March 29, 2016

BikeBC Program Funding Office

Re: City of North Vancouver - Spirit Trail Sunrise Park to Lynn Creek

Dear BikeBC,

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit organization, whose staff, board, regional advisory committee and ten local volunteer committees represent over 1,600 members in our work to improve cycling in Metro Vancouver through action, education and events. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

This letter expresses our support for the application by the City of North Vancouver to secure funding for cycling infrastructure on the Spirit Trail from Sunrise Park to Lynn Creek.

The Spirit Trail improves cycling connections across the North Shore and this separated portion will encourage more people to bike who feel uncomfortable and unsafe riding alongside heavy traffic and trucks on Cotton Road and Main Street. As a result, this section will become a key safe-route for people cycling to and from the Iron Worker's Memorial Bridge, an important regional link.

The City of North Vancouver has a long-term vision for improving access to active transportation routes for all ages and abilities — this portion of the Spirit Trail will encourage more people to cycle for transportation.

Sincerely,

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