



May 15, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Recommended Improvement to 10th Ave (Health Precinct)

HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit, working to get more people cycling more often in Metro Vancouver. We also work to improve our streets for all users, and with that in mind we write today in support of the recommended improvements to 10th Avenue from Oak St to Cambie St, as documented in the staff report of May 9, 2017.

We have participated over the past two years in extensive consultations, workshops, walking tours, open houses, and so on, all focused on this stretch of 10th Avenue, and all with the aim of coming up with a design that addresses the valid concerns of all groups who use this route. We believe that the current recommendations do that. We particularly want to thank the Health Precinct agencies and City staff who worked on the last round of revisions to the plan.

We appreciate:

- The concern for vulnerable pedestrians evident in the design, with raised crossings, refuge zones, and traffic calming
- The dedicated pick up and drop off zones which will reduce road conflicts
- The inclusion of protected bikeways, for improved safety of all users
- The plans to improve both the 7th and 14th Ave routes to attract people on bikes who want to reach other destinations, with a new north south connector west of Oak St.
- The focus on wayfinding signage, and efforts to create a distinct Health Zone so that people know that they are in a unique place.

The current street design is one that doesn't work well for any party. The proposed design is for a Complete Street that considers all users, and will be a model going forward. We urge you to approve the plans this week.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leigh

Chair, Vancouver UBC Local Committee, HUB Cycling