



September 5, 2016

Mayor and Council
District of North Vancouver
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver BC V7N 4N5

Highland Boulevard repaving & bike lanes

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. Safe and accessible infrastructure plays an important role in getting more people on bikes.

We understand Highland Boulevard is scheduled for repaving now that the Capilano Road water main construction is complete. Highland Boulevard from Edgemont Boulevard to Montroyal Boulevard is a bike route in the North Vancouver Bicycle Master Plan.

As part of the repaving we ask the District to consider eliminating the extra uphill lane on Highland Boulevard and reducing parking to install cycling facilities, discourage speeding, and improve pedestrian safety.

A buffered or protected uphill bike lane would likely be most effective due to the grade of Highland Boulevard and the significant speed difference between motor vehicle traffic and people cycling up the hill.

Providing cycling infrastructure with street repaving projects is a cost-effective way to implement the Bicycle Master Plan and attain the goals of the Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan. The proximity of two elementary schools (Canyon Heights and Highland) and Edgemont Village further emphasizes the need for infrastructure that encourages active transportation.

If a community consultation is planned for the future space allocation of Highland Boulevard, we look forward to participating and providing feedback on street designs.

Sincerely,

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