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To the Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund

Re: HUB Cycling Support for the City of Coquitlam's Southwest Coquitlam Active Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study

The HUB Cycling Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is a HUB Board committee working to improve cycling across all of Metro Vancouver. We have long worked to resolve a specific active transportation network gap along United Boulevard in the City of Coquitlam. We have worked on this alongside our Tri Cities Local Committee members, who are also very supportive of addressing this gap. Our work has involved the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), Translink, and the City of Coquitlam.

We write to express our strong support on behalf of the Board of HUB Cycling for the grant application by the City of Coquitlam for a corridor feasibility study along and adjacent to United Boulevard. This gap in the active transportation network is very high on our regional priority list, as it is for MoTI, and Translink. There have been improvements to the Central Valley Greenway through Vancouver, Burnaby, and New Westminster, as well as some improvements in Coquitlam, leaving this specific gap as the single biggest obstacle to regional active transportation connections to the Port Mann Bridge, and the Pitt River Bridge, to connect to points further east.

The combination of four vehicle lanes on United Boulevard, often with heavy truck traffic, and the lack of alternative routes, means that many people who would choose to cycle along this corridor simply do not do so, due to their lack of comfort and fear for their safety. The regional significance in terms of connections for people cycling means it is worth resolving. Options have been identified; at this point, planning and design work contemplated in this grant application are the next logical step.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tri Cities Local Committee, HUB Cycling

About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.