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Dear all

I would encourage DNV to make a concerted effort to improve the quality of our line paint on our roads. Given that it is summer, could we try several types of paint on test strips on Dollarton Highway and/or Mount Seymour Parkway, and see how they are in summer and winter rain?

From the internet, there are a lot of types and a lot of technology in line paints. We are also not alone in having this problem. People have died due to inadequate line marking. However, line paint maybe more critical here due to the volume of rain we get in winter.

Over the last few years, DNV (and others) have apparently switched to a more environmentally friendly line paint. While this may be a very minor plus for the environment, there are two results from this paint switch from my observations:

1. Even in daytime, as soon as the pavement is wet, the white lines "disappear" about three car lengths ahead of you.
2. At night in rain, the lines can be very difficult to see even a car length ahead depending on rain volume and darkness.

It seems to me that safety should trump environmental perfection. I doubt this purportedly "greener" line paint is a significant impact compared to ships run-off of anti-fouling paint and asphalt run-off into the Burrard Inlet.

I appreciated that on a section or two of Dollarton – and perhaps elsewhere – reflective markers have now been installed, and they are great by day and by night. Unlike Washington State, they do not seem to be recessed in the concrete, so whether they will survive snowplows may be a question. I recall a discussion some years ago that they are expensive, but perhaps long term they are cheaper than repainting lines.

I know this is not my eyes that are the problem – I have heard the same complaint from numerous people.

Regards

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