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To: David Hawkins, Senior Manager, Community Planning & Sustainability

From: Jenn Moller, Director of Engineering & Transportation Services

Re: Summary for Ambleside Transportation Plan Phase 1

Cycling:

From the perspective of cyclists (existing cyclists as well as people who might wish to cycle in Ambleside but currently do not), the significant observation is that there are no “all ages and abilities” (AAA) bicycle facilities other than the Spirit Trail. This means that anyone riding a bicycle in Ambleside is sharing the road with motor vehicles, with no protection from traffic, no designated space on the road, and no bicycle specific infrastructure such as bicycle signals or bike boxes. Based on land uses, terrain and observations of bicycle activity, the greatest potential to attract cyclists and increase bicycle trips is on Bellevue Avenue as it provides access to the Marine Drive commercial area, connects to the Spirit Trail and is in the area with the highest residential density. Bellevue Avenue also has lower traffic volumes and speeds compared to Marine Drive, making it a more appealing corridor for cycling.

Improvements to create AAA bicycle facilities along Bellevue Avenue should therefore be a high priority for future development of the active transportation network. Other higher-priority opportunities to increase bicycle trips would involve improvements on the two north-south bicycle routes along local streets. Another important consideration for cyclists is bicycle parking, particularly secure parking that protects bicycles from theft.