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From: Royal Oak Community Association [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Clerksec
Cc: Royal Oak Community Association; Royal Oak Community Association
Subject: (External Email) 2025.02.10 - C/W Agenda Item C.1. - New Transportation Capital Funding
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Dear Council:

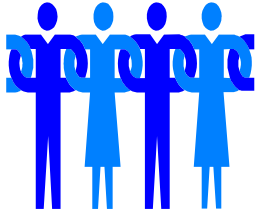
Please find our letter attached for your consideration.

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Roger Graham | President
[Royal Oak Community Association](#)

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February 10, 2025

Saanich Council

Via: Council@saanich.ca

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting
Agenda Item: C.1. – New Transportation Capital Funding

The Royal Oak Community Association Executive have reviewed the documentation for this agenda item. We support the item being sent to the up-coming “Budget Deliberations”.

With respect to the “Class D” Active Transportation Projects, item ATP #26 “Viewmont Avenue – Bike lanes and neighbourhood bikeway connection on Viewmont between Royal Oak Drive and Mann Avenue” we do not support this item being included for the following reasons:

1. The implementation of the Mann Avenue portion (item APT #27) in the Fall of 2024 highlighted two flaws in the ATP. One, an erroneous assumption that the users wanted it and would use it. Two, the lack of communication to the homeowners caused an outpouring of opposition and negative publicity.
2. The 4500-block of Viewmont Avenue is designated within the “Transit Oriented Development Area”. However, there has been insignificant interest from the homeowners to transition the block to this high density as foreseen by the province and it remains primarily a single family home area with a continuing need for on-street parking. As a dead-end street to vehicular traffic, the street can readily accommodate both bicycle and vehicular traffic without the need for a dedicated bike lane.
3. The portion of Viewmont Avenue from West Saanich Road to Mann Avenue (i.e Brydon Park) is narrow and is subject to considerable traffic along it primarily to and from Royal Oak Shopping mall, especially between Greenlea and West Saanich Road. A bike lane in this portion of Viewmont to the extent that it would be supported by the community, might be justifiable. Design considerations would be of the utmost importance along this roadway.

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4. At the very least, ROCA would encourage the District of Saanich to engage in direct consultation with the residents of Viewmont Avenue and not just simply proceed as a pre-approved capital project that has all the potential to give rise to considerable public opposition just as the Mann Avenue bike lane project did in 2024. An open mind to listen to the community and adjust this proposed project accordingly would be a positive move on the part of Saanich to consider. Why build something that may have limited need and support from the community.
5. The \$3,515,000 or portion thereof that is not used for this project could therefore be put towards the \$16 million gap in new funding the Engineering department is requesting, thus reducing the need to borrow or tax the remaining portion.

Should the CAO's recommendation be approved to forward these documents to budget deliberations, ROCA sincerely hopes that Council will give our comments due consideration.

Yours truly,



Roger Graham
President

Preet Chaggar

From: ester strijbos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:57 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) ATP

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To Saanich council

It was brought to my attention that there is a report in front of you regarding options to accelerate the Active Transportation Plan or to extended target timeline of the Active Transportation Plan.

Please accelerate the ATP. We have been waiting so long already to be able to safely get from A to B in a timely manner without a vehicle. The more connection bike lanes and rapid/connecting transit we have the better. You are on the right track and I realize lots of people complain about parking/traffic jams but we must continue to build transportation options to move more people of all generations safer/faster and get away from single vehicle use. For ourselves and the planet.

Kind Regards
Ester Strijbos

Preet Chaggar

From: Pam Harrison [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Mayor Dean Murdock; Council
Cc: Councillor Judy Brownoff; Mena Westhaver; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Colin Plant; Karen Harper; Nathalie Chambers; Susan Brice; Zac De Vries
Subject: (External Email) Public Input COW Feb. 10, 2025 C.1 New Transportation Capital Funding

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Re: "New Transportation Capital Funding" Report, Saanich Council 10 Feb 2025

Dear Mayor and Council

This report, rather than proposing options for even modest acceleration of the Active Transportation Plan, makes the case for further delays. This, while on the surface understandable due to increased construction costs, is disappointing for all those who would believe it is important to not push the achievement of safe connected cycling opportunities within Saanich further into the future.

Saanich's ATP outlines a robust plan for these improvements; please make the ATP a budget priority. At the very least an increase in funding to cover inflationary costs should be implemented.

There is much information missing in the current report, for example in order to understand how some of the seemingly very high project costs have been arrived at. That information is necessary for the public to evaluate more realistic options for how some ATP projects can move forward. It may be wise to defer further decision making until that information is available.

Without continuing timely cycling network improvements, further densification is not going to have the desired result of getting people out of cars. When people don't feel safe they do not cycle. When they feel safe they are more likely to cycle when they can. In times of fiscal stress and restraint the choices become even harder, but waiting even longer for what could be small effective improvements is not supportable.

Finally, Livable Roads for Rural Saanich respectfully requests serious funding for Rural AT projects that can be addressed each year on narrow roads which have no capacity for traditional cycling or pedestrian (or equestrian) infrastructure. They are therefore often not included in AT Projects. Speed reductions, while welcome and essential, are, without traffic calming supports, insufficient to create the desired level of safety for VRUs on such roads. The small population in rural areas may necessitate proportionately smaller expenditures, but a method of incrementally and quickly improving the situation on these roads is a reasonable thing to request.

Moreover, the usage of Rural Saanich roads is by no means confined to residents outside the Urban Containment Boundary; especially in the summer large numbers of urban Saanich cyclists make use of

these roads and thus expose themselves to dangerous situations in the absence of road safety improvements. Cycle commuting through Rural Saanich should be encouraged.

The two rural projects listed in Appendix D (#s 1 Wallace and 2 Bookleigh) are absent the detail needed to understand what will be done. The Wallace description implies only pedestrian improvements near West Saanich, but nothing further north on a very narrow residential stretch of Wallace. We are very pleased Wallace is being considered but it is still impossible to know what will be done and when. We understand more will be revealed in the spring. On Brookleigh the improvements are welcome, but we note these have been promised for a very long time.

Sincerely

Pam Harrison Rural Saanich Resident, and
LRRS

Preet Chaggar

From: Elizabeth Borek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:36 AM
To: Mayor Dean Murdock; Council
Subject: (External Email) Agenda Item: New Transportation Capital Funding, Feb. 10 Council Meeting

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Mayor & Councillors

Given the total 2024 Saanich budget for all services was on the order of \$520 million, \$252 million is a very significant expenditure for one service only and warrants both:

1. special public meetings to notify the public on the content of the plan,
2. special public meetings to receive feedback from the public, and
3. a referendum if the cost is not reduced dramatically.

The Active Transportation Plan as currently structured is outrageously expensive in a time of great and increasing uncertainty.

Can you please send this plan back to staff to restructure the plan to include only what is absolutely necessary **at this time**.

Saanich needs to live within the budget, just as we taxpayers do.

It is an ongoing irritation to many taxpayers that our money was spent building bike lanes that are currently rarely used. Maybe they will be frequently used in 10, 20 or 50 years. If so, we can build them in 10 or 40 years. I support biking because it is a win, win activity, beneficial for both the environment and our health. However I think Saanich needs a reality check on current usage and demand. There are likely many more analogous services in the Active Transportation Plan which can be eliminated from the budget without causing a decline in current service, and which will reduce the cost significantly.

