



Your Cycling Connection

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City Council, City of Surrey

CC: Scott Neuman, Peter Klitz

Dear Mayor Locke,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with myself and Laura Jane, Executive Director of HUB Cycling.

As Surrey residents, the HUB Cycling Surrey Committee appreciates the pressing issues facing the city, including congestion, inadequate transit options, affordability, policing and an overburdened healthcare system. We applaud you, your Council and city staff's efforts to find innovative and sustainable solutions to address these challenges including supporting the City Centre quick build bicycle infrastructure project and the Bird bike share program.

As we discussed in our meeting, biking and other forms of active travel have supported many cities both in North America and abroad, helping alleviate pressures their healthcare, financial and transportation systems face.

Many people across Metro Vancouver want to cycle more, but cite safety as the primary reason when they don't bike more often. Supporting the City of Surrey's Vision Zero strategy - making roads safer for everyone - will go a long way in increasing people's likelihood to choose alternative transportation modes. The more we can work together to encourage biking, walking, and scooting for shorter journeys (research shows most car journeys are less than 5km), the more we can reduce vehicle congestion. Great to hear about your continued support for safe cycling infrastructure.

We also recognize that as Surrey residents, we are disproportionately affected by longer distances to transit hubs compared to other areas of Metro Vancouver. Bikes offer a fantastic, speedy and economical way to close the gap on those kilometers in-between someone's home and the next Skytrain station, bus stop or future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stops. Enabling safe active travel lanes to these transit hubs will go a long way in encouraging their use.

We are also mindful that, with the rising cost of living, many residents face challenges covering expenses for fuel, parking, and public transit. Encouraging biking and other modes of active travel, is one way to help alleviate these rising household costs. Investing in biking infrastructure—such as dedicated lanes, bike-sharing programs, and secure facilities—also offers a cost-effective alternative solution for a city budget in comparison to more expensive road infrastructure.

By prioritizing safe active travel opportunities in City of Surrey transportation plans, we can make significant strides toward addressing the various challenges facing Surrey. I hope you will consider the following suggestions towards a way to build a more sustainable and affordable future for our community:

- Committing to City of Surrey Vision Zero strategy which will ensure all future transportation projects include Active Travel as an integral part of project planning. Building safe facilities for people on bikes improves road safety for everyone.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Cycling lanes reduce fatalities for all road users, study shows | ScienceDaily](#)

- Ensuring there is enough funding to complete the City of Surrey proposed active transportation network and prioritizing it in the next budget cycle.
- Ensuring that all future transportation projects include active transportation as an integral part of the project.
- Committing to completing 100% of the Phase 1 active transportation network by 2030 and setting adequate funding in each budget cycle to do so.
- Working towards raising future generations of Surrey citizens who do not rely on personal vehicles for their transportation trips under 5 km. This includes reinstating funding for bike education in Surrey schools.
- Working with all three levels of government (Indigenous, provincial and federal) to make transit more accessible to a bigger percentage of population.
- Ensuring that the active travel network helps people complete first and last kilometer journey to public transit, connects them to destinations within town centres and between town centres.
- Facilitating construction of end-of-trip facilities at transit hubs to encourage riding bikes to transit.
- Building a connected network of high quality active transportation infrastructure that is convenient and comfortable and invites people to switch from personal vehicles to cycling, walking and rolling.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues. We look forward to seeing our city thrive as one that embraces innovative and inclusive transportation solutions.

We would love an opportunity to meet with you and city staff regularly to find ways to support your initiatives and work towards accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,

Tim Yzerman  
Surrey White Rock Local Committee

### **About HUB Cycling**

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 25 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 3,000 members and more than 50,000 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](http://bikehub.ca).