

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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COMMON QUESTIONS WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR...



PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS

How are all modes being accommodated?

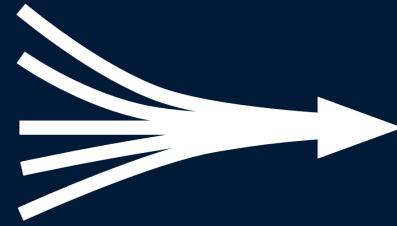
- ▶ A key objective is to safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities.
- ▶ The concept design proposes continuous pedestrian routes on both sides of Peninsula Road.
- ▶ Linked cycle routes are proposed for the length of the project, using a mix of separated cycle paths, a multi-use trail, and shared lanes to fit different conditions.
- ▶ Wherever possible, sidewalks and cycle routes will be separated from traveled road lanes by curbs and boulevards, recognizing this isn't always possible due to site conditions.
- ▶ The aim is to provide a comfortable and functional environment that is universally accessible for all.



PARKING

Will existing parking along Peninsula Road be changed?

- ▶ The public right-of-way has been used for parking in a variety of forms. Existing parking conditions are variable and unmanaged.
- ▶ The concept design proposes parallel on-street to maintain parking along Peninsula Road, in a format that is more structured and safer for all street users.
- ▶ Parallel parking improves sightlines and safety for all road users and follows Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) standards.
- ▶ Adjacent businesses have and will continue to be engaged in reviewing parking and best managing impacts as design is progressed.



SAFETY FOCUSED

What is all ages and abilities (AAA)?

- ▶ A safety focus in road design means designing to move all people, not just motor vehicles.
- ▶ All ages and abilities (AAA) means supporting young, old, inexperienced, and experienced, and everyone in-between.
- ▶ AAA accommodates a diverse range of modes including: strollers, wheelchairs, avid cyclists, learning cyclists, young families, those with walking aids, scooters, new drivers, seasoned drivers, etc.!
- ▶ Peninsula Road aims to provide balanced mobility for a range of users including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists in a shared roadway experience.



WHY NOW?

Why are upgrades along Peninsula Road being done now?

- ▶ Peninsula Road improvements have been a focus of community input and interest for many years.
- ▶ This project was identified as a priority in Ucluelet's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, and in the Official Community Plan (OCP) adopted in January 2022.
- ▶ MOTI has identified Peninsula Road as a priority for pavement renewal, meaning they will be investing in road upgrades.
- ▶ To support pedestrian and cycling enhancements alongside the planned pavement renewal, the District successfully secured grant funding for 2022/2023.
- ▶ This project leverages current funding opportunities and supports progress towards the community's vision for a greener, more sustainable, multi-modal Ucluelet.



MANAGING IMPACTS

How will construction impacts be managed?

- ▶ Peninsula Road is the main access for the community. It is recognized that construction activities will affect businesses, residents, and visitors that use Peninsula Road during the construction period.
- ▶ Construction is currently planned for Fall 2022 through Spring 2023 to avoid disruptive construction activities during the busiest summer months.
- ▶ Through the detailed design process, traffic management planning will be completed to plan construction in a way that maintains access for properties along Peninsula Road and reduces impacts as much as possible.
- ▶ In addition, the District will work to communicate timelines and upcoming activities so people can prepare.

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BUDGET

How much will the improvements cost?

- ▶ The preliminary budget allocated for improvements for 1.4 km of Peninsula Road is **\$1.88 Million**.
- ▶ The budget above does not include paving costs as these will be paid by MOTI as part of their pavement renewal program.
- ▶ The project budget is supported by significant grant funding that has been awarded to the District of Ucluelet. A condition of the grant is that the project must be built in 2022/2023.
- ▶ Cost estimating will continue to be refined as the detailed design progresses and will carry a contingency, recognizing that global conditions like inflation are affecting construction costs.



WHEN

When will this be built?
Will it be phased?

- ▶ Construction is planned to