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Dear Ms Moller;

I'm writing to thank you again for taking the time to meet informally with HUB North Shore (HUB NS) members on Monday Nov 30, with Ms Garrett and Councillor Gambioli also in attendance. We appreciated the information shared regarding the possible capital investments in the District of West Vancouver (DWV) cycling network in the coming years as summarized below. We understand the constrained financial position of the municipality and that details of the active transportation program in 2021 and beyond remain to be decided.

We at HUB NS are supportive of DWV Council's strategy to promote active transportation in attaining its goals of reducing congestion, addressing climate change and improving public health. We therefore also appreciated the opportunity to present for your information our proposals for improvement priorities in the District bike network. A copy of the exhibits presented by us during the meeting has been provided to your assistant Ms Bornestig.

Our understanding of the next steps in consideration of such future bike network investments in context of the DWV budget discussions are as follows:

1. The high priority Marine to Main (M2M) Bikeway component consisting of an eastbound protected bikeway between Lions Gate eastbound off ramp and the District of North Vancouver's Bikeway component at Tatlow Street is at the conceptual planning stage and will proceed to implementation in 2021 if a budget is allocated.
2. Other specific components of the M2M Bikeway from the Lions Gate Bridge ramps to Ambleside have not yet been planned in detail other than the improvement to the Welch St Bridge by Park Royal expected to be complete by mid 2021. HUB NS would welcome an opportunity to review the bridge approaches improvement details which we understand are subject to DWV clearance.
3. Additional considerations for the proposed M2M Bikeway route would be: (a) the completion of the separated Spirit Trail through Ambleside Waterfront Park pending resolution of area car parking requirements; and (b) further development of the Bellevue slow street pilot; as well as (c) a bypass of the often-congested Spirit Trail CN Rail bridge underpass following a route through the Park Royal property to be agreed with Park Royal. We are willing to assist Park Royal and DWV in planning of these important segments of the M2M bikeway which would provide an attractive protected route for utility trip purposes as well as recreational cycling.
4. We further understand that a continuation of the safe, slow streets program is envisaged by your Dept in other parts of Ambleside and Dundarave. As discussed, a pair of slow street loops connecting the area elementary and secondary schools and civic facilities would facilitate safe access and encourage family exercise. We look forward to further involvement in the planning of these circuits, including their possible role in a Ciclovía-type event in the District which we understand to be of interest to the Ambleside Dundarave Business Improvement Association (ADBIA). A copy of the Ciclovía Project brief has been provided separately to you and Ms Garrett, and is attached herewith for easy reference. We understand that Councillor Gambioli is following up with ADBIA to ascertain further interest.
5. Other projects of interest to HUB NS would be the proposed MUP link between Mathers Avenue and Westcot Westcot Road alongside Highway 1 and future extensions of this MUP to the Cypress Bowl access road and beyond to Horseshoe Bay.

In closing I would like to emphasize that we anticipate that the forthcoming Strategic Transportation Planning (STP) study will be crucial in helping achieve Councils strategic goals and especially in determining a future safe bike network development program. HUB NS was pleased to play a part in the development of the 2010 STP and subsequent active transport implementation program. We look forward to playing a productive role in the updating of the STP and also in liaising regularly with Ms Garrett on bike network development and maintenance matters, as well as exchanging views on related issues as they might arise.

In view of their interest a copy of this message is being provided to the meeting participants: Vanessa Garret; Nora Gambioli; Mike Cormack; Peter Scholefield; Joe Weiler; and Neil Winklemann.

Yours sincerely, Paul

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