

March 29, 2016

BikeBC Program Funding Office

**Re: City of North Vancouver - West Keith Road to Marine Drive**

Dear BikeBC,


HUB Cycling is a charitable non-profit organization, whose staff, board, regional advisory committee and ten local volunteer committees represent over 1,600 members in our work to improve cycling in Metro Vancouver through action, education and events. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

This letter expresses our support for the BikeBC application by the City of North Vancouver to secure funding for cycling infrastructure along West Keith Road to Marine Drive.

West Keith Road is a critical link for people cycling to and from the densely populated central Lonsdale district. It will also allow students to cycle to St. Mary's Elementary School and St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. The route also connects to the Spirit Trail along Bewicke Avenue. Currently, vehicle speeds along this route are high and parking along both sides makes this a very unattractive route for people who would perhaps otherwise use cycling as a transportation method. Because there are no good alternative routes, we see West Keith as a critical area for cycling infrastructure improvement. It is on the North Shore Bicycle Network Plan's list of key areas for improvement due to danger and it is also on the list of routes in the City's all ages and abilities (AAA) bicycle network.

The City of North Vancouver has a long-term vision for improving access to active transportation routes for all ages and abilities (AAA) — this portion of the North Shore bicycle network is critical to achieving this vision.

Sincerely,



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