



August 2nd, 2024

**Mayor & Councillors
District of North Vancouver**

Re: THANK YOU for the Mount Seymour Parkway Safety Improvements

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

HUB Cycling would like to thank you for the leadership and progress you are delivering with the Mount Seymour Parkway Safety Improvements Project

Reducing lane-widths, reducing vehicle speeds, and providing greater protection to vulnerable road users combine to make all road users safer. With 400 people on bikes currently using this route daily, and we expect that number to grow as more people discover the joy, freedom from traffic delays, and health of travelling by bicycle and electric bike.

We are glad to see this key cycling route significantly improved, and to see it done so quickly, and to see the significant financial support from Translink.

Physical barriers to prevent people driving from drifting into bike lanes are critical for a broader set of users to be comfortable using this route. Thank you for building infrastructure that is safer for a wide range of cycling users. While some of the most confident cyclists may not like waiting to pass in the current design, the improvements serve a majority of riders and will greatly expand the accessibility of the route to those who are less confident.

A couple of quick stories of how this improvement is already making an impact:

- We noticed a middle-school aged girl - perhaps Grade 6 - riding alone in the new lane on MSP, something that we had never observed prior.
- One of our group members rode the whole set of improvements the other day with their three kids including a six-year-old on her own bike - something he would not have done before the improvements.

Please continue to accelerate the provision of safe alternatives to being stuck in car traffic in the District of North Vancouver. **Thank you again for this major safety improvement.**

Yours sincerely,

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