

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing on behalf of the BC Alliance for Healthy Living (BCAHL) to express our support for the Connect the Coast initiative. We believe that the establishment of safe and efficient cycling and pedestrian paths is essential for fostering a healthier, more connected, and sustainable future.

BCAHL is a group of health and wellness non-profits and professional associations that work together to improve the health of British Columbians. Together, we advocate for and promote policies and programs that support healthy living to prevent chronic disease across BC.

Part of the work we do is promoting and supporting active transportation across the province as it has a range of positive effects: it increases physical activity, improves mental health, reduces traffic congestion and air pollution, and promotes social connection in our communities.

Increasing the safety and practicality of walking, cycling, scootering and rolling will promote independence for all ages, giving community members who may not have vehicles other options to access services and amenities. Encouraging active transportation can only benefit community members.

We support the recommendations outlined in the Connect the Coast - Preliminary Design Report. This report presents recommendations for safe and efficient active transportation infrastructure along 25 corridor segments of Highway 101 between Langdale and Sechelt. We also endorse the next steps of conducting feasibility and planning studies for the priority segments identified in the Preliminary Design Report.

We encourage all stakeholders to actively participate in and provide their support to this endeavour and look forward to witnessing the positive impact the Connect the Coast initiative will have on the Sunshine Coast.

Yours truly,



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