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To the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure,

Re: Safe cycling route along Mary Hill Bypass

We are writing to respectfully request that you, with the cooperation of the cities of Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam, study and build a high-quality protected cycling route along the Mary Hill Bypass between Argue Street and the Port Mann Bridge as well as Maquabeak Park. We are aware that the plan for a multi-use path along the south side of Mary Hill Bypass between Shaughnessy Street, Maquabeak Park, and United Boulevard (figure 1) was determined to be infeasible, and so we request an alternative protected facility along this route. The municipalities of Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam have identified this corridor as a high priority for a safe cycling connection.

As HUB Cycling's Tri-Cities Local Committee, we represent a wide range of people who use bikes, from daily commuters to families looking for a way to get around. All of us are united in one goal: to make cycling safer for everyone. In our opinion, the present environment along this stretch of the Mary Hill Bypass is unsafe. People on bikes have only a small line of paint to protect them from fast-moving vehicles, many of which are semi-tractors with large blind spots and turning radii. Drivers must make split-second decisions at high speeds to ensure that anyone travelling by bike on the road has the opportunity to get home safely.

The gap along the Mary Hill Bypass is one of our committee's top priorities. We consider it to be a high priority routing need since it links Colony Farm, the Traboulay Trail and səmiqʷəʔelə/ Riverview to the Port Mann Bridge and is part of the link from Port Coquitlam town centre to Burnaby and New Westminster. For this reason, the lack of people on bikes of all ages and abilities along this stretch indicates an acute need for better infrastructure. This is now more important than ever given the unprecedented surge in cycling seen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we hope to see an infrastructure improvement that effectively welcomes people on bikes, especially those that may be new to cycling.

Thank you for your consideration,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 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 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.

Figure 1, showing the location of the previously-planned multi-use path along the south side of Mary Hill Bypass

