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**From:** Aaron S [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Municipal Hall  
**Subject:** CS active transport infrastructure

Hello Mayor and Counsel,

My Name is Aaron, I am a father of two and a Central Saanich resident in the Keating/Tanner Ridge area I wanted to first thank you for the new "u" type bike racks at the James Island Wharf I recently took my daughter down fishing by bike and was very appreciative of a place to park our bike and for the type of rack chosen this was so much easier to secure our larger cargo bike which we have found often doesn't work very well with the older conventional "coat hanger" style rack. I would love to see this type of rack added to more places throughout the district at schools, stores, parks along boulevards etc! \*see below photo for my daughter also making good use of the racks as a makeshift jungle gym\*

A second part to my email is to enquire as to the feasibility of adding some painted bike lane markings where current painted bike lanes on main roads such as east Saanich intersect with secondary roads like Central Saanich rd, Stellys cross rd, Veyaness rd etc.

Additionally I would like to follow up with and show my support for Counsellor KING's suggestion brought up during a prior counsel meeting discussing active transport in the district suggesting we look at some vertical deliniations to attach to at least portions of the bike lanes in CS.

By way of background I have spent years as a collision analyst and am well versed in the area of road safety however I am also well aware of cost and other issues the district must weigh when making decisions with regards to active transport, what I am suggesting would be a "baby steps" approach with these low cost additions (cans of paint and plastic bollards) that also will not have any negative impact on vehicular traffic (no reduction in lanes or parking) so I can't imagine these suggestions would be at all contentious with members of the public.

1) vulnerable road users are most frequently struck at intersections as such a focus should be placed on places where we can have the infrastructure increase visibility and driver awareness of the presence of an active transport lane when a vehicle pulls up to an intersection and sees a green lane crossing their path their attention is drawn and reminded to look for active transport users prior to entering the roadway. For the marked crossings please see attached photos of options used by other island districts (Victoria, Saanich) either simply white "elephant feet" markings or possibly adding the brighter green at crossings for best visibility.

2) The addition of vertical deliniations. To start my suggestion would be adding them on sections of existing bike lanes where the roadway curves example would be east Saanich south of Veyaness as often what occurs without them is drivers feel comfortable travelling at higher speeds and utilize the painted bike lanes as buffer zones they are willing to cross into as they cut the curve. With the deliniations in place although it does not provide physical protection to the vulnerable road users it goes a long way (for low cost) to bring a visual narrowing effect to the road where drivers subconsciously slow because they

no longer feel like they have extra road space additionally they tend to key in and pay attention which is critical because next to intersection one of the other high collision zones is where roadways curve.

I would like to thank Mayor Windsor and all of counsel for taking the time to listen to a couple of my low cost thoughts to help improve road safety for our districts most vulnerable road users I hope together we can make small steps towards making our district a truly inviting place for not only adults but for our kids to safely travel by bike.

If Mayor or any members of counsel would like to reach out to me for any clarification on my suggestions or to collaborate on other ideas for district road safety projects going forward I would be happy to give my thoughts or options.

Thanks for the work that has been done for active transport thus far I hope we can keep up the momentum

All the best

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## Shoulder Bike Lane



## Buffered / Delineated Bike Lane



