

November 1st, 2024

Park Board Commissioners (by email)
cc: East Park Project Team (east-park@vancouver.ca)

RE: East Park Phase 1 Concept Plan

Dear Commissioners

We are writing on behalf of HUB Cycling with respect to the East Park Phase 1 Concept Plan coming for decision on Nov 4th. We have reviewed the [proposed concept drawings](#) and have met several times with the project team.

We believe that the Plan provides for excellent access to and through the park area, on a couple of the most well used active transportation routes in the city – the Seaside Greenway and the Ontario bike route. Phase 1 of this park should allow for much safer and more comfortable biking, walking and rolling in this area for many years to come.

In addition, we would like to express our appreciation for the thorough consultation and consideration the East Park team has given to this project with its many interested and diverse community members, and interested or affected parties and rights or title holders.

Although the team may already have taken these issues into consideration, we'd like to bring to your attention some possible areas of concern moving forward:

- We do not have any information on the planned termination of the new path at the east outlet of the bike path, as it appears to take people away from the current path there. We would like to be assured that the Seaside Greenway routing here is safe and comfortable as Phase 2 is being developed.
- This is a busy area, and we look forward to seeing the plan ensure safe and smooth movement of people using all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling and rolling during construction
- There are multiple walking path crossings of the bike path, and the concept drawings show significant vegetation near these crossings. We stress the importance of sight lines at those crossings. One example of what not to do is the end of Beach Cres (the fire lane) near the David Lam Park ferry dock. There are two pedestrian crossings of the bike path, with broad leaf plants which obstruct views and create a crash risk when the plants are not kept trimmed

In addition, we are excited by the potential of expanding the park into a block of Ontario that could be closed to vehicles; that work doesn't appear to be coordinated with this concept plan. We understand that street use is not a Park Board area of responsibility but for overall park expansion and traffic calming, we're hopeful that possibility is still on the table.

We ask that you support this proposal as it will provide for improved active transportation safety and comfort in the park area.

Regards,

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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 over 4,000 members and more than 60,000 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.