



Your **Cycling** Connection



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City of New Westminster  
511 Royal Avenue  
New Westminster, BC  
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Attn: Mayor Patrick Johnstone and Council

**re: Agenda Item 3.3; Sixth Street Bike Lane**

The HUB Cycling New Westminster Local Committee would like to offer its ongoing and enthusiastic support of the cycling connection to New West Secondary School on 6th St. between the 7th Ave Crosstown Greenway and 8th Ave. We have been advocating for this essential infrastructure for over ten years; since plans for the school were first made public.

Our local committee recognizes the efforts undertaken by city staff over the last two years to thoroughly consult with the public and provide opportunity for feedback. These public consultations were widely publicized in print, news media, and online and included print posters near the businesses along 6th St. that are currently requesting further consultation. The results have clearly shown public support for this bike lane, and its placement.

Additionally, the 6th St. bike lane will provide significant benefits for staff and students traveling to and from New Westminster Secondary School, one of the largest high schools in BC with over two thousand students. At a time when young people are developing lifelong habits, we know that providing safe cycling access to school will reduce the burden on so many parents, and provide physical and mental health benefits for young people who are at a historically higher risk of developing anxiety and depression due to the stresses of current life and affairs. We know that safe bike routes like this one will help our younger generations choose cycling as a means of safe, affordable and healthy transportation for life.

The HUB Cycling New Westminster Local Committee strongly supports local business, and we are confident that the bike lane will bring greater vitality and patronage to uptown businesses upon completion.

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