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Via email to: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Claire Trevena Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Trevena:

Re Incorporation of active transportation corridors and greenway plans into all current and future highway projects

At a recent meeting of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) Board, the Board adopted a resolution requesting that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure incorporate active transportation corridors and greenway plans into all current and future highway projects.

We understand that the Ministry plans its capital and road projects many years in advance and that there are many facets, including significant cost considerations, to each and every highway capital project and improvement. The CSRD Board believes that if the Ministry considers actively planning for the inclusion of active transportation corridors and greenway plans for all highways capital projects, it would greatly benefit pedestrians, recreationalists and motorists with enhanced safety for all. Furthermore, for many communities the highway serves as a "main street" - an entrance to and through a community – and it is necessary that there be consideration for corridors that can be used for non-motorized forms of transportation or recreation, e.g. biking, walking. Thus, the importance of appropriate highway designs to allow for the safe movement of these non-motorized forms of transportation such as bike lanes across bridges, sufficient road rights-of-way and the delineation of paved shoulders, sidewalks, etc..

Your consideration of the above request and in sharing this letter with Ministry staff involved in highways planning projects would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Per:

Rhona Martin, Chair

cc: R. Cyr, Economic Development Officer/Shuswap Tourism, CSRD