I am asking Saanich to respect the taxpayers and live within the budget, including the Active Transportation Plan.

Elizabeth Borek
Saanich

Preet Chaggar

From: Douglas Baer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:08 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Submission re Item C.1, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Monday Feb. 10
Attachments: CapitalBikeCouncilSubmissionFeb10,2025.pdf

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

The submission of Capital Bike's Saanich Local Committee to Council regarding item C.1, "New Transportation Capital Funding" is attached.
I wish to speak at the meeting in person on behalf of Capital Bike's Saanich Local Committee.



Capital Bike

Douglas Baer
Secretary & Advocacy Co-Chair



Brief to : Saanich Municipal Council

Re: “New Transportation Capital Funding” Report, Saanich Council 10 Feb 2025

From: Capital Bike, Saanich Local Committee

We understand, the New Transportation Capital Funding report advises Council that, unless Council provides additional funding in the form of inflationary adjustments (or, optionally, more than this), the time lines for the completion of the short- and medium-term cycling infrastructure projects identified in the 2023 Active Transportation Plan update will need to be moved so as to target completion of all such projects five years later than anticipated in the 2023 update.

Costs are Not Clear

In review, it is not clear why some projects identified in Appendix D are “explosively expensive”, especially when the 2023 ATP identifies these as “low complexity” projects.

The Centre for Active Transportation’s “Costing of Bicycle Infrastructure and Programs in Canada” references the cost of cycling protected lane infrastructure as costing between \$500k and \$3million per km , depending on the complexity of the project (e.g., Pandora Ave in Victoria was \$2.8m/km and was medium-high complexity).

Even with inflationary increases considered, if is hard to understand a cost estimate of \$17 million for 0.7km (\$24.3m/km) for infrastructure along Cordova Bay Road [Appendix D, project #8] which is listed in the 2023 Active Transportation Plan update as “low” complexity. To put this number in perspective, we understand the entire Ministry of Transportation and Transit cycling and pedestrian bridge project at Tillicum had a 2024 cost estimate of around \$25 million.

Explosive costs that exceed \$2 or \$3m/km deserve a review to assess how much of the cost is attributable to cycling infrastructure vs other public works.

Lower Cost Alternatives

We believe lower cost alternatives need to be explored in areas where costs massively exceed \$2-3 million/km. Substitutions may not be possible in all cases, but we think that a thorough examination of options is in order. It may well be the case that “Cadillac” construction is the only viable option along Quadra street to continue to accommodate 2 lanes of traffic in each direction and thus the cost of \$9 million/km is less unreasonable than we believe, but Saanich should at

least explore other, less costly options for portions of this road, where, it has lower traffic loads (e.g., Royal Oak Drive) .

Cycling Infrastructure has already been cut back substantially; with goals to densify, now is not the time to cut it even more

We recognize that construction costs for infrastructure have gone up quite a bit in the last decade, and that plans made in 2018 may no longer be achievable without major increases in funding with taxation consequences.

The 2023 Active Transportation Plan responded to rising construction costs in a number of ways. Among other things, it redefined “short-term priority” projects from 5 years to 7 years. It also pushed back the timeline for “medium-term priority” projects.

More importantly, the most important and expensive medium-term projects in the 2018 Plan, including but not limited to the entire length of Quadra Street, were pushed back from a completion date of 2033 to 2040. To be sure, there were some additions in the 2023 update, but these in no way balance out the deferrals.

Our argument is that cycling infrastructure has already taken a substantial “hit” which has resulted in slower progress towards the ultimate achievement of the Long-Term network envisaged in both the 2018 Plan and the 2023 update. The question is whether Saanich wishes to impose additional cutbacks. We would argue that such an action, implicit in a “do nothing” stance if inflationary adjustment is not provided, flies in the face of the District of Saanich’s climate and sustainability goals.

Funding the Road Safety Action Plan

Saanich Council recently approved a Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) designed to make the roads safer for its citizens. Some of the elements of this plan will make intersections safer for cyclists, while other actions, only alluded to but not identified explicitly (e.g., cycle markings at crosswalks and cycle buttons for lights) would also improve cyclist safety. We note on Figure 5 of the Report that there is an RSAP funding strategy that extends for 10 years. We endorse this funding strategy and hope that council will, if it has not already done so, approve such funding.

When Budgets are Tight and Resources are Limited, Consultation is Vital

A complaint raised consistently from cyclists is that we have disconnected infrastructure that fail to form a coherent network. We can easily respond that connections are forthcoming, but it is more difficult when it might be years or decades before this happens.

Capital Bike hopes to meet with Saanich Engineering to review, understand and discuss the projects listed in Schedule D, and help Saanich Engineering identify which projects would best serve the cycling community. We may recommend that Saanich redirect its efforts away from short-term priority projects with poor connections. With open dialogue, we can also help explain to the cycling community why Saanich has chosen the paths it is pursuing.

While we are not asking for any particular action on the part of Council at this time, we would hope that Council would be receptive to the idea of enhanced communication between the cycling community and Saanich staff. We seek to provide a bridge to the cycling community so that it may better understand the constraints under which Saanich operates and so that concerns can be more readily be brought to the municipality for collective problem-solving.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Baer
Co-Chair, Capital Bike Advocacy Committee
Chair, Capital Bike Saanich Local Committee

Preet Chaggar

From: Erik E. Beerepoot [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 8:58 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Support for Accelerating the Active Transportation Plan

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Dear Mayor and Council,

It has come to my attention that you will be receiving a report from the Director of Engineering on accelerating the Active Transportation Plan at tonight's council meeting. I strongly urge you to prioritize and expedite this plan to ensure a safer, more accessible, and connected active transportation network in Saanich.

As I mentioned in my previous correspondence, I recently purchased a cargo bike ("bakfiets" style) and have ridden nearly 700 km over the past several weeks—despite winter conditions. I've used it for trips to grocery stores (Root Cellar, Red Barn, Thrifty Foods, and even Home Depot. Many of these businesses are located in areas Saanich has identified for densification, highlighting the need for robust active transportation infrastructure.

First, I want to commend the improvements on Shelbourne and Mackenzie. While there is still work to be done—such as ensuring better snow clearance and keeping recycling and garbage bins out of bike lanes—Shelbourne, in particular, is a joy to ride. The physical curbs, as opposed to bollards, create a true feeling of separation and safety, which Mackenzie currently lacks. On Mackenzie, I often feel that a single driver mistake could send a vehicle through the bollards and into my path. That said, even with its shortcomings, it is still a vast improvement over a painted bike lane.

Much work remains, however, before active transportation becomes a viable choice for more residents—especially less confident cyclists. The network must be fully connected, and winter maintenance must be prioritized. For example, the Lochside Trail, which serves as the only north-south connector east of Highway 17, was completely unrideable on my cargo bike this past weekend due to snow. With my three-year-old in tow, I had no choice but to ride on Blenkinsop, where high traffic speeds significantly increase the risk of a serious collision.

Without accelerated action, the target completion date for Saanich's active transportation network will remain a distant goal rather than a reality. Victoria has demonstrated that rapid progress is possible—Saanich should follow suit.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to act decisively to make active transportation safe and accessible for all residents.

Erik E. Beerepoot
[REDACTED]
Oldfield Rd

Preet Chaggar

From: David Schwab [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 7:55 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) ATP Funding

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Hello Saanich Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my support for increased funding for the building of active transportation infrastructure.

