



Your **Cycling** Connection



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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

The HUB Cycling Vancouver-UBC Local Committee urges you to support the motion coming to Council on April 25th “Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue”. This motion directs staff to extend the Schools on Arterials Slow Zones near Henry Hudson Elementary along the length of Cornwall Ave, to reduce the speed limit to 30 km/h, and to report back with recommendations for further safety improvements along this stretch of road.

Although it currently has very little cycling infrastructure, Cornwall Avenue is an important part of Vancouver’s cycling network. Confident and faster people on bikes use Cornwall Ave as a connection between the Burrard St Bridge and Point Grey Road. They choose to do this because it is a relatively flat, direct route between these areas and the alternatives are a hilly route with dangerous intersections (York St) or a convoluted route that includes a sketchy, often pedestrian-filled section through Kitsilano Beach Park. They choose to do this even though it means mixing with fast, often unpredictable motor vehicle traffic. The City has been creating “bypass routes” around slower, busier AAA facilities, and Cornwall Ave serves this purpose here.

Research shows that reduced speed limits have a significant positive effect on outcomes for people walking, rolling, or cycling. The BC Government webpage<sup>1</sup> about high-risk driving behaviour shows a pedestrian hit at 30 km/h has a 90% chance of surviving but a pedestrian hit at 50 km/h has an 80% chance of being killed. The effect of speed involving collisions with people on bicycles is similar. Other cities in our region have already changed the speed limit on most of their street network to 30 kph, including Victoria and Seattle.

Safe streets mean safety for everyone. Streets that are safe for pedestrians are safe for people rolling and people on bikes. Although this motion is framed as a way of improving safety for pedestrians, we fully support it.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/roadsafetybc/high-risk/speed>

Sincerely,

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### **About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent 25 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](http://bikehub.ca).