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To: Municipal Hall
Subject: Attention: Road Engineering. Mayor and Council Regarding Wallace Drive.

To properly set a background to this correspondence, I am a long-time resident of Brentwood Bay having built a home (my family occupies) on Damelart Way 30 years ago from my in-law's property they owned since mid-1950s. I continue to drive smaller cars for 50 years. I usually ride my e-bike for local trips.

Until recently, my concern for Wallace Drive was the inability of Saanich to improve the road joining there domain to ours. Fill in a ditch, blast few rocks, move the power poles and add in bike lanes to extend the excellent Interurban trail (former BC Electric right-of-way) to create a near level bike-friendly route from downtown/Lockside/Galloping Goose to Sidney.

The last major mayhem event on Wallace Drive was last winter's 'clearing' of a few power poles on the north side (likely by a large pu truck (?) travelling at excessive speed, impaired driver at the wheel). All of Brentwood Bay was cold/dark for more than 10 hours. If the driver survived the incident it was having 3 tone of metal and airbags around him was a big 'help' that bike riders (and y'all) don't *quite seem to 'get'*.

Of course, retaining 6 or 7 of those poles in the middle of sidewalks that may force students to walk into traffic seems also to be short-sighted for the sake of the expense.

While your temptation to keep those drivers out of the ditch that runs along Wallace from near West Saanich Road to the end of the bend before Stelly's X Road, with 'free' no-post barriers, this is the most amazingly short-sighted decision.

Ditches are a ***highly effective passive method*** at removing those problem drivers from the road with little risk to others in the process. Keeping those drivers on the road is more problematic. Very, very few bike riders can travel at 45-55 kmh so they will be passed by every vehicle travelling in the same direction (drive a bit more if you think people main roads at 40kmh). Adding the barriers (and two minor signs) that crowd out the bike lane forcing the increasing bike-riding community to 'mingle' with that traffic where the riders will be squished into rough concrete at high speed of impact and many likely thrown over top into the ditch that incompetent drivers will now not have to fear.

But the barriers were 'free' (provided by Prov Govmnt) and will save those incapacitated/incompetent motorists from their poor decision-making...

Patrick Anglin (representing 3 other municipal voters)

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