Why do we need to do this? I think you all know why already. Cycling stands to be a silver bullet when it comes to reducing transportation related carbon emissions. Walking and transit are the most accessible forms of transportation. Cars are loud, kill people, and are major sources of pollution. When I see the river of cars making their way down Blanshard into downtown every morning, it makes me want to cry. My diagnosed anxiety and depression are exacerbated by the fact that we're in a climate emergency and most people still choose to drive for most of their journeys.

I want to address funding here. Though cycling infrastructure is "expensive", it is less expensive than infrastructure for cars. Saanich may be spending a lot on cycling infrastructure right now, but that is only because we are playing catch up while having to maintain all the roads that have been built over the last 70 years to support the spread out, car dependent development that the district of Saanich is saddled with. I feel frankly insulted that car drivers continue to beat the drum of financial responsibility while attempting to drive us further down the road of financially wasteful car dependence.

Building out adequate ATP infrastructure may be expensive in the short term, but will save the district money in the long term should we see the mode shift we are pushing for. In addition to this, the longer we kick this can down the road, the more expensive it will get thanks to the unending march of inflation. It's imperative that we build as fast as we can in order to minimize the total cost and start to see the mode shift that will save us money in the long term.

I would also like to say that I am willing to pay more property tax to see this happen. I would be more than happy to see my property tax payments increase by 10% if it meant seeing this infrastructure built out in a timely manner. The other option for me is moving to a city that has its priorities straight, which is much more expensive but I think about it often.

Thanks for your time,

David Schwab
[REDACTED] Quadra St

Preet Chaggar

From: Justin Steinburg [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:10 PM
To: Council; QMS
Subject: (External Email) Support for McKenzie Bus Lanes

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the implementation of dedicated bus lanes along McKenzie. As someone who deeply cares about addressing the climate crisis, I believe this is a critical step toward creating a more sustainable, efficient, clean, healthy, and equitable community.

Currently, buses carry more than half of rush hour traffic along McKenzie, yet they lack dedicated space. This not only slows down transit users but also undermines the potential of public transportation to reduce congestion and emissions. By reallocating road space to bus lanes, we can significantly increase road capacity—one well-designed bus lane can move as many people as five lanes of cars. Remarkably, studies show that travel times for cars and trucks often remain the same, and in some cases, even improve. Without bus lanes, congestion will only worsen, making life harder for everyone.

The evidence is clear: bus lanes lead to "traffic evaporation," benefiting all road users, including those who continue to drive. This aligns with both provincial and local climate goals. CleanBC, the provincial climate plan, aims to reduce vehicle kilometers traveled by 25% by 2030. As a municipality, Saanich has an obligation to consider these targets and take proactive steps to meet them.

I would personally be more inclined to ride the bus if service were improved, and I know many others in our community feel the same. While I live in Victoria, I am frequently in Saanich, and if myself and others bus into Saanich rather than drive, this will greatly reduce congestion, pollution, noise, and infrastructure costs. Reduced car usage also opens up more public space for uses that bring joy rather than more parking and roads.

By taking bold action now, Saanich can demonstrate its commitment to a greener, healthier future. Please ignore the loud voices in the room. As you know public consultation is not representative of the public. Consider also, the children and future generations that will benefit from safer, cleaner, more affordable, more accessible infrastructure / modes of transportation.

Thank you!
Justin

Preet Chaggar

From: Peter Spindloe [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) In response to Item 1.C.1 of the February 10 COTW meeting ("NEW TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL FUNDING").

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Saanich Mayor and Council,

Saanich has made some real, but painstakingly slow progress on improving active transportation infrastructure. But it's so slow, and future plans are so unambitious, that it's deeply disappointing to see the possibility of it being deprioritized further. The staff report suggests that current short and medium term projects scheduled for completion by 2040, already incredibly unambitious, could move to 2044 due to inflationary pressures. Twenty years to implement only part of a weak plan is deeply disappointing. Continuing to preserve the car-dependent status quo goes against virtually every other target and objective listed by Saanich, and many listed by the Province. Objectives around VKT, emissions, equity, loneliness, quality of life, and health aren't met by aspirational statements or reports, or wishing people would behave differently, they are only met by changes on the ground.

The report lists some options to mitigate the impact of inflationary pressures, but then seems to dismiss them. It mentions bundling active transportation changes with other infrastructure work. A good idea of course, but one that doesn't seem to make it into many actual plans. The pipe replacement work on Tattersall Drive, for example, does not include any improvements to the dangerous conditions along that stretch for anyone outside of a motor vehicle, despite this stretch being listed in the AT plan. The report mentions that parking fees are a possibility but then downplays them, mentioning that Saanich doesn't have the density that leads demand for parking, yet in parallel it appears that plans to create that density (the QMS) are being scaled back due groups of people imagining that the we still live in 1950. Saanich does have recreation centres that have high parking demand, yet there's no charge for parking. Paying to exercise but parking for free is a poor message to send.

The most important measure that the report mentions is reallocating road space, something that Saanich has done in some cases. The report largely discounts this option, mainly because it creates resistance. This is where council needs to be bold: courage should come from council, not from kids trying to walk or bike to school, or any of the people opting to make Saanich a better place by leaving their cars at home for some of their daily trips. Vast amounts of space has been historically been allocated to motor vehicles creating high levels of driver entitlement leading to resistance to any attempt to change that even by a few percentage points. Nevertheless, that's what needs to happen to meet even the most unambitious mode share and other targets. One of the reasons for the very high costs listed for each active transportation project is that they are being squeezed into places where motor vehicle infrastructure has already been given all of the space. Trying to avoid inconveniencing drivers is a primary cause of high costs which are then being used in this report as an argument to slow down progress. The mobility pyramid, for example, shows the way: it says to prioritize active modes, but so far, in practice, personal vehicles continue to be prioritized. This follows a familiar pattern: various reports and aspirational documents show that Saanich knows what needs to be done, but when it comes time to act we don't see the organization, led by the mayor and council, having the courage of its convictions.

Please do everything in your power to accelerate rather than slow down progress on active transportation infrastructure, and recognize that doing so is not a matter of just having to throw more money at it as this report seems to suggest.

Thank you,
Peter Spindloe
Saanich

Preet Chaggar

From: Erica Camfferman <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:29 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) The time for bike lanes is now

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dead Members of the Saanich City Council,

My name is Erica and I reside in Esquimalt but bike regularly to Saanich to visit family, do errands, shop, and work. Our family of 5 has been car-free for the last few years primarily due to financial reasons, but also due to environmental concerns, mental/physical health and the pure joy of cycling.

As our population grows in density and the realities of climate change are becoming more evident, I feel strongly that it is important to prioritize improvements to bike infrastructure. Roads are a shared space that should be built for everyone to use, from young to old, from poor to rich, and from slow to fast. There are many gaps in the current cycling network that make cycling unsafe and uncomfortable for all but the most seasoned cyclists.

I am writing today to ask you to keep the Activity Transportation Plan as a key priority and to adequately fund it so that it can be built now. A proactive, forward-thinking plan, aimed towards a better future will better meet the needs of Saanich residents and those of us in surrounding municipalities.

