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**HUB Cycling and TransLink awarded *Planning Institute of BC's Award for Research & New Directions in Planning***

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VANCOUVER, B.C. – The Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members across British Columbia and Yukon through its awards and recognition program. **HUB Cycling's collaboration with TransLink to complete the *State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver regional bicycle route network mapping project* has been awarded Research and New Directions Silver award this year.**

Eastside Culture Crawl Society's comprehensive survey to inventory artist production spaces in the city's industrial areas was awarded the Gold Medal. Complete list of 2020 Awards Winners for Excellence in Planning and Individual Achievement is available at [pibc.bc.ca](http://pibc.bc.ca).

The ***State of Cycling*** project was the first collaborative project between HUB Cycling, the region's charitable transportation cycling organization, and TransLink, Metro Vancouver's transportation authority. Through the project HUB Cycling and TransLink, working closely with the region's 23 municipal governments and numerous volunteers, to assess and categorize the entire urban region's cycling network for safety, comfort and completeness. The project produced for the first time a fine-grained data set that is now available for cyclists and transportation planners from Bowen Island to Maple Ridge, and from the North Shore to Delta.

Key to project success was the challenging first stage of developing the region's first common framework for classifying the nature and comfort levels of different cycle route types. HUB Cycling and TransLink worked with municipalities to confirm the framework, then collected and assessed data from multiple sources, including many HUB Cycling volunteers. Data about each segment of the whole network was entered into a GIS database system, which is being made available to planners, researchers and others through an interactive dashboard.

With its Silver Award for *State of Cycling*, the PIBC recognized that the GIS data set will be the basis for new, more accurate cycling maps so people can ensure they select routes that work for their needs and confidence levels. It will be valuable to

municipalities, TransLink and the Province of BC to inform decisions about future cycling infrastructure investments. And it will be available for research into relationships between active transportation cycling and topics such as health, ridership, safety, and accessibility.

“Completing the State of Cycling project is an invaluable step in developing our regional cycling network toward being welcoming to people of all ages and abilities” said Jeff Leigh, HUB Cycling’s Vice President.

HUB Cycling President Derik Wenman congratulated TransLink and all the region’s municipal governments for their collaboration with HUB Cycling, noting that “The State of Cycling project’s success hinged on us all working together”

### **About HUB Cycling:**

HUB Cycling’s mission is to get more people cycling more often. We make cycling better through education, action and events. More cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities. We’re leading the way in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone. Learn more at [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca)

### **About TransLink:**

TransLink is Metro Vancouver's regional transportation authority, and is the first North American transportation authority to be responsible for the planning, financing and managing of all public transit in addition to major regional roads and bridges. Learn more at [translink.ca](http://translink.ca)

### **About PIBC:**

The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is the professional association of planners in British Columbia and the Yukon and has been dedicated to the advancement of the planning profession for more than 60 years. Learn more at [pibc.bc.ca](http://pibc.bc.ca)

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