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Cc: Claire Trevena; Janet Routledge; HUB Cycling (Metro Vancouver); British Columbia Cycling Coalition
Subject: improved bicycle safety law reform

Dear Mayor Corrigan and Councillors

I live at 1106-2060 Bellwood Avenue, Burnaby V5B 4V2

Burnaby is a great city for bicycling; however, reform and update of laws relating to bicycling in the province and the city is essential to encourage more people to take up cycling as a mode of transport.

As a regular cyclist on the streets and trails of Burnaby I have encountered problems that with interaction with autos that needs attention. Usually when I am riding on a street in Burnaby cars respect space around me when overtaking--frequently cars overtake with miniscule allowance between the car and the handlebars. A minimum passing distance of 1.5 m. is essential for safety. Also, the clause that requires bicycles to ride as near as possible to the right is dangerous. As a part of this protection, legal enforced definitions of bicycle lanes is essential. An example of this problem that I have encountered is a motorized vehicle making a right turn frequently merges into the bike lane without checking to see if a bike is in the lane.

I trust that the city within its jurisdiction will do all it can to make biking safe and attractive, as well, In consultations with provincial and federal agencies keeping bicycle safety as an important transport goal will be given high priority.

The name of transit legislation should be changed from MOTOR VEHICLE ACT to a more inclusive title

Sincerely,

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Referred to:
Public Safety Committee meeting (2018.05.15)

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