Sincerely,

Erica

Erica Camfferman

[Redacted Signature]

█ Heald Avenue
Esquimalt, British Columbia █

Preet Chaggar

From: Janet Lynch [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:23 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please do no slow bike lane construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

My spouse cycles to work daily, and to athletic and social events on weekends. I cycle to the gym, appointments, shopping, socialising, and just for exercise. The lack of a safe cycling route or a safe place to secure my bike often determines when I drive. I prefer to cycle on bike paths but, as a woman, cycling in the dark on Lochside Trail (especially between Saanich Rd and Royal Oak) after the commuters have arrived home does not feel safe to me so I need safe road options to enable me to ride when I want. (Please don't repeat the Cook St design south of Quadra as cars and trucks are often parked on the bike lane.)

Slowing the vehicular speed limit is a great start but without enforcement it has limited value. I can achieve 40 kph going downhill on Saanich Rd south of McKenzie and regularly have cars and trucks pass me quickly. Can you estimate the speed they must be going to achieve this?

Until a bike-friendly solution can be found for Quadra between Panorama and Chatterton Way, please add the flashing overhead signal that the light will change by the time cars reach the intersection to reduce the number of drivers who see a green light at the top of the hill and accelerate hoping to make it through the the intersection before the light is actually red, threatening northbound cyclists on Quadra (and drivers wanting to exit the driveways). This is especially scary in wet or icy weather. It would reduce the number of near misses and actual collisions between drivers at that intersection.

Thank you.

Janet Lynch
[REDACTED]

██████ Quadra Street
Victoria, British Columbia ██████

Preet Chaggar

From: Kirsten Mathison <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Keep growing bike lanes!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi Saanich Council,



I am writing to implore you to continue building and expanding the bike lane network in Saanich. I started biking 10 years ago when I lived just off McKenzie and had to get to school each day. The bus schedule was not compatible with my classes/lifestyle, and biking was the only option I had to get around. Biking opened my world and transformed my relationship to the city, giving me a sense of independence and freedom to be able to get around in a way that was affordable and supported a healthy lifestyle. However, I still shudder to remember how it felt to get to school on McKenzie with busses and large trucks zipping past me - it often felt death defying.

I was so excited to see the bike infrastructure improved on McKenzie! Wow!

I hope the Saanich council continues to exhibit leadership by funding its active transportation plan and building more bike lanes. Bike lanes are a sustainable way for communities to meet climate goals; promote health and well-being; and nurture stronger community connections. Not everyone can or does drive, and it is critical for communities to create systems where everyone can get around safely - bike lanes are an integral part of that picture.

Thank you for your time,
Kirsten Mathison

Kirsten Mathison


 Basil Ave
Victoria, British Columbia 

Preet Chaggar

From: Linda Ginenthal <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 9:23 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Keep it going!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I'm not a very frequent bicycle rider but when I do, I love my Victoria bikeways. Saanich has some great facilities too but it can be frustrating (and a bit scary) to not have safe places to ride to get to shops and parks there.

I'm writing to urge you to not slow down! Building out the bike network. We have made progress but bike infrastructure saves lives and health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Linda Ginenthal

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Collinson Street

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Patrick Schreck <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 8:31 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Keep Saanich Moving: Fund the Active Transportation Plan

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I am writing to urge you to prioritize funding for Saanich's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and to ensure its timely completion. The ATP is a critical investment in our community's future, supporting safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation options for all residents.

Saanich has made important progress in active transportation, but the recently released report from Saanich Engineering highlights increasing infrastructure costs and the risk of further delays unless Council approves funding adjustments to account for inflation. The revised timing now suggests that without additional funding, the ATP will be delayed by another five years, pushing key bike infrastructure projects even further into the future. Additionally, essential cycling connections that would create a truly functional network will not begin until after 2040. This is unacceptable.

Delays in building active transportation infrastructure will have real consequences. Without a complete and connected network, cycling and walking remain unsafe and impractical for many. Expensive infrastructure risks being under-utilized if it does not link effectively, undermining public confidence in these investments. Meanwhile, our community continues to densify, making safe and efficient active transportation more essential than ever.

Saanich has an opportunity to continue its leadership in sustainable urban planning by fully funding the ATP. The climate crisis demands urgent action, and investing in active transportation is a cost-effective and impactful way to reduce emissions while making our streets safer for everyone.

I urge you to make the ATP a budget priority and accelerate its implementation. Let's build bike lanes faster, not slower. Please ensure that Saanich remains committed to a livable, connected, and sustainable future.

Sincerely,
Patrick Schreck

Patrick Schreck

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pemberton Road

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: blake crouch <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:41 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please do not Slow Bike Lane Construction

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hello

Please do not slow down active transportation projects in Saanich, the surrounding municipalities are building out there active transportation networks it's essential Saanich keeps developing and expanding their active transportation network.

Leadership: Saanich needs to continue its leadership by funding and implementing the active transportation plan.

Climate: The climate emergency that we all recognize is not going away. Wildfires in BC and California underline why Council's steady leadership and investment in modern infrastructure is needed.

Community Support: There is community support for climate action and improvements for safe and comfortable walking, biking and transit. Not everyone can drive!

Density: Given Saanich is densifying, Active Transportation investments are necessary and a good way to support new households and affordability.

Thank you

Blake Crouch

blake crouch



■ Luscombe Place

Victoria, British Columbia ■

Preet Chaggar

From: Ian Crawford <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:37 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bicycle support

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi. I am [redacted] years old and bike year round. Since changing to an electric bicycle I have reduced motor vehicle use by 80% in Victoria greater area. Thank you for making it safer for travel by separate bicycle lanes. Please continue with these expenses.

I live next to the Lockside trail an have noticed profound increase in traffic over the past 25 years, also noting that the trail surface has not needed replacing, unlike roads used by motor vehicles

Thanks for expanding the use of lanes and trails in the future.

Ian Crawford [redacted] Darwin Ave. [redacted]

Ian Crawford

[redacted]

[redacted] Darwin Avenue

Victoria, British Columbia [redacted]

Preet Chaggar

From: David Sudbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:36 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) The speed of bike lane construction in Saanich

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi,

Yes I cycle through Saanich and love its developing transportation infrastructure. As a 67 year old person who has used a bicycle for around 50 years, having any sort of visible cycling infrastructure is such a gift. I say this because over the years I have been brushed by vehicles so many times I can't remember, spat on, have had beverage cans thrown at me and been run off the road 3 or 4 times. So congratulations to Saanich for doing ANYTHING to improve a cyclist's safety.

My wife and I mostly cycle tour in Europe focusing in France, so it is really hard to compare the two areas and suggest that somehow Saanich magically transform itself into a small "France". Ridiculous on so many levels. What I hope is that Saanich see its way to consistently and cost effectively improve its cycling infrastructure. If possible focusing on the needs of the commuter cyclist and the transportation cyclist - all those cargo bikes full of kids going all over the place. As a retired person who cycles for joy, I am not really that important.

Well, of course I have all sorts of suggestions that are exactly correct, but I will spare you the diatribe!

David Sudbury
[REDACTED]

David Sudbury
[REDACTED]

■ Fraser Street
Esquimalt, British Columbia ■

Preet Chaggar

From: Sharon Forrester <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:30 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike Lanes

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

As a senoir who tries to use my bike as much as possible in order to stay fit and lower my carbon footprint I am writing to ask you not to slow the construction of bike lanes. It is so important to have safe bike routes to encourage more people to cycle.

