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November 30th, 2022.

Dear City of North Vancouver Mayor, Council and Staff,

Re: St. Andrews Safety Improvements Project

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-for-profit that uses action, education, research, consulting and events to get more people cycling more often. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

HUB Cycling's North Shore Committee would like to provide feedback on the design changes for St. Andrews that have been proposed by residents.

- The proposed design includes unprotected bike lanes. These create a door zone hazard, as individuals on bikes are situated between moving traffic and parked cars. This would create more dangerous conditions for people cycling than the existing design.
  - In 2019 North Vancouver resident Mike McIntosh was riding in a similar unprotected bike lane on Esplanade West in North Vancouver when they were fatally struck by a driver who opened the door of their parked vehicle into the bike lane.
- The proposed design will not reduce vehicle speeds. By placing the bike lane directly adjacent to the roadway, this gives the illusion of a wider street which encourages higher motor vehicle speeds and greater risk for all road users. Reduced vehicle numbers and slower speeds lead to quieter, safer neighbourhoods and less air pollution.

We encourage staff to use their knowledge of best practices and industry standards for safe mobility lanes. We are confident that your team will prioritise the safety of people of all ages and abilities over free parking and the fast movement of cars on residential streets.

Thank you for your continued efforts to prioritise active transportation and your contributions to building a healthier, happier and more connected community.

Yours sincerely,

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