

TransLink – 2021 BICCS & WITT Funding Program
400-287 Nelson’s Court
New Westminster, BC
V3L 0E7

RE: Letter of Support – City of Coquitlam, Active Transportation Projects

December 19, 2020

Dear TransLink,

Tri-Cities Local Committee of HUB Cycling is happy to support the City of Coquitlam’s application for BICCS funding for protected bike lanes along Guildford Way. We consider this route is one of the most deserving candidates for a protected bike lane in the Greater Vancouver Area.

The existing, painted cycling facilities on this road has been assessed as not comfortable for most people in HUB Cycling’s Benchmarking The State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver report¹. In its current state, Guildford is not accessible for people of all ages and abilities, especially young adults and toddlers. And yet Guildford forms a flat connection to an extraordinarily high number of areas of high cycling potential in Coquitlam and Port Moody, including:

- At least three schools: Eagle Ridge Elementary, Scott Creek Middle and Gleneagle Secondary
- Three Skytrain stations: Lincoln Center, Lafarge Lake, and Port Moody Center
- Two city libraries: Port Moody Library, Coquitlam Library’s Lincoln branch
- Two city halls, for both Port Moody and Coquitlam
- Recreation facilities: Port Moody Recreation Complex, Eagle Ridge Pool, Coquitlam Crunch
- Cultural centers: Evergreen Cultural Centre, Inlet Theatre
- Major city parks: Lafarge Lake Park (Coquitlam), Rocky Point Park (Port Moody)
- Eagle Ridge Hospital

There is an opportunity for cycling to play a significant role in supporting progress towards City of Coquitlam’s strategic goals² to create Safe and Complete Neighbourhoods, Healthy Community and Active Citizens, and Sustainable Services, Environment and Infrastructure. Cycling is often a time-competitive option for many of the shorter distance trips occurring throughout the region on a daily basis. And with the array of benefits accompanying cycling - cleaner air, energy efficiency, reducing congestion on roadways and crowding on transit, and low-cost infrastructure - supporting more cycling is a strategy

¹ [Benchmarking The State Of Cycling in Metro Vancouver](#) (HUB Cycling)

² Strategic Goals Focus on Core Mandates (City of Coquitlam)

that makes sense. For these reasons we are happy to support the creation of well-executed cycling infrastructure along Guildford's dense concentration of civic facilities .

Yours sincerely,

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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, environment, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB Cycling's mission is to get more people cycling more often.

We have a Regional Advisory Committee, composed of board members at HUB Cycling, and we work in a coordinating role with 10 HUB Cycling Local Committees in Metro Vancouver, and on regional cycling issues.