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Attention: Mayor and Council,
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave.,
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May 4th, 2009

Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors:

Re: Burrard Bridge Sidewalk Capacity Lane Re-allocation Trial

On behalf of the membership of Heritage Vancouver, I am writing to express our support for the preservation of the landmark Burrard Bridge, and the exploration of alternatives that do not impact the integrity of the Bridge. We are very relieved to see that the "outriggers" which would have widened the sidewalks are no longer being considered. We have followed the proposed changes to the Burrard Bridge since the early 1990s, and participated as a stakeholder in the False Creek Crossings Study. Throughout this time, we have consistently supported all proposals that maintain the heritage character of this landmark structure.

The Burrard Bridge is one of the most historic structures in Vancouver. Opened on July 1, 1932, it symbolized the amalgamation of the City and was a direct result of the Bartholomew Plan. As well as its historical importance, it is a gracious gateway to False Creek and Downtown that has been celebrated by many artists as an enduring symbol of Vancouver.

We support your bold initiative to proceed with the Lane Re-allocation Trial as the next step in determining how best to manage pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular traffic while maintaining the heritage character of this landmark Art Deco bridge. **Our preferred option is Option A.1**, a trial re-allocation of the two curb lanes to provide northbound and southbound bicycle lanes, that respects the symmetrical nature of the bridge while facilitating the flow of all traffic.

We strongly support restoration initiatives, such as improved lighting and the repair of the concrete railings that will extend the life and enhance the beauty of this historic landmark.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Luxton".

Donald Luxton, President
Heritage Vancouver

CC Brent Toderian, Director, Central Area Planning
Marco D'Agostini, Senior Heritage Planner