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Dear Commissioners.

On behalf of the HUB Cycling Vancouver/UBC Committee, I would like to express our gratitude and excitement for the Park Board moving forward on the **Seaside Greenway Project in the Kits area**.

We would also like to share the results of this May 18 released <u>survey</u> re Vancouver attitudes toward cycling infrastructure as well as a <u>BIV article</u> on it in case anyone hasn't seen the survey results.

Note the following **quotes**: "Almost two thirds of Vancouver residents support having separated bike lanes in the city" and **re Stanley Park** "In the online survey of a representative municipal sample, almost three-in-five Vancouverites (59%) think allowing the temporary bike lane until the end of October 2021 is a "very good" or "good" idea, while 29% deem it a "bad" or "very bad" idea."

This represents a resounding **yes for the excellent steps** Park Board Commissioners and staff have taken to encourage active transportation and cycling recreation to and in parks, helping to meet our CEAP goals as well as improve the health and well being of our population and our parks.

As you know, we've watched as efforts to bring improvements to the Greenway in the Kits area have started and stopped a few times in the last 7 years. This is by far the most well thought out and planned project and the timeline for a decision, in late 2021 (this would be ideal) or early 2022 gives us hope. As we pointed out early this year, we have set 2 priority goals for 2021: to see "yes" votes on the seaside Greenway Kits area improvements and for a permanent bike lane road reallocation in Stanley Park. We are hoping to have these two important projects come for a decision before the election year in 2022, as that often makes it more difficult to address significant projects like these.

Many of us are anxiously awaiting a safe route through Stanley Park as the numbers of people biking on the seawall and roadway increase every day. We would like to see the timeline on this project bumped forward and recommendations re a permanent reallocation brought to commissioners in 2021 if at all possible.

Thank you for your work on this, Lisa Slakov Park Board Liaison - HUB Cycling Vancouver/UBC Local Committee