

I note the following two objectives from Council's strategic goal to improve mobility and reduce congestion for people and goods:

4.2 Updating the Strategic Transportation Plan to create a Mobility Plan.

4.3 Diversify, expand, and improving the safety and appeal of active transportation options.

With reference to these two objectives, I would like to make the following three comments:

1. I would like to see in the 2021 Engineering & Transportation budget at least funds for a District strategic transportation study and a separated bike lane east on Marine Drive to the District boundary from the Lions Gate Bridge. The District of North Van already has the funding for its portion of the separated bike lane from the DWV boundary to Capilano Road.
2. If possible, I would also like to see a continuation and enhancement of the 2020 slow street pilot project which would include considering diverting traffic in one direction at least at one intersection on Bellevue Avenue up to Marine Drive. This would contribute to improved traffic safety by slowing down and reducing through automobile traffic on Bellevue Avenue.
3. Finally, I understand that Park Royal's Gateway Residences project is planned to be completed by the end of 2021. In the last plan that I saw for this project, there were protected bike lanes to be installed around the perimeter of the property on Marine Drive and Taylor Way. Noting the plans in the project for the installation of secure bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities, what is needed for residents and shoppers using these bicycle facilities are safe connecting bike routes to and from the new development. A priority would be a safe bike route connection between the new development and the Spirit Trail with its about-to-be-installed multi-use path on the south side of the bridge across the Capilano River. I hope that funding can be found in 2021 to at least implement a safe bike route between the Gateway Residences and the Spirit Trail.