purpose was expressed. As a result, the Project team has drafted this summary to clarify the GMT Cycling Working Group's scope, deliverables, roles and responsibilities. This will facilitate the Cycling Working Group's progress on achieving its goals.

Scope and Deliverables:

Per Patrick Livolsi's February 2016 letter to Erin O'Melinn, Executive Director of HUB Cycling, the intention of the GMT Cycling Working Group is to:

- Develop a joint master cycling plan for the Project corridor and larger catchment area
- Identify options and make recommendations on the most appropriate cycling routes along the entire project corridor as well as broader community network
 - Includes identifying the most appropriate routes to travel to local destinations within the communities as well as points farther away such as BC Ferries, Surrey and the City of Vancouver.

Any approved recommendations that are within the boundaries of the Project would be included as part of the scope of the replacement bridge.

Improvements recommended on municipal roadways would be prioritized and municipalities encouraged to apply to the Provincial BikeBC grants over the next several years to obtain cost sharing to get these off-corridor improvements completed.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- **GMT Project Team:**
 - Implement approved recommendations of the Cycling Working Group within the boundaries of the Project
 - Liaise with municipalities, the cycling community, and other stakeholders
 - Report on Cycling Working Group progress to GMT Project Director
- **Municipalities:**
 - Advise Cycling Working Group on municipal bicycle network plans
 - Provide input on GMT cycling concepts
 - Report to municipal staff on Cycling Working Group progress
- **HUB Cycling Representatives:**
 - Provide input on GMT cycling concepts
 - Report to HUB Cycling and applicable regional HUB groups on Cycling Working Group progress
- **TransLink**
 - Advise Cycling Working Group on TransLink related cycling plans/infrastructure
 - Provide input on GMT cycling concepts
- **Lower Mainland District:**
 - Represent the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)
 - Provide input on GMT cycling concepts
 - Report to Lower Mainland District, and South Coast Region staff on Cycling Working Group progress