

1. **Introduction - who are we?**

- affiliated with the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC) as its North Shore Committee;
- Chair and Vice Chair;
- established a group email distribution list currently comprising close to 100 North Shore cyclists;
- monthly meetings are open to all and typically include 6-10 core NS-VACC members;
- established a wiki website (<http://northshore.vacc.bc.ca>); and
- **NS Committee objectives:**

“To promote and enhance the safety and feasibility of using bicycles for transportation on the North Shore. This includes commuting to work and school, shopping, personal trips and any other short to medium length journeys.”

2. What have we been doing?

- attended JBAC meetings;
- met with Main Road concerning route maintenance;
- consulting on needed improvements to the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge;
- consulting with Translink on improvements to the Sea Bus connection;
- consulting with North Vancouver on updating the Bicycle Master Plan;
- consulting with DNV on planned Low Level Road improvements;
- consulted with MoT on new Capilano Bridge and connections to the Lions Gate Bridge;
- consulted with DNV on new bike routes in the vicinity of Capilano University; and
- consulted with DWV on the Spirit Trail and planned improvements to Welch Street.

3. Thanks for recent cycling developments:

- West Vancouver Strategic Transportation Plan (STP);
- completed section of the Spirit Trail;
- completed bike corral at 15th and Bellevue;
- completed traffic light controls for bikes at 15th and Inglewood;
- plans, this year, to extend eastward the existing section of the Spirit Trail to connect with the one under construction in the DNV; and
- plans, this Spring, to involve West Van NS-VACC members in updating the WV Cycling Network Plan.

4. Short-term priority projects (in order of priority):

- complete the WV Cycling Network Plan and Council to adopt;
- make Marine Drive between 11th and 13th Streets more bicycle friendly;
- paint bike lanes on Marine Drive between 31st and 25th Streets; and
- improve the surface on Capilano Pacific Trail connecting the Spirit Trail to 6th Street, south of Clyde Avenue.

5. Longer-term priority projects (in order of priority):

- bike lanes on the Low Level Road extension of 1st Street in North Van to and through Park Royal;
- bike lanes on both sides of Marine Drive, between 13th and 25th Streets as visioned in the STP;
- Village Bike Loop; and
- bike lift on Taylor Way between Clyde Avenue and Keith Road.

6. Conclusions:

- We would like to work with you and District transportation staff to make West Vancouver a more bicycle friendly community;
- We hope you appreciate the particular needs of those who use bicycles to commute to work and make other purposeful trips and that addressing these needs is important in effecting a transportation mode shift away from the single occupancy motor vehicle and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- There are a few relatively inexpensive infrastructure projects that could be completed over the short term;
- When completed, we urge you to adopt and begin implementing the revised West Vancouver Cycling Network Plan;
- As part of the social marketing initiatives recommended in the West Vancouver Strategic Transportation Plan, we urge you to ensure that citizens are regularly updated on plans for and completion of new or improved cycling infrastructure; and
- Over the longer term, our main priorities would be building the Low level Road with marked bike lanes and marked bike lanes on Marine Drive, between 13th and 25th Streets.