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Cc:
Mayor and Council, District of North Vancouver
Simon Richards, Cornerstone Architecture, srichards@cornerarch.com

RE: 5020 Capilano Road / 1180 Clements Avenue redevelopment

Dear Mr. Veres,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

We see an opportunity to improve cycling and pedestrian safety at the 5000 block of Capilano Road with the proposed development. Improvements would not only make people safer who already bike on Capilano Road, but it would increase bike ridership.

The District must consider implementation of measures to increase the safety of people on bikes and on foot as part of the potential rezoning. For example, the car travel lanes could be designed for reduced speeds, pedestrian refuges could be built that slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety, or a traffic circle could be built in the intersection of Capilano Road and Clements Avenue (see picture below).

Below please find our main safety concerns and related opportunities for cycling improvements:

1. There is an abrupt bend in Capilano Road at this location which negatively affects cyclist and pedestrian safety. There was an infamous hit-and-run pedestrian death at this location.
2. The top of Capilano Road is an important crossroad for bike and foot travel to West Vancouver. The Cleveland Dam provides an important crossing of the Capilano River. The closest alternate bike crossing is the Highway 1 bridge, which is an unpleasant and narrow sidewalk.
3. Cycling and walking access to Capilano Regional Park could be improved. It is difficult to safely cross the street to and from the park given the current traffic volumes and speeds, and the corner cutting on this section of Capilano Road. The posted speed limit is 50km/h despite an unfenced frontage to a busy park that is popular with families and people of all ages.



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Motor vehicle traffic to Grouse Mountain and the Grouse Woods neighbourhood will likely increase. Use of Capilano River Regional Park will grow due to population growth in Metro Vancouver. It is our hope the District can look at the safety issues and provide improvements to support active transportation in North Vancouver.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the HUB Cycling North Shore Committee at northshore@bikehub.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Valente'.

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Picture 1: Vehicle partially in bike lane at Capilano Road bend near 5020 Capilano Road