



Your Cycling Connection

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Mayor and Council, City of North Vancouver

Re: Midtown Connector and Chesterfield Bike Routes

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.

Background

Since 2020, HUB Cycling North Shore committee has defined three priority routes:

- Main to Marine - Dundarave to Maplewood
- Creek to Peak - 2nd Narrows (Lynn Creek) to Lynn Valley TC
- Harbour to Headwaters - Lower Lonsdale to Lynn Valley TC



The routes are based on where people live, work, and play. Over the last few years, progress has been made toward making these three routes safe and continuous, and we thank the City for its significant contributions.

Casano-Loutet Bridge

The City of North Vancouver is spearheading the Casano-Loutet bridge across Highway 1. This is a keystone project for people walking and rolling to and from Lynn Valley as part of HUB's *Harbour to Headwaters* priority route. The bridge will improve active transportation options for all people and specifically will help students in the Sutherland High School catchment cross the Highway walking or rolling. Ensuring good connections to the bridge is essential to encourage its use.

Midtown Connector

The City's Mobility Network proposes a Midtown Connector route -- an east-west corridor from Marine Drive @ Bewicke Avenue to the Casano-Loutet crossing. The Midtown route forms part of the HUB's *Harbour to Headwaters* priority route, connecting Lynn Valley Town Centre, Central Lonsdale, the Green Necklace, and the Marine-Hamilton neighbourhood. Currently, there are gaps in this route.

Making the suggested Phase One neighbourhood bikeway improvements on 17th from Loutet Park to Grand Boulevard and formalizing the existing Grand Boulevard route is a good start. The timeline is pretty long, with nothing new being built until 2026. While we understand the potential impact of BRT on the 13th Street segments, we believe more people would be encouraged to ride if networks were completed more quickly.

Chesterfield

The City's Mobility Network proposes a continuous AAA bike route along Chesterfield from Chadwick Court to 13th. The Chesterfield route also forms part of HUB's *Harbour to Headwaters* priority route, helping people on bikes and other mobility devices to get to Central Lonsdale from Lower Lonsdale and the Seabus. There are gaps in this route—especially in the downhill direction, which is currently a sharrow lane with moving vehicles—comfortable only for the “brave.”

Conclusion

In the City of North Vancouver, the Midtown Connector and the Chesterfield routes will significantly reduce critical gaps in the North Shore's mobility network. We urge council to close the gaps along HUB's *Harbour to Headwaters* priority route as quickly as possible. With continuous safe routes, more people will choose bicycles for transportation, leading to less pollution, reduced traffic congestion and healthier people.

Yours sincerely,

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