

Your Cycling Connection

July 17, 2022



Park Board Commissioners (via email)

Dear Commissioners

Re: HUB Cycling Support for the Stanley Park Mobility Study Report and Guiding Principles

On behalf of HUB Cycling, I want to say that we are very pleased to see the direction for the Stanley Park Mobility Study in the report that is being submitted for your consideration on July 18th. In addition, we are impressed with the seven Guiding Principles for the Study that you will be asked to endorse.

The Study is clearly a rigorous one based on data collected and public and stakeholder engagement. We are not surprised to see that the report indicates support for motor vehicle (MV) reduction in the park and ongoing public appreciation for the Park Dr bike lane.

We are disappointed that the Study will not be able to go to the Board for approval until after this Board, the one that requested the study, is no longer in place. Nonetheless, the direction from the report is clear that the original request to explore the feasibility of a reduction in MV traffic in the park is sound. It resonates with City policies and directions, including the City's commitment to emergency climate action, showcases success in MV reduction in a worldwide best practice review and is affirmed by public and stakeholder engagement. In addition, we note the Study confirmation of the November 15, 2021, Board motion that directed staff: "to extend the timeframe for the Stanley Park temporary bike lane on Park Drive until the Stanley Park Mobility Study is complete and staff report back with long-term recommendations."

Finally, we recommend that the Guiding Principles for the Study be weighted so that we ensure that the most important issues are being addressed with any mobility changes. We suggest that principles such as Climate Action & Environmental, Safety, Enhance Park Experience and Accessibility are key.

Sincerely,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that <u>#UnGapTheMap</u> to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit <u>bikehub.ca</u>.