



5 December 2013

Mayor and Council
 District of West Vancouver
 750 17th Street
 West Vancouver, BC, V7V 3T3

1300 Block Marine Drive Redevelopment - Cycling Facilities

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB is a charitable organization that encourages cycling for all ages and abilities in Metro Vancouver to improve the quality of our communities and local economies, our health and the environment. The HUB North Shore Committee is concerned about the lack of improved cycling facilities associated with the proposed 1300 block redevelopment as shown in the street-view renderings at the open house in November.

Ambleside Village in the Cycling Network Implementation Plan

Referring to Figure 1, it can be seen that each of the roads surrounding this proposed redevelopment has been designated part of the District's on-road bike network in the West Vancouver Cycling Network Implementation Plan (June 2012). Furthermore, the Spirit Trail and the designated Keith Road bike route connect directly to two of the surrounding bike routes on 13th Street and Marine Drive respectively.

Building cycling facilities as part of redevelopment is more cost-effective and can produce much higher-quality facilities than trying to fit in bike lanes after new curbs and sidewalks have been built. By creating safe bike routes into and through our community shopping districts, the District provides residents with more transportation options, reducing road congestion and parking demand. This redevelopment proposal provides an excellent opportunity to move towards making Ambleside a bike friendly business district.

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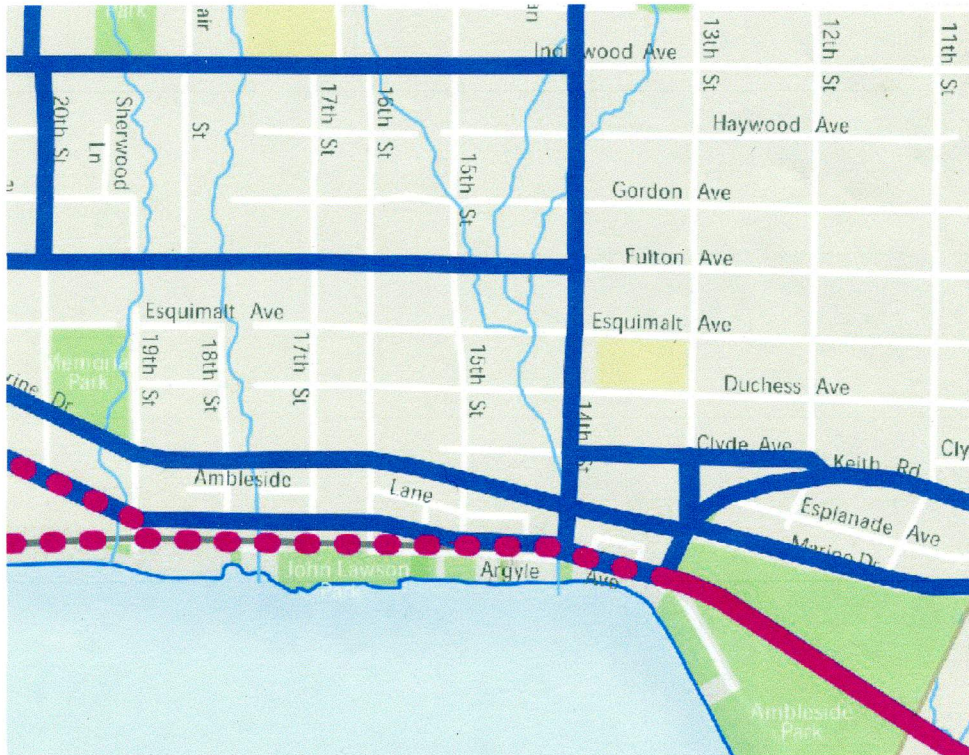


Figure 1. Designated Bike Routes (blue) in Ambleside

Source: West Vancouver Cycling Network Implementation Plan (June 2012)

