August 26, 2017

Steve Ono Manager of Engineering Services District of North Vancouver

RE: Mount Seymour Parkway / Riverside Drive Left-Turn Signal Phasing

Dear Steve,

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.

Following the August 14 collision at the Seymour Parkway / Riverside Drive intersection where a driver turned left into a cyclist, we suggest the District looks at changing the left turn signal phasing at the intersection. We are particularly concerned about eastbound drivers turning north into Riverside because westbound cyclists often travel at high speed down the hill. Left-turning drivers looking for a gap in traffic may overlook cyclists or misjudge the speed at which they travel.

The current signal phasing permits left turns across two lanes of often high speed traffic after the dedicated left turn signal traffic arrow has expired. Changing the phasing to a protected only left-turn would improve the safety of cyclist and indeed all other road users including pedestrians. Left turns would only be permitted while east to west Parkway traffic is stopped.

Thank you for considering our suggestion and please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss the Mount Seymour Parkway / Riverside Drive intersection.

Yours Truly,

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Scene of crash between left-turning driver and cyclist on Mount Seymour Parkway and Riverside Drive on August 14, 2017