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City of North Vancouver Council
District of North Vancouver Council

Re: East 29th Street safety and mobility improvements

Dear Mayor & Council,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often and making cycling safer and better through education, action and events. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

We are very supportive of the City & District's plans for cycling and safety improvements on East 29th Street. This is an important segment of a route across upper North Vancouver connecting the Lynn Valley Town Centre, Upper Lonsdale, District Hall, the new Delbrook Rec Center, and Edgemont Village. Due to the road layout in this area, 29th is the only reasonably direct route in the region.

The proposed improvements to this important east-west corridor will help close identified gaps in the North Vancouver Bicycle Master Plan. Whereas the current configuration does not accommodate or encourage people to use bicycles for transportation, the new protected bike lanes will encourage people to cycle for transportation. Encouraging new riders will be a key strategy to meet the Official Community Plan's walking, cycling and transit transportation target of 35% by 2030, as well as Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) goals.

We understand that some parking on East 29th will be removed as part of these improvements. The residential dwellings along 29th have parking onsite for people with accessibility concerns and there are public parking spots available a short walk away on the numerous side-streets directly adjacent to 29th. East 29th Street is an arterial route and its priority should be to provide people with safe transportation options for all modes (car, bus, cycling and walking).

The proposed improvements on East 29th will improve access for both residents and visitors to enjoy the option to cycle safely into and around Lynn Valley.

Yours sincerely,

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