



June 5, 2013

ATTN:

The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
 The Honourable Mary Polak, MLA-elect, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 Grant Main, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
 Mayor and Council, City of Vancouver

RE: Stanley Park Causeway - Cycling & Pedestrian Safety Improvements

The unfortunate death of a North Vancouver resident on the Stanley Park causeway on May 25th, 2013 comes as no surprise to those who regularly bike or walk between downtown Vancouver and the Lions Gate Bridge. HUB: Your Cycling Connection urges you to put short-term safety improvements in place immediately to prevent future tragedies like this. In the long term, the Stanley Park Causeway sidewalks should be widened to provide designated paths to separate cyclists from pedestrians and a safety barrier should be installed to protect people from falling into motor vehicle traffic.

We ask that the following measures be implemented immediately, as early as this summer. The measures will reduce the likelihood of serious injuries and death at a time when the numbers of people cycling between Vancouver and the North Shore is increasing. The upcoming closure of one sidewalk along the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Bridge for widening and fencing is expected to bring even more cyclists to Lions Gate Bridge and the Stanley Park Causeway. Here are some of the changes that HUB would like to see implemented:

- Improved cycling wayfinding signage between the bike routes in downtown Vancouver and the Lions Gate Bridge
- Improved pedestrian wayfinding signage and trail maps in Stanley Park
- Enforce the northbound Causeway traffic speed limit of 60km/h
- Reduce the southbound Causeway traffic speed limit to 50km/h
- Install cycling speed reader panels on the southbound sidewalk along the Causeway that warn cyclists to slow down when above 25km/h
- Allow and sign two-way bike traffic on the northern section of Pipeline Road in the park
- Turn one of the uphill northbound Park Drive lanes into a separated bike lane between the intersection with Pipeline Road and the exit to the Causeway (e.g. with concrete barriers or plastic posts)
- Replace the vehicle gate at the northbound Park Drive exit to the Causeway (just south of the bridge) with a design that allows easy and safe passage of all types of bikes and bike trailers

The following long-term (2014/2015) improvements would ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians traveling through Stanley Park:

- Build designated paths that separate cyclists from pedestrians along the Stanley Park Causeway
- Install a barrier or fencing that prevents people from falling into motorized traffic



- Designate/develop an alternate bike route through the park that is paved and well-lit, providing a convenient and safe connection between downtown Vancouver and Lions Gate Bridge

We are requesting a meeting between representatives from the Ministry of Transportation, the Parks Board and HUB to discuss these short-term and long-term improvements. Please contact us to set up a meeting at your earliest convenience by emailing Lisa Slakov and Heather Harvey at vancouver@bikehub.ca and Antje Wahl at northshore@bikehub.ca. We look forward to working with you to make cycling and walking safer in Vancouver and the North Shore.

Sincerely,

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