



October 3, 2016

Mayor and Council
District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver BC V7N 4N5

Connected network of protected bike facilities in the District of North Vancouver

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often, safely.

We strongly support the motion before Council on October 3rd, 2016 that would see result in the planning and construction of a connected network of protected bike facilities in the District of North Vancouver.

Establishing a protected bike network is fundamental to significantly increasing cycling for transportation. This is supported by research evidence and by experience in other municipalities across Canada and the US that were able to significantly increase cycling by building protected bike lanes.

The two most common concerns of HUB members in North Vancouver are:

- the lack of dedicated and safe cycling facilities; and,
- the lack of continuity and consistency of the facilities that do exist.

Together, these concerns present a substantial challenge to those people who would consider biking for transportation.

A well-designed, continuous, and consistent protected bike network would be a major step forward for transportation in North Vancouver. It assists the community in achieving several OCP objectives including active transportation, social well-being, and climate action. It would further enhance the viability of cycling as a transportation option.

We look forward to the endorsement of this motion and participating in the planning and development of a connected network of protected bike facilities.

Sincerely,

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