



May 2, 2016

Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council

Re: Seaside Greenway- South false Creek- Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

On behalf of the HUB Vancouver/UBC Committee, we'd like to congratulate City staff – both City engineers and Park Board staff- on the excellent work done to come to the current recommendations for the stretch of Seaside Greenway referenced here. The staff recommendations are excellent as was the whole process for consultation to get to the recommendation stage. We urge Council to approve the recommendations and believe that the recommended improvements will lead to much greater safety, capacity and enjoyment of this section of the Seaside Greenway for everyone.

Our committee is particularly happy to see that the three issues we raised as concerns in our letter to Mayor and Council of October 15, 2015 have been largely addressed in the recommendations. We are delighted to see that issues of the danger and discomfort posed by areas where motor vehicles interact with people walking and biking as well as the flagstones underfoot and wheel are being addressed. We are also very happy to see certain improvements planned for the Seaside Bypass route to accommodate faster cyclists and thus increase enjoyment for everyone biking on the bypass as well as using the Seaside Greenway.

On that note, we urge Council to consider making the issues left for “future consideration” in Appendix B on page 6 a priority. This would include monitoring the effectiveness of the currently dangerous Anderson St crossing as well as improving Seaside Bypass and Granville Island connections and particularly working to make the Seaside Bypass an AAA route through measures such as closing a section of Charleson to motor vehicle traffic, aside from buses.

Regards,

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