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Mayor, Council, City of North Vancouver
Mayor, Council, District of North Vancouver
Mayor, Council, District of West Vancouver

Re: North Shore e-Bike Share Pilot

Dear Mayors and Councils,

HUB Cycling is a charitable not-for-profit organization working to get more people cycling more often and making cycling safer and better through education, action and events. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

We are writing to thank all North Shore municipalities for participating in the e-Bike Share Pilot Project. In particular, we thank the City of North Vancouver for championing the program and running it successfully. The statistics indicate that one-third of trips replace car travel. Subscribers state that they used Lime bikes because they are efficient and because cycling is more enjoyable than other forms of travel. Riders also indicate they avoid traffic congestion and parking concerns and that cycling complements transit use.

We encourage all three municipalities to agree that the next phase should focus on increasing area coverage, enhancing reliability, and reducing costs for specific populations through the Lime Access program. The Lime Assist program, which improves accessibility for people with disabilities, should also be emphasized next year. Exploring cross-bridge operations and rain shelters for Lime Groves are two excellent suggestions in the staff report.

E-Bikes on the North Shore are a real game changer. Our topography is more challenging than most other areas in Metro Vancouver, and we appreciate the insight that an ebike share over a standard bike share would be more appropriate. Not everyone can afford an e-bike, and a bike share is a great way to encourage more people to use bikes for transportation. We are happy to support the decision to extend the Lime Bike contract and to make the e-bike share program permanent in 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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