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Message

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed road and bike lane design for Wallace Drive. As a mother, driver and cyclist, I hope Central Saanich will reconsider the road and bike lane design, and build infrastructure for to meet the needs of the present and future. The community needs a safe off-road or separate bike / pedestrian path that connects Brentwood Bay and Saanichton. Painting arrows on the existing roadway will only increase conflicts between road users, slow down traffic, and frustrate residents. It is not a solution to our growing population, and it is very short-sighted of the future needs of the community. I strongly urge Mayor and Council ask staff to present alternative designs, including the use of multi-use trails or full bicycle lanes by reducing the width of travel for vehicle travel or other alternatives to increase the width of the roadway to accommodate all road users.

A few points:

- Sharrows are not bicycle infrastructure. The National Association of City Transportation Officials indicates that "it is not a facility type and should not be considered a substitute for bike lanes, cycle tracks, or other separation treatments where these types of facilities are otherwise warranted or space permits".
- Sharrows are not safe given the speed and level of traffic on Wallace. This design is creating a liability

for our district and a danger to residents.

- Most municipalities with strong approaches to Active Transportation are removing/upgrading existing sharrowed routes as they've been proven to do less than nothing for safety.

- Shared use lanes work well for AAA only with traffic volumes of <1000/day and and when traffic is calmed to speeds of less than, or equal to, 30 km/hr (Central Saanich report has Wallace traffic counts at 7000/day and may reduce speed to 40 km/hr).

Please listen to residents and reconsider the road design for Wallace Drive.

The sewer project is your chance to save money and make the right infrastructure upgrades NOW. Do it right the first time to avoid resident conflicts, and make the roadway safe for everyone.

Thank you,
Meredith Wires

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