

Hi all,

The District of West Van engineering staff have a number of projects being planned or considered that we would like to see completed including these four in order of our HUB-NS priority:

1. Make the roadway safer for cyclists immediately east of the Welch Street Bridge over the Capilano River. This is to be done by the District in conjunction with the construction of a 3.5 m wide MUP on the south side of the bridge which I learned today may not get started until September, after the busy summer season at the Capilano RV Park.
2. A paved bike path connecting the east end of Keith Road to Hwy 1 at the west end of the the bridge over the Capilano River and west beside Hwy 1 to 3rd Street.
3. A pilot project to install protected bike lanes on Marine Drive between 26th and 31st Streets.
4. Improve the Capilano Pacific Trail for cyclists north from Clyde Ave to Keith Road

The big project that is not on their list yet is our HUB North Shore vision for a two-way protected cycleway connecting the bike-protected section of the Spirit Trail at 13th and Argyle Ave to the planned new 3.5 m wide MUP on the Welch Street Bridge over the Capilano River (see attached drawing). I think that it would be very appropriate to promote this project during upcoming planning consultations on the Ambleside Town Centre Plan as it would provide a safe route for cyclists traveling between Ambleside and Park Royal, the Lions Gate Bridge, and North Vancouver.

Another smaller, but important, project would be to have a protected bike lane connection from the planned 752 Marine Drive development (at the SW corner of Marine Drive and Taylor Way - photo attached) to the Spirit Trail and the planned new 3.5 m wide MUP on the Welch Street Bridge over the Capilano River.

Cheers, Peter