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City of North Vancouver
Engineering, Parks & Environment Team

Dear City of North Vancouver Staff,

Re: Comments & Feedback on the Upper Levels Greenway Plans

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit that uses action, education, research, consulting and events to get more people cycling more often. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

HUB Cycling's North Shore Committee is pleased to review and provide our feedback on the plans for the Upper Levels Greenway. This project will create active transportation options that provide connections to key destinations in the City of North Vancouver. We agree that this Greenway will support and enhance the health and well-being of the community. As the design approaches and the three routes are being considered, we offer the following comments & feedback:

- In busy areas, multi-use paths are uncomfortable for both people walking and on bikes. Separated paths are best, but if shared, the path should be 4+m wide with a line down the middle.
- The west end of the route should diverge ("Y") to provide connections to both Westview Shopping Centre/Larson Elementary School and Delbrook Recreation Centre/Edgemont Village.
- Adequate lighting, residential visibility, and signage need to be factored into the final design.
- **Orange route:**
 - This route provides a direct connection across upper North Vancouver that is comfortable for all, even in darker conditions.
 - This route provides a clear connection to Delbrook Recreation Centre, William Griffin Park and Edgemont Village.
 - This route appears to have the most elevation gain.
- **Blue route:**
 - This route provides a connection to Westview Shopping Centre.
 - This route appears to have slightly less elevation gain than the Orange route.

- As this route crosses through park areas, if selected, adequate lighting and residential visibility are needed to ensure this route is comfortable for all users in darker, winter conditions.
- **Purple route:**
 - This appears to be the flattest route of the three options.
 - During well-lit conditions, and if the route is wide enough, the eastern end will provide a pleasant route through the park.
 - The path through Tempe Heights Park will not be comfortable for all users in the evening (after dusk).
 - The blocks of 25th east & west of Lonsdale are one-way Hwy 1 on/off-ramps with very high traffic levels.



We look forward to continuing to work with the City through the implementation of the Upper Levels Greenway. Thank you for your continued efforts to prioritize active transportation and your contributions to building a healthier, happier and more connected community.

Sincerely,

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