

November 6, 2018

Hon. Richard Mostyn, Minister of Highways and Public Works  
Yukon Legislative Assembly  
Box 2073  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
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Dear Minister Mostyn:

**Re: Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition Request for Stakeholder Engagement on Alaska Highway Projects**

In 2015 the Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition (WUCC) provided written stakeholder input on the Alaska Highway Corridor Project<sup>1</sup>. In 2018 the City of Whitehorse developed and adopted the Bicycle Network Plan<sup>2</sup> which is a long-range planning document for the development of a fully connected, accessible, contemporary cycling network within the City. The intent of the Plan is that components of the cycle network will be build incrementally as roadways are rebuilt; this includes the Alaska Highway through the City of Whitehorse.

We have observed that Yukon Government has been incrementally rebuilding portions of the Alaska Highway through Whitehorse over the past few years. We understand that the intent of the Bicycle Network Plan is that it does apply to Alaska Highway portions of the cycling network and those elements would be incorporated into HPW projects within the City.

The Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition is requesting that Highways and Public Works engage with WUCC in all stages of Alaska Highway redevelopment from early planning through detailed design. As vulnerable road users, the cycling community can bring unique expertise on the needs of cyclists and state-of-the-art cycling infrastructure design. Early and frequent engagement with the cycling community will maximize the value of your transportation investments, help reduce missed opportunities, and improve road safety for *all* road users<sup>3</sup>.

We look forward to being your partner in building a sustainable, equitable community for all Alaska Highway users.

-Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition

CC: Mayor and Council, City of Whitehorse;  
Jamie Pitfield, Deputy Minister of Highways and Public Works

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<sup>1</sup> <https://wucc.ca/input/alaska-highway-project>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehorse.ca/departments/planning-sustainability-services/transportation/cycle/bicycle-network-plan>

<sup>3</sup> Blue, E., 2013: Bikenomics, how bicycling can save the economy. Chapter 8 Rethinking safety, p. 96. Microcosm, Publishing, Portland OR.