

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Mountain Highway sidewalks]

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Subject: RE: Mountain Highway sidewalks

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Dear Gavin,

Thanks for your in-depth reply to my concerns.

While I can follow your reasoning, I question the philosophy behind it. I also question how these decisions are made in the district. You mention future plans for a four lane road 27th to Ross Road. Who has decided that an extra traffic lane in each direction is more important than a sidewalk and a bike lane? If the new sidewalk on Mountain Highway, south of 27th, is any indication, there are reasons to be concerned about the decision making process. Just like Main Street, in front of Canadian Tire, you have built a large grass boulevard instead of allowing room for a bike lane. The logic for the Main Street fiasco, as explained to JBAC, was "A bike lane wouldn't be of any use for just one block". Is this the same logic applied south of 27th? Is this the philosophy that is used throughout the district?

I also drive a car and realize the importance of good road facilities. I am very concerned that district decisions are made from only a vehicle perspective. We live in a beautiful, natural environment and claim we want to keep it that way. Walking and cycling are relegated to recreational areas because there is no thought of making them a safe, convenient way to move about the District of North Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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