Yours sin sincerely Ian Ferguson

Sharon Forrester

[REDACTED]
Gosworth Road, [REDACTED]

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Brian Ball <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 7:28 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Saanich Bike Lanes

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

As resident of the city of Victoria, and a member of the community of Greater Victoria, I am impacted by Saanich council's decision to build bike lanes. Despite rising costs (which affect all capital projects), I support the building of bike lanes using the existing timetable. Bike lanes are an investment in the future of the region, and its people. The benefits to the community include reduced traffic and it's related costs, improved health of residents, with impacts on healthcare costs, and improved environmental conditions, reducing the costs associated with adverse weather events associated with climate change.

Invest in people, invest in healthy communities, invest in the future, and invest in bike lanes.

Brian Ball

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Saghalie Td

Victoria, [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Dennis Churchill [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 9:27 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) ATP

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Dear Saanich Council,

I am aware that the Saanich ATP Report is coming up before council this week and that include a recommendation to delay implementation due to financial constraints brought about in part by inflationary pressures. As a driver, cyclist and pedestrian I strongly encourage council to not delay rolling out the projects by providing increased attention through the budget. Implementing ATP as quickly as possible is essential to maintaining the momentum of people getting out on their bikes. There are many naysayers towards the ATP project and much of that is because they don't easily see the usage increasing. For the usage to increase the network must be complete. The dead zones must be filled in. I am an aging homemaker with a lot of time on my hands and I don't mind taking the long way around to get to where I am going more safely but most people will decide not to cycle if those barriers to access are too high. I think that maintaining the momentum in completing these projects is essential to maintaining people's growing interest and support.

Dennis Churchill
[REDACTED] Paramount Place

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

Preet Chaggar

From: Garry Gordon <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 6:07 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike lanes

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

We need alot more protected bike lanes in sanninch Victoria, all over vancouver island!!

Garry Gordon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] craigflower rd

Victoria , British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 11:18 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Active Transportation Infrastructure Budget

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Inflation seems to be affecting just about everything. Were Saanich salaries increased? Were Saanich wages increased?

More people would like to bike more often, but without more and better Active Transportation infrastructure, there will be more traffic congestion, more pollution, more frustration.

Active Transportation infrastructure budget must consider recent inflation and must proceed without any further delay.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Jim Grayson

[REDACTED] Lochside Drive
Cordova Bay

Preet Chaggar

From: Jim Mayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:42 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Active Transportation Plan

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I understand that the Saanich ATP Report is being presented to Council on Monday, February 10. The cost of construction has risen everywhere, and the report notes that Saanich will need to slow down active transportation infrastructure work unless Council approves an inflation adjustment to the ATP budget.

My wife and I are senior citizens who use bicycles for most of our transportation, along with buses and the occasional car share. The active transportation investments made in Saanich, Victoria, and Esquimalt let us get around safely and efficiently. Protected bike lanes make it safe to ride at night, and in the rain. They keep us out of car traffic. They are not "nice to haves"; they're how we get to the doctor's office and buy groceries.

Now, we can and do drive when we have to. But I know many people who cannot drive because of disabilities or illness. One of my neighbours uses a trike that, for the last year, has given him back the independence that his illness had taken away.

Active transportation gets people to work. To the doctor's office. To school. To stores. Along with better transit, it's the only way to avoid massive congestion in a growing area. Although some people use bike lanes for recreation, that's not what it's for.

Please don't extend the ATP completion any further.

Sincerely,

Jim Mayer
Tyee Road, Victoria

Preet Chaggar

From: Micaela Yawney <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:30 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Don't Slow Bike Lane Construction!!!!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Here's why!!!

Leadership: Saanich needs to continue its leadership by funding and implementing the active transportation plan.

Climate: The climate emergency that we all recognize is not going away. Wildfires in BC and California underline why Council's steady leadership and investment in modern infrastructure is needed.

Community Support: There is community support for climate action and improvements for safe and comfortable walking, biking and transit. Not everyone can drive!

Density: Given Saanich is densifying, Active Transportation investments are necessary and a good way to support new households and affordability.

Micaela Yawney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wicklow Street

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Sher Morgan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 2:50 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) ♡ those Bike Lanes

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hello good folk

I write to add my voice to expedited bike lane construction in Saanich

I see it as a priority, along with urban forests, green spaces, and lots big enough to grow food. Things that planners and budgets often overlook when citing the mantra: what makes Saanich a Livable (and Lovable) community.

At 68 years of age, and as a 35 year Saanich resident, being able to ride my bike to the library, (or even occasionally to city hall or the liquor store 😊) keeps me healthy. Seeing kids riding their bikes to school makes my heart sing ❤️. We need more lovely, safely-constructed bikes lanes, asap.

See you out there on your bike!

Thanks a bunch.

Sher Morgan

Sher Morgan

████████████████████
██████ Salsbury Way

Saanich, British Columbia ██████████

Preet Chaggar

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Dave Critchley

Saturday, February 8, 2025 1:53 PM

Council

(External Email) Cycling

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Greater Victoria is the best city in Canada for cycling. We should be proud of the progress we’ve made to make cycling safer. With climate change not to mention the price of fuel we should be encouraging people to use our trails. They are also used by walkers, mobility scooters, roller skating etc. I have limited mobility and use an e-bike to get around. Please keep improving and adding to our trails.

Thank you.

Dave Critchley

Mildred St

Victoria, British Columbia

Preet Chaggar

From: Dana Batho <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 1:50 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike lane construction timeline

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi there, I'm a resident of downtown Victoria and do a lot of shopping in Saanich and often travel through Saanich on my bike. I'm asking the Saanich Council to please not slow down construction of the bike lanes -- we all know with the way things go that the longer a project takes, the more the costs will go up as prices increase. I am a [REDACTED] -- I can only walk a few blocks [REDACTED] take taxis, or ride my e-bike. [REDACTED] I can't even do public transportation, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I am able to explore the city, attend events, go shopping, and visit friends because of the increase in safe cycling infrastructure, I'm not housebound because there is a safe and inexpensive way for me to get around parts of the city. Safe cycling infrastructure is just as important as maintaining sidewalks and roads, it allows people like me to be part of our community, to be active engaged members of our community who can give back. I know some think that safe cycling infrastructure is a "nice to have" and not a must, but for many like me it is a must. Being already [REDACTED] as to what I can do and where I can go, I'm not willing to risk being doored or cut off because of no lanes or just painted lanes -- that could permanently cripple me or kill me [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

Please keep the lane construction on track and make the ATP a priority for now, not for later. For people like me, we want to be active members of our community, but we need to be safe to be able to do that. Thanks so much for your time, appreciate it.

Dana Batho
[REDACTED]

██████████ Douglas Street
Victoria, ██████████

Preet Chaggar

From: Will Nole <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 12:58 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please keep making bike lanes a priority

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear elected representatives,

Please continue prioritizing the building of safe bike lanes for all users of our roads so we don't have to fear for our lives when we cycle.

Sincerely,

Will

Will Nole

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cedar Hill rd

Saanich , British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Andrea Gleichauf <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 12:20 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Active transportation

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear mayor and council,

Please, please do not push back on the plans for safe cycling infrastructure. Saanich needs to continue to fund all Active Transportation projects.

Especially in these days of rapid densification in Saanich and the ongoing threats of climate change. Grid locks is getting worse. We either pave over paradise, or give people other safe transportation option then largely single occupancy car travel.

Cycling and pedestrian safe transportation infrastructures have been for years under funded, or not funded at all in favour of funding car transportation infrastructure. It is time that this inequity is rectified.

