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Ref: Westham Island Bridge Deck Renewal Plans and Use of Anti-skid Material

Dear Ms. Chu,

Thank you for your email correspondence (8 Sep 2017) with past-chair Patrick Thompson. The email explained how a summer 2017 inspection took place to identify planks that need to be replaced with anti-skid material. You confirmed “...that the plank replacement work is included in the scope of the 2018/2019 program”.

We note scheduled bridge closures are now taking place and structural work is underway, to be followed by the deck upgrade. Since the deck inspection took place a year ago, further deck damage has occurred and interim repairs have been made — gaps have been covered by temporary raised wood patches and all the anti-skid material needs replacing.

We would like to reiterate the critical need for an adequate provision of durable anti-skid material placed along each side of an even-surface bridge deck, for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. As you are aware from previous correspondence, there have been serious injuries to cyclists on this bridge bike route.

We thank TransLink for undertaking this important safety project.

Sincerely,

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