

22 January, 2017

Mayor and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 17th St,
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

RE: Separating Cyclists and Pedestrians on the Spirit Trail through Ambleside

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

HUB Cycling is a charitable non profit organization supported by members and works to improve cycling conditions in Metro Vancouver. We use action, education and events to develop better cycling infrastructure, improve safety and get more people on bikes more often.

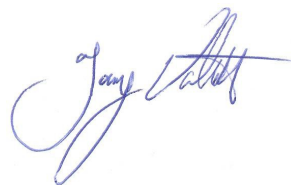
We would like to congratulate the District on its recent implementation of two Spirit Trail sections through Ambleside where people on bikes and people on foot have their own separate paths. Attached on the next page are photos of the two sections in the 1300 and 1600 blocks of Argyle Avenue. We are particularly pleased as these are the first All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling facilities in the District which separate cyclists from both automobiles and pedestrians for the safety of all users. We understand that it is planned to eventually connect these two sections of Argyle Avenue with separate pedestrian/cycling facilities between 14th and 16th Streets.

We hope that the District will look for other opportunities to install AAA cycling facilities on its Cycling Network. One such opportunity could be on the roadways surrounding the 1300 block Marine Drive redevelopment project. These roadways form a hub in the West Vancouver Cycling Network, connecting to bike routes on the Spirit Trail, Bellevue Avenue, Marine Drive, Keith Road and 13th and 14th Streets. The fact that there are parking restrictions on these surrounding roadways during construction could facilitate the installation of protected bike lanes or bike paths on Marine Drive, 13th and 14th Streets as part of the redevelopment project.

Sincerely,



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Looking west on the Spirit Trail in the 1300 block Argyle Avenue



Looking west on the Spirit Trail in the 1600 block Argyle Avenue