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Park Board Commissioners (PBcommissioners@vancouver.ca)

Dear Commissioners,

We write today on behalf of all HUB Cycling Vancouver/UBC Local Committee members in support of the motion to be put forward at the November 15th Park Board meeting titled “Extension of the Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive”.

The Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane has been an important and popular improvement to Stanley Park, creating a safe space for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the park. The drastic change in safety for people on bicycles, both perceived and actual, has encouraged many more people to visit Stanley Park on their bicycles. This is particularly apparent in the increase of people riding with children, people riding on Mobis, and other novice riders. Use of the protected lane on Stanley Park Drive instead of the narrow and crowded seawall path has opened up more of the park, bringing people on bicycles to previously difficult and unsafe-to-reach places like Prospect Point and Ferguson Point.

Furthermore, as you are aware, the world is in the midst of a climate emergency. Encouraging active transportation and recreational activities such as cycling is an important part of reducing emissions from internal combustion engines. These emissions account for a substantial part of Vancouver’s carbon footprint. A study of Vancouver cyclists in 2010¹ showed that the top three factors that motivated people to ride on a bicycle were routes away from traffic noise and pollution; routes with beautiful scenery; and paths separated from traffic. The Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane satisfies all three of these motivators. Removing the temporary lane would have the effect of discouraging cycling in the park and act contrary to the city’s climate emergency goals.

For these reasons and more, the HUB Cycling Vancouver/UBC Local Committee strongly supports this motion and we encourage you to vote to extend the lifetime of the separated lane until such time that a decision can be made on a permanent installation.

Regards,

Lisa Slakov

Park Board Liaison - HUB Cycling Vancouver/UBC Local Committee

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 20 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 close to 3,000 members and more than 40,000 direct supporters. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.

¹ Winters, M., Davidson, G., Kao, D. *et al.* Motivators and deterrents of bicycling: comparing influences on decisions to ride. *Transportation* 38, 153–168 (2011). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11116-010-9284-y>