Many people would like to commute by bike, but feel not safe to do so.

Everyone has a right to safety, regardless of their transportation choice.

Regards, Andrea Gleichauf

Andrea Gleichauf

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] McRae

Victoria , British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: jkmargison@gmail.com <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 11:26 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Cycle Lanes in Saanich

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear Mayor and Council

As cyclists and as people who are very concerned about traffic congestion from North Saanich to Victoria and climate change due to fossil fuel emissions, we want to express our concern about any pullback on the further development of bike lanes in Saanich.

████████████████████ 9 week cycling tour and have done many cycle tours in Europe. We know how important cycling infrastructure is for safety, comfort and to encourage people to utilize this healthy outdoor activity. We have cycled from Sidney into Vancouver on several occasions and cycle in Victoria. We are in our 70's and would not be using our bikes as intensively as we do were it not for good connected cycling infrastructure. We rarely cycle on our home island of Galiano as we have no cycling infrastructure or even road shoulders.

Please do not reduce your commitment to this essential alternative infrastructure.

Jennifer Margison and Jim Henshall

████████████████████
██████ Sticks Allison Road
Galiano Island, ██████████

Preet Chaggar

From: Whitney Laughlin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:23 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Saanich bike lanes

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Please do not slow down work on the bike lanes; they are needed more now than ever!
Thank you. Respectfully Whitney Laughlin.

Whitney Laughlin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Faircliff Lane

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Samuel Jobin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:06 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Prioritizing Funding for Active Transportation Infrastructure

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued and increased funding for active transportation infrastructure in Saanich. The progress made in recent years has been significant, but without adjustments for rising costs, we risk losing momentum on a critical issue: safe, connected, and accessible bike infrastructure.

Delaying the completion of the Active Transportation Plan by another five years—and pushing essential bike connections beyond 2040—undermines our community's commitment to sustainability, safety, and livability. Investing in active transportation is an investment in climate action, public health, and equitable mobility for all residents. Many of us rely on cycling as a primary mode of transportation, and without safe, continuous routes, it remains an inaccessible option for too many.

I urge you to ensure that the necessary funding adjustments are made to keep the ATP on track and prioritize the completion of key connections. A well-connected bike network benefits everyone—not just cyclists, but also drivers, pedestrians, businesses, and future generations.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. I hope to see Council take action to keep Saanich moving forward.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

This keeps it concise but persuasive. Let me know if you want any tweaks!

Samuel Jobin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cook Street

Victoria, [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Gabriela Guerrero Vizcaino <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:57 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Continue with bike lane construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

It's the best way to go anywhere for everyone!! And the good bridges need to be better 🙏
Thanks.

Gabriela Guerrero Vizcaino
[Redacted]
[Redacted] Tyee Road
Victoria, [Redacted]

Preet Chaggar

From: Tara Ehrcke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:54 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) We need bike lanes now!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

January was the hottest month ever. Now is not the time to slow down our climate action.
Don't slow bike lane development.

Tara Ehrcke
[redacted]
[redacted] Pemberton Road
Victoria, British Columbia [redacted]

Preet Chaggar

From: Jim Pine <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:26 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Increased funding for ATP

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear Mayor and Council,

As a life long bicyclist about to turn [REDACTED], I am in favor of increased funding for the ATP. Active transportation is important for personal health which contributes to reduced health care costs and improved mental health, reducing vehicles on the road, fewer accidents resulting in lower car insurance rates, reducing noise levels on the street and more importantly, with 2024 being the hottest year in recorded history, it reduces GHGs.

I would be very happy to see my tax dollars go to making Saanich a more bike friendly city.

Thank you,

Jim

Jim Pine

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sayward Road

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Jacques van Campen <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:07 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please continue to prioritize active transportation funding

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

We live in a region where active transportation options (focusing for now on biking) is possible through most/all of the seasons of the year. Coupled to this, we have a number of demographic and societal changes that work to support active transportation including:

- 1) Maintaining a healthier population and reducing medical interventions.
- 2) Reducing emissions, traffic congestion, parking requirements
- 3) Creating a community that is not just hidden away behind a windscreen.
- 4) Creating a transportation mode that enables transit to flow even as we dramatically increase our density.

For these positive outcomes to continue to occur, we need to continue (and even accelerate) our efforts towards active transportation.

Thank you for considering these opinions as you deliberate this key topic.

Jacques van Campen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] McKenzie Avenue

Saanich, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Kitty Chavarie <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:55 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Cycling infrastructure

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I ride about 90% of my trips

Parking and cost of car / maintence and stress = my love of cycling

Safer is always better

We are a city I brag about cycling in

We MOVED here from Kamloops with full expectations of riding to do most daily activities and have not been disappointed

As 66+ age range I am pleased to say this deep commitment for good infrastructure to ride safely is why we are so healthy

Please don't stop

Please don't slow down

Surely parking lots and more and more cars is not what you want our city to be famous for???

Kitty Chavarie

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] tattersall drive

Victoria , British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Rebecca Daniels <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:52 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike Land Construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Rebecca Daniels

■ Heath Drive
Saanich, BC

Saanich Council,

I am writing to express my support for our active transportation network and request that you continue to fund the active transportation plan that was promoted by so many of you during the last election.

The changes to date have made my daily commute easier and safer (the Tillicum to Craigflower connection especially), however there is still work to be done. Gorge Road is disconnected, and it is hard to visit friends who live in that area or to access certain parts of the city without long detours or biking in traffic.

The devastating wildfires in LA are the latest example of the impacts of climate change. Without a light-rail trail, biking remains the best option for the majority of commuters who don't or can't drive. I am aware that costs have increased, but failure to fund safe active transportation increases costs as well - hospital and insurance costs from accidents as well as worker time lost. More cars on the road leading to more maintenance. Congestion leading to calls for expansion - and roads cost more to build than bike lanes.

Whatever you decide there will be people who disagree. But by choosing to continue promised investment in active transportation you'll improve peoples lives, get cars off the roads, and encourage active communities.

Best,
Rebecca

Rebecca Daniels

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Heath Drive

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Jo Ferguson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:40 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike Lane Construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

We have very much appreciated the bike lane improvements. We hope to see the continuation of this important project and funding allocated to ensure its success.

Jo Ferguson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gosworth Road

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Jesse Klooster <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:19 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Don't back down the bullies!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

The prioritization of public transit and active transportation corridors needs to be the goal of your council. Bike lanes are good for citizens and cities.

We elected progressive leaders for a reason, please don't let us down by caving to people who are burying their heads in the sand about the reality we're facing. The Saanich of 20 years ago is long gone, density and climate change is happening we need to respond accordingly.

Please don't back down to bullies who can't handle that the world is changing.

Jesse

Jesse Klooster

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Leslie Dr,

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Janet Simpson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:14 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike lanes are life savers.

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Dear Saanich Council,

Community-building isn't all about housing. It's also about making it safe and comfortable to get from place to place, without adding to the climate crisis. Like Victoria, you have demonstrated vision and leadership by funding and implementing the active transportation plan. Don't slow down now!

Sincerely,

Janet Simpson

Janet Simpson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Richardson Street

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Guy Dauncey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) From Guy Dauncey, past Saanich Resident

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi Dean, and Saanich councillors,

I write as a ten-year resident of Saanich until 2015, when we moved to the Yellow Point area north of Ladysmith. During those years, I regularly rode my bike from the Interurban campus area where we lived to downtown, a trip of 30 minutes.

