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Mayor and Council, Bowen Island Municipality

RE: Bowen Island Transportation Plan 2018 - 2038

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. Safe and accessible infrastructure plays an important role in getting more people on bikes.

HUB wants to compliment Bowen Island Municipality on the quality of the subject plan. In particular, the component describing plans for cycling has been well detailed. We are pleased to see plans to design and construct a cross-island multi-use path that accommodates pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. As this path is part of the North Shore Spirit Trail, we hope that it will be wide enough to allow users to safely pass each other. Almost all of the Spirit Trail in North and West Vancouver is 4 m wide and there are pavement markings, including painted cyclist/pedestrian stencils, directional arrows and, in some places, painted centre lines to enhance user safety. In this regard, it was good to see that the plan calls for wayfinding elements such as signage and pavement markings to be incorporated into the multi-use path to improve safety, efficiency, user experience, and sense of place.

Eventually cyclists and walkers will be able to travel from Tunstall Bay on Bowen to Deep Cove in North Van. This will create a tourist boom throughout the four jurisdictions. All types of businesses such as restaurants, groceries, and accommodations will benefit. The Bowen portion will be particularly attractive with its ferry trip, the forested parks, its B & B's, and the south Island beaches. The multi-use path will also provide a safe commuting route for school students and lead to reduced exhaust pollution including greenhouse gas emissions. HUB would like to see Bowen Island Municipality proceed with the multi-use path portion of their Transportation Plan as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

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