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To:

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Liliana Vargas, Transportation Engineer, City of North Vancouver
Tyler Thompson, Project Engineer, District of North Vancouver

cc:

Mayor and Council, City of North Vancouver
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Jane Thornthwaite, MLA for North Vancouver-Seymour
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RE: Cyclists dismount signage Lynn Valley Road Northbound at Highway 1 Offramp

Dear Don, Liliana, and Tyler,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

The recent project to improve the southbound bike lane on Lynn Valley Road has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this project.

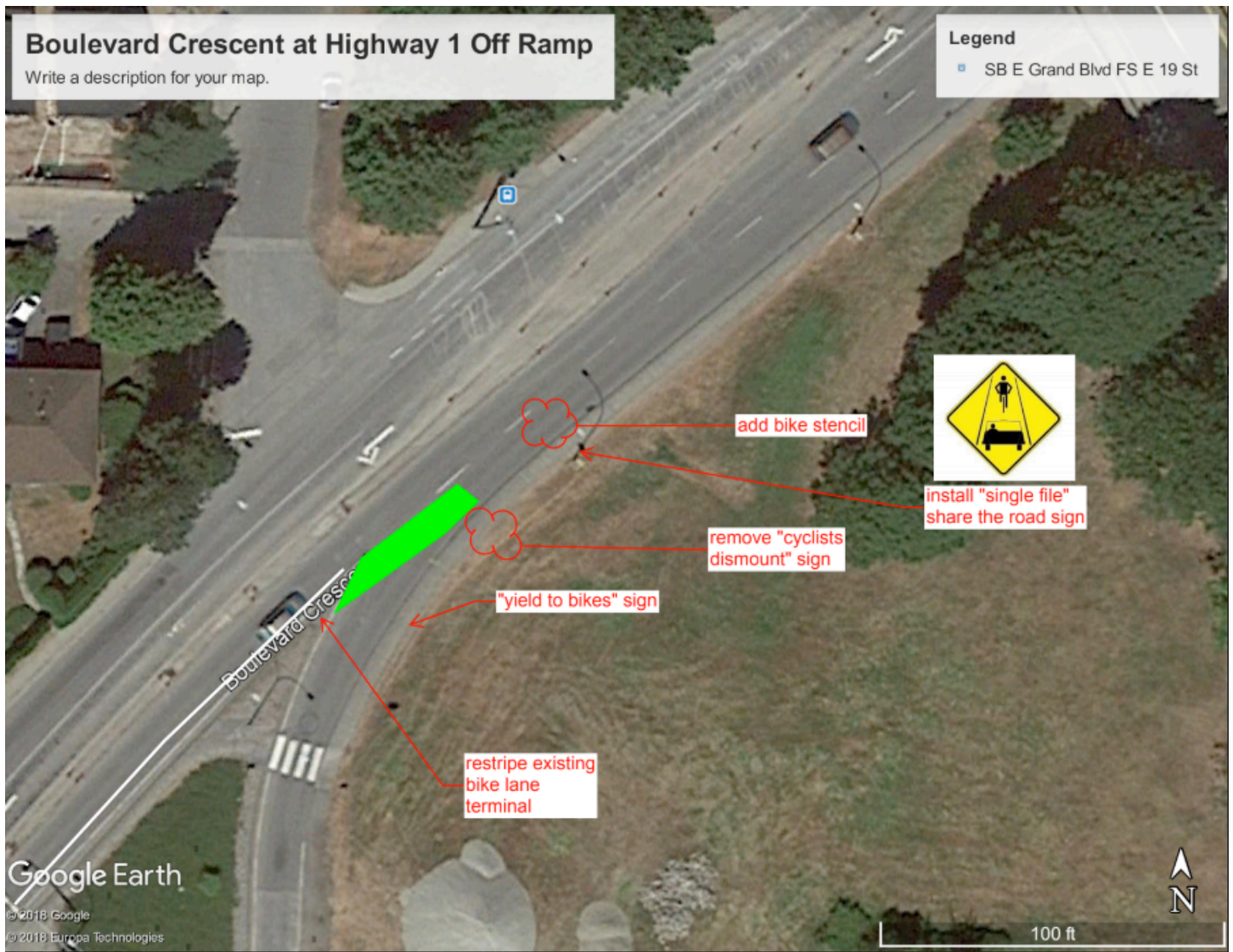
This letter regards the Lynn Valley Road overpass northbound cycling connections. We would like to provide some feedback. This feedback was compiled through correspondence from regular users and a brief site visit. We would be happy to visit the site with staff as well.

A summary of the issues and proposed mitigation measures are provided below:

- The requirement for cyclists to dismount at the terminal of the existing painted bike lane creates unwarranted confusion and inconvenience for cyclists continuing northbound. While it appears the sign may be intended for cyclists entering the sidewalk, it may be construed as a requirement for those continuing in the curb lane.
- As it is approximately 200 m until the next segment of bike lane, the requirement to walk a bike along the sidewalk represents an unreasonable barrier to travel.

The sketch below shows proposed mitigation measures including:

- Remove the “cyclists dismount” signage facing northbound cyclists;
- Provide a painted guide (green block) from the end of the bike lane terminal across the entrance ramp and add “yield to bikes” signage. An analogous treatment is currently in place at the southbound entrance to the Stanley Park Causeway adjacent to Lost Lagoon; and
- Downstream of the development of the two-lane northbound section of Lynn Valley Road, install full lane width bicycle stencils and supplement with a “single file” shared lane advisory signage.



We appreciate the opportunity to comment and continue to support the multi-agency efforts required to bridge this key gap in the regional cycling network.

Yours truly,

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