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Her Worship
Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Reference: 261394

Dear Mayor Helps:

Re: Bike Right Provincial Youth Cycling Framework

Thank you for sharing your letter of October 7, 2016, addressed to Premier Christy Clark, regarding the ministry's BikeBC program and your support for the Bike Right Provincial Youth Cycling Framework.

The ministry is committed to encouraging active lifestyles, and I am pleased that the ministry's BikeBC funding is helping the City of Victoria to provide safer cycling opportunities for residents. BikeBC places a preference on funding high quality, separated facilities, as we have seen that these attract the most users. The new protected cycling corridors in Victoria will no doubt be a welcome addition to the cycling network.

Investing in cycling infrastructure is a key priority in B.C. on the Move, our 10-year transportation plan. Last year, the Province announced that it would double BikeBC funding for three years to \$18 million, and this year, we increased that amount by an additional \$2 million. Through partnerships with local communities, this cost-sharing program will result in over \$40 million in cycling infrastructure. Since 2001, over \$160 million in BikeBC cost-shared funds have been provided for cycling infrastructure projects throughout the province, and we will continue to help municipalities expand their cycling networks through this program.

B.C. on the Move also calls for:

- the widening of shoulders and safety improvements on provincial highways in areas with high volumes of cyclists;
- a doubling of the frequency of sweeping on main cycling corridors; and,
- a Cycling Tourism Signage and Marketing Strategy to promote B.C.'s beautiful cycling routes.

Should you wish to do so, you can view B.C. on the Move at
<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/transportationplan/>

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The ministry also supports the promotion of cycling through our contributions to the Bike to Work campaign. We provided the Bike to Work BC Society with \$140,000 to support this worthwhile initiative in 2016, matching the amount we provided for the 2015 campaign. This funding allows the Society to offer their cycling encouragement campaign in communities throughout the province. The Bike to Work Society also provides cycling education courses in some communities.

The ministry has received the Bike Right coalition's information about their plans for a youth cycling education framework. Ministry staff have already been in touch with the coalition and will remain in contact to look at opportunities to provide cycling education.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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Minister

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