I am, as many of you know, a persistent advocate for greener cities and a greener world. I have tracked the progress of cities that make active transportation a priority, and without exception, they enable people to be safer, happier, and healthier. Safer, because there are fewer cars, and more separated bike lanes that encourage people to cycle. Happier, because - well - cycling makes you happy! Motorists who don't ride a bike don't know this. And healthier, because regular cycling and walking and reduced air pollution create healthier hearts, and healthier lungs.

Please, don't make the mistake of slowing down your active transportation investments, and the construction of safe separated bike lanes. In the olden days, we lived in close communities, where neighbours talked to each other every day, and their children played together on the streets. With the arrival of the car, and then with faster, larger cars and trucks, people retreated to their homes. The increased traffic drove social wealth away, like a cold wind. The result has been a veritable epidemic of isolation and loneliness. Of all the proposed remedies, by far the best is slowing the traffic, encouraging more cycling and walking, and reclaiming residential streets for the residents and their children. If you have not read it yet, I recommend the book *Curbing Traffic: The Human Case for Fewer Cares in Our Lives*, by Melissa and Chris Bruntlett.

And with that, I end my plea. Please, continue to move forward!

Sincerely, and with much appreciation for your hard work as Mayor and councillors,
Guy Dauncey

Guy Dauncey

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Barney Road

Ladysmith, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: James Evans <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:02 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please continue the important work supporting active transport

This email sent from outside the District of Saanich. Use caution if message is unexpected or sender is not known to you.

Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I don't live in Saanich but I visit regularly, and always by bike. Safe infrastructure makes this possible and allows me to explore and stay in your region. Thanks

James Evans

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Alma Ave

Chilliwack, [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Frances Lake <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:01 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Dear Mayor and Saanich City Councillors

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I'm writing today to ask that you consider lowering the speed limit across the board, in all of Saanich, so that bike lanes could be far less costly. There are so many drivers who need to slow down. Wouldn't the cost be a lot less for the city to simply slow down the traffic ? It would also be a benefit for all people.. adults children, families, pets, ..who walk. A sidewalk does not guarantee safety. Slower drivers do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Frances Lake

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Whittier Ave

Victoria, [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Edward Pullman <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:52 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Active transportation plan

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hi saanich council,

As a homeowner in Saanich I would like to express me support for accelerating the active transportation plan and building out faster.

Saanich has climate targets and road safety roads that necessitate faster implementation of the active transportation plan. We can't wait until 2040 to build routes like quadra or we'll have no chance or reaching our mod share targets.

Also, please ensure that the cost estimates in the report are further broken down in terms of their costs, as city of Victoria has done. These projects bring great benefits than simply bike lanes.

Thank you,

Edward Pullman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DONALD ST

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: philip marciniak <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:48 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Please fund active transportation!

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Hello Saanich,

I live and work by bike and live on Quadra street. I look forward to the day that I can leave my house by bike or foot, and not feel like I'm walking next to an urban highway. I have picked bloodied and stunned humans out of mangled cars outside my house, and see the daily mad max carnage every rush hour.

More bike lanes, more side walks, more buses please!

philip marciniak

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Quadra Street

Saanich, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Stephen Rickley <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:46 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bike Lane Construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Leadership: Saanich needs to continue its leadership by funding and implementing the active transportation plan.

Climate: The climate emergency that we all recognize is not going away. Wildfires in BC and California underline why Council's steady leadership and investment in modern infrastructure is needed.

Community Support: There is community support for climate action and improvements for safe and comfortable walking, biking and transit. Not everyone can drive!

Density: Given Saanich is densifying, Active Transportation investments are necessary and a good way to support new households and affordability.

Stephen Rickley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Government Street, [REDACTED]

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From:

Isabelle Kirouac <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>

Sent:

Friday, February 7, 2025 5:42 PM

To:

Council

Subject:

(External Email) Bike lane construction

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

This is an important project, please don't slow it down!

Isabelle Kirouac

Victoria Drive

Vancouver , British Columbia

Preet Chaggar

From: Wendi Laird <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:41 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Bicycle infrastructure delay support

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

I am in total support of your decision to delay the continuation of the bicycle infrastructure.
There has been significant improvements over the past few years and a pause is wise.

The outlook for us all is worriesome and I want council to consider the many issues
confronting us as communities and a country going forward.

Respectfully

Wendi Donaldson Laird

Wendi Laird

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Victoria, British Columbia [REDACTED]

Preet Chaggar

From: Karen Wonders <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 5:41 PM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Speed Up Bike Lanes in Saanich to Protect Cyclists

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Mayor & Council Saanich Council,

Saanich Engineering has issued a report highlighting increasing costs of infrastructure for active transportation. It identifies a slow-down in bike infrastructure construction unless Council approves funding increases to account for inflation. The Saanich ATP Report goes before Saanich Council this coming Monday (February 10).

Previously, the 2023 update to the ATP, represented a slow down on active transportation construction, as compared to the original 2018 ATP. The 2023 document stretched priority timelines by two to seven years (e.g., completion of the entire length of Quadra Street was moved from 2033 to 2040). With the new revised timing, unless funding to adjust for inflation is approved, the timeline for the ATP will be moved back an additional five years.

Additionally, key connections not currently on the priority list and giving us continuous bike routes, will not be started until after 2040. Without the timely completion of important cycling connections, expensive infrastructure is left un-connected, under-utilized, and will give rise to public cynicism about its value.

Karen Wonders
karenwonders@gmail.com

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victoria BC, British Columbia ██████████

Preet Chaggar

From: COPACS SD63 <copacsd63@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 8:02 AM
To: sduck@sidney.ca; sduncan@sidney.ca; rnovak@sidney.ca; sgarnett@sidney.ca; tokeeffe@sidney.ca; crintoul@sidney.ca; mayor@sidney.ca; admin@sidney.ca; pjones@northsaanich.ca; pdibattista@northsaanich.ca; jmcclintock@northsaanich.ca; imcconkey@northsaanich.ca; kmarshall@northsaanich.ca; CStock@northsaanich.ca; sshrivastava@northsaanich.ca; admin@northsaanich.ca; Susan Brice; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Nathalie Chambers; Zac De Vries; Karen Harper; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Colin Plant; Mena Westhaver; Mayor Dean Murdock; Council; Sarah.Riddell@csaanich.ca; bob.thompson@csaanich.ca; Zeb.King@csaanich.ca; ryan.windsor@csaanich.ca; chris.graham@csaanich.ca; niall.paltiel@csaanich.ca; municipal.hall@csaanich.ca
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: (External Email) Installation of 'Drive to 5' and active transportation signage for Saanich Schools
Attachments: COPACS letter re_ Drive to 5 Infrastructure and Safe Routes to School (3).pdf

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Dear Mayors and Councillors of Central Saanich, North Saanich, Saanich and Sidney,

Please see attached a letter from the Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich in regards to installation of signage for active transportation and 'Drive to 5' spots.

Sincerely,

Megan Misovic - COPACS Chair

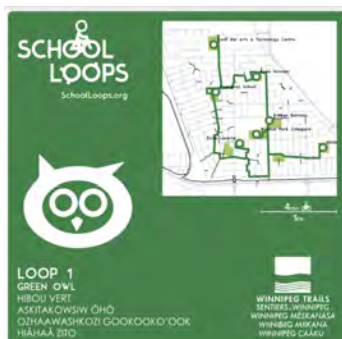


February 7, 2025

Dear Mayors and Councillors of Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney,

The Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich (COPACS), the collective voice of parents in the Saanich School District, is writing to advocate for installation of “Drive to 5 signage” at appropriate points within 5 minutes walks to Saanich Schools within your municipality, as well as signage designating the safest routes to school to support active transportation and reduce congestion around schools at drop-off and pick-up times.

