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**RE: Third Street & Forbes Avenue cycling improvement project**

Dear Ms. Jones,

HUB strongly supports the planned improvements for cyclists and pedestrians on Third Street & Forbes Avenue in the City of North Vancouver. The City's presentation to the HUB North Shore Committee on October 6, 2011 showed significant improvements for cyclists' safety compared to the current situation.

Third Street and Forbes Avenue are part of the main east-west route in North Vancouver, and they are the most significant gap in the City's cycling network. Currently, many cyclists use Third Street and Forbes Avenue despite the complete lack of cycling infrastructure because there is no alternate connection.

Cycling on the two streets with heavy car and truck traffic is very dangerous. The car lanes are too narrow for cars to safely pass cyclists without changing lanes, and our committee had reports of cyclists being driven off the road by drivers. Other cyclists illegally ride on the narrow sidewalks on Third Street and Forbes Avenue to avoid the road.

HUB looks forward to dedicated cycling infrastructure that will bridge this significant gap, which will not only make it safer for the many cyclists already using this route, but it will also allow more people to travel by bike in North Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Jay MacDonald  
Chair, HUB North Shore Committee