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Paul Storer, Manager of Transportation Design, City of Vancouver

Re: Proposed Haro Bute Infrastructure Upgrades

Dear Vania;

Thank you for sharing the link about the proposed Haro Street Bikeway and Haro/Bute Infrastructure Upgrades. We have reviewed the Open House information display boards and have the following comments.

- 1) We consider Haro St to be an important cycling connector for residents of and visitors to the West End. In future, we would like to see a protected bikeway along Robson St that allows people cycling to access the businesses there. For the connection to the Stanley Park Causeway, we expect that some may choose to use Haro but many will choose a parallel route further north, avoiding the elevation changes along Haro St. That said, improving Haro St to AAA standards will improve cycling conditions within the West End.
- 2) For Area 1, West Haro, we prefer Option 1, because of the additional vehicle volume reduction east of Denman, in the busiest spot near the Community Centre.
- 3) For Area 2, Mid-Haro Intersections, we prefer Option 1, because of the addition of curb bulges, and elimination of the traffic circles. Replacing the traffic circles with even smaller ones than exist today does not make sense to us. The curb bulges will benefit people walking and the raised crosswalks will slow all modes.
- 4) For Area 3, East Haro, we prefer Option 1 due to the reduced risk of dooring associated with the removal of parking on one side of the street.
- 5) While it is likely outside the scope of this project, we encourage you to also improve cycling connections from Richards St to Haro St along Smithe St. We also look forward to improvements on Bute St to connect to the Haro bikeway.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. We would be pleased to meet to discuss any of the points we have raised, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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