The image of the ‘5 Minutes walk & wheel to school’ sign shown on the right was taken near a Langford elementary school. It designates a spot that is along a quiet route that enables parents to drop off their child at a safe and convenient distance from school.



The [School Loops](#) initiative and signage, installed by the Winnipeg-based Winnipeg Trail Association, designates with maps and signs the quietest routes to and around schools for commuting and classroom/instructional use.

COPACS applauds efforts to support active transportation, including this year’s pilot ‘[walking school bus](#)’ initiative at Keating Elementary school, coordinated by the Child and Youth Society of BC, as well as efforts by the [Ready, Set, Roll program](#) that help get our kids outside, actively rolling/walking to school and eliminating unnecessary congestion and emissions. Increased awareness and support for active transportation through signage and outreach to families would be welcomed and appreciated by our school communities.

With our respects, and in service to our children,

Megan Misovic

Chair COPACS

CC:

Saanich School Trustee VanWell

Saanich School Trustee Dunford

Saanich School Trustee Elder

Saanich School Trustee McMurphy

Saanich School Trustee Silzer

Saanich School Trustee Vandall

Saanich School Trustee Hickman

Superintendent Dave Eberwein

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Saanich School Transportation Department

CUPE President

Saanich Teachers Association

BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association

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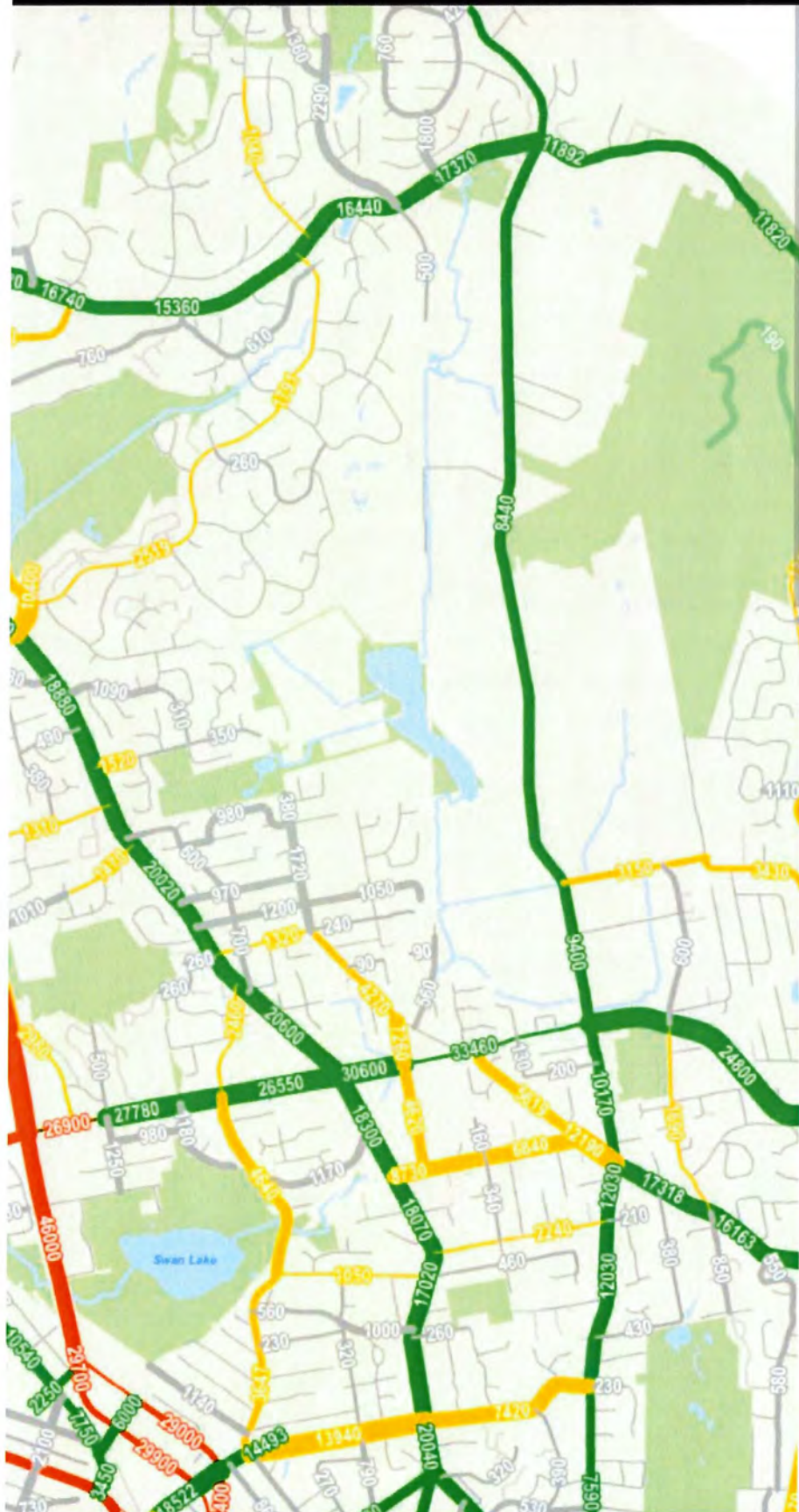
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COPACS Members



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Preet Chaggar

From: Jenus Friesen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 1:34 PM
To: Council; Susan Brice; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Nathalie Chambers; Zac De Vries; Karen Harper; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Colin Plant; Mena Westhaver
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: (External Email) Council Meeting Feb. 10, 2025 Active Transportation
Importance: High

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Dear Saanich Mayor and Council members,

The continued erosion of the Saanich community through exorbitant expenses, this time the proposed Active Transportation Plan projects, will leave this community in the Red for many generations to come.

Taxes and expenses should never rise beyond the cost of living - that's 2.6% this year. Any increases and expenditures beyond this are gouging the very people that you represent. Residents deserve better than this. Please go back to the drawing board and sharpen your pencils. Serious cuts are needed. **Total: \$252,365,000.00 for sidewalks and bike lanes is not acceptable.**

We have a wonderful community and things were fine until the urban developers moved in. Now our taxes are skyrocketing and the constituents are expected to pick up the tab. I am shocked at the number of projects that Saanich has on the boards, and the number of staff you have hired to implement these, all with a significant price tag.

Like the residents who you represent, Saanich must adapt to a pay-as-you-go plan for work and expenditures. With nearly 25% of the population in Saanich currently retired (and the number is growing daily) these people on fixed incomes should not be expected to dig deeper. New homeowners with high monthly mortgages also will struggle with any increases.

There are many who will agree that the current Saanich urban planning transportation designs are extravagant. Their plans have rendered the recently modified transportation routes cumbersome and often more dangerous for both vehicles and cycles alike. The number of routes being suggested is overkill.

There are many who see the vacant cycling routes and question the massive investment that's been made to date. According to CBC, just 5.3% of people in this city cycle, and this is not on a regular basis. Asking the other 94.7% of the population to pick up the tab is not acceptable.

Sincerely,
J. Friesen