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Re: Meeting request to discuss the MoTI Cycling Policy

HUB Cycling is encouraged by the support MoTI is giving to several ongoing cycle-related projects. We appreciate being involved in these projects and having the opportunity to provide feedback, especially on the quality of the new cycling infrastructure. We are pleased to see that MoTI recognizes that cycling is a growing mode of transportation and one worth significant investment. This funding will help capture cycling's potential to move people around the province with increased affordability, better air quality, and less congestion. We want to ensure that the Government of BC is taking action to make the goals of increased active transportation a reality, to improve the quality of life for British Columbians.

MoTI's [Cycling Policy](#) states that new or upgraded MoTI highways will include cycling infrastructure and that any exceptions to this will be subject to an evaluation procedure. However, we do not see this happen consistently or with appropriate consideration on projects. Where we have asked to see the results of the evaluation procedure on specific projects, this



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has not been provided. Where cycling infrastructure is included, it does not necessarily reflect the safest nor most comfortable options as presented in the [BC Active Transportation Design Guide](#).

We value that MoTI has a cycling policy and have seen examples of improved design and execution of cycling infrastructure on specific MoTI projects over the last few years. We would like to discuss how to duplicate this success on other current and future MoTI projects.

We request a meeting with the Minister of State for Infrastructure, the Minister of Transportation of Infrastructure (if available), and key staff members responsible for maintaining the cycling policy and overseeing its implementation.

With B.C.'s goal of doubling the percentage of trips taken by active transportation by 2030 and climate goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it is imperative that new cycling and active transportation infrastructure be built that is safe and comfortable for most people. We look forward to discussing in further detail how this can be achieved.

Sincerely,

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About HUB:

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 such as [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network.

HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. We make cycling better through education, action and events. More cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities. We're leading the way in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone.

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