



June 1, 2020

Mayor and Council
City of North Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Re: Support for Appropriations

HUB Cycling is a charitable 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.

HUB Cycling's North Shore Committee supports the following appropriations up for discussion at tonight's council meeting:

- Casano Loutet Overpass
- Esplanade
- Open Streets

Funds designated to encouraging alternate forms of transportation, including cycling, will help build community vibrancy and resilience. People riding bicycles tend to spend more money locally, supporting local economies. Cycling improves health and is a zero-emission form of transportation.

The Casano Loutet overpass will connect a significant gap in HUB's Harbour to Headwaters safe route – a priority route from Lonsdale Quay to Lynn Valley town center. Esplanade represents a gap in the low-level, Main to Marine route, also one of our priority safe routes. Both of these projects will help remove gaps in key cycling infrastructure.

In COVID times, providing people with space to experience safer travel by bike is a wonderful opportunity. With transit being a challenge, we do not want congestion to build again as people return to work and school. The Open Streets action plan offers space for safer cycling and walking.

We fully support these appropriations and request council to support them as well.

Sincerely,

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