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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing a news release on March 10 regarding the impact of the pandemic on transportation trends in 2020.

A few key points include:

- The pandemic has had a significant impact on the daily travel routines of Vancouver residents based on data collected by the City of Vancouver's Transportation Division.
- Notably, motor vehicle volumes dropped to their lowest levels in the first week of April 2020 to 50%-60% of their typical, pre-pandemic levels. They have gradually recovered to 85%-90% of pre-pandemic levels.
- Overall motor vehicle and cycling travel volumes still remain lower than before the pandemic, and meanwhile cycling on our recreational routes continues to be on the rise. At the same time, the City has seen improved road safety, including a 55% decrease in traffic-related Emergency Room visits and a 39% decrease in fatalities over previous years.
- The news release highlights that Council directed staff in the spring of 2020 to reallocate road space to support businesses and create places for people to gather and to walk, roll and bike. This gave people more space for recreational walking, running, rolling, and cycling, which was enabled in part by lower vehicle demand.

Best,  
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