



January 20, 2012

Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition
Box 47068, RPO City Square
Vancouver BC, V5Z 4L6

Re: SW Marine Drive, Pacific Park Area

Dear VACC Vancouver/UBC Committee:

Thank you for your letter dated November 28th, 2011 addressed to Regional Director, Patrick Livolsi. I would like to respond on his behalf, and apologize for the lateness of this reply. I am glad we had the opportunity to speak and discuss some of the options that we are exploring to resolve the problem that you have identified.

I recognize that the SW Marine Drive corridor is an important corridor for a number of transportation modes including pedestrians, cyclists, auto users, and transit. The Ministry strives to achieve a balance with all road users and has used this approach in assessing the conditions for cyclists as they exist today. The concern you have raised centers largely around the area where individuals are parking which extends from 41st Avenue to just north of Kullahun Drive (as per the map you supplied).

To address your concerns, the Ministry is reviewing an option that would see this section of road receive an expanded shoulder in order to accommodate both a standard bicycle lane and parking. The bicycle lane would have a width of 1.5 meters, while the expanded shoulder would be an additional 2.2 to 2.5 meters to accommodate the full width of a vehicle. This would assist in segregating bicycle traffic from vehicles parked on the shoulder. The Ministry is also proposing that this shoulder widening would continue past Kullahun Drive for about 500 meters to ensure we capture all the parked vehicles that are posing these challenges. The bicycle lane would continue to the Wesbrook Mall intersection and tie in with the existing bicycle lane on the south side of the intersection.

This proposal is still subject to a design review and funding. The Ministry hopes to make a decision on this proposal within the next couple of months. The Ministry has also discussed this proposal with UBC who supports the concept moving forward when funding permits.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 604-660-8303 or by email at Brian.Atkins@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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CC: Patrick Livolsi, Regional Director, South Coast Region
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Map Showing:

- Proposed Bicycle Lane (1.5 meter) from 41st Avenue to Wesbrook Mall
- Proposed Shoulder Widening from 41st Avenue to 500m North of Kullahun Drive

