



August 8, 2017

Mayor and Council, City of North Vancouver
Mayor and Council, District of North Vancouver

RE: East Keith Road Cycling Safety

Dear Mayors and Councils,

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 had hoped there would not be another tragedy on East Keith Road. On August 14, 2012 a North Vancouver resident was seriously injured when a driver rear-ended him cycling west up E Keith Road. On July 30, 2017, a 41-year old man was killed when he was cycling east on E Keith Road and a driver turned left in front of him, according to the RCMP.

Keith Road has been identified in the North Vancouver Bicycle Master Plan as a “problem” and a “priority” route since at least 2012 when the plan was last updated. The 2012 plan identifies E Keith Road as one of the top three roads for safety problems on the North Shore. People who cycle on E Keith Road have told HUB members they have experienced near misses and feel threatened by speeding cars and trucks.

Given the increase in traffic volume with the new interchange, the steep grade of the street, and difficult light conditions during certain times of the year, we ask that the City and the District design cycling facilities that are safe under those conditions and to build them as soon as possible. The street design needs to reflect Vision Zero principles so a common user mistake does not result in serious injury or death. Specifically we ask to:

1. Expedite the planning and implementation of safe cycling facilities on E Keith Road between Grand Boulevard and Shavington Street (City and District);
2. Review the design of the cycling facilities on E Keith Road between Shavington Street and Lynnmouth Avenue provided with the Mountain Highway Interchange with regard to safety and design consistency with the remainder of the E Keith corridor to Grand Boulevard (Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, City and District);



3. Review the safety of the existing bike lanes on E Keith Road between Lynnmouth Avenue and Keith Bridge, in particular where the eastbound bike lane crosses the entrance to Bridgman Park (District).

HUB North Shore would like to be closely involved in the planning of cycling infrastructure on E Keith Road and provide input to the design of new facilities and re-design of the existing bike lanes. We appreciate the regular meetings and input opportunities provided by the Ministry for the Lower Lynn Interchanges and we look forward to similar opportunities with the City and the District.

Yours Truly,

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