



January 7, 2021

Karyn Magnusson, Deputy Director,  
Engineering, Parks and Environment Department

Dear Karyn,

**Re: Eastbound, Downhill Cycling Lane on East Keith Road**

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling more often. We make cycling better through education, action and events. More cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities. We're leading the way in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone.

HUB Cycling's North Shore Committee is concerned about the high risk to people riding bikes eastbound downhill on Keith Road above Heywood. Where the downhill lane begins to split into two, there is a dashed line meant to allow cars to turn right into Heywood. In practice, drivers regularly merge into this section of bike lane to reach the right turn lane to Brooksbank.

We strongly recommend installing flex posts as soon as possible along the dashed line on Keith Road west of Heywood Street to prevent drivers from encroaching into the bike lane (a stretch of about 10-20 metres).



The photo above illustrates how people driving move into the bike lane, perhaps without shoulder checking and often without indicating, to get to the right turn lane to Brooksbank. This creates a dangerous situation for people cycling downhill. When a driver cuts off a cyclist coming down Keith Road, the likelihood of another fatality is high. It is a similar situation to the fatality one block up at Shavington Street when a driver turned left in front of Lukas Drake cycling down Keith Road. Though in this case the risk is increased due to the frequent incidence of encroachment.

We raised this issue with Jay Porter, Senior Project Manager with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure in 2019, as soon as the hazard became apparent after the lanes were marked at the Keith and Brooksbank intersection. In turn, Jay Porter raised the issue with the City but it gained no traction. We were advised by the Ministry to speak with the City directly since it is not the Ministry's jurisdiction. We did approach the City's Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure on November 13th, 2020 after traffic resumed to pre-COVID conditions. We were told then that the City expected the full opening of the Mountain Highway interchange would likely remove this hazard by separating through traffic to the bridge using new left-turn lanes.

The new left-turn lanes have been operational now for close to two months. Drivers who want to turn right at Brooksbank continue to encroach into the bike lane where the bike lane line is dashed.

We strongly recommend making the dashed line solid and installing flex posts along with it on Keith Road west of Heywood Street.

Yours sincerely,

Don Piercy, Chair, HUB North Shore Committee	Erika Rathje, Heather Drugge HUB North Shore City of North Vancouver Liaisons
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Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure  
Doug Pope, Director, Engineering, Parks and Environment Department  
Jay Porter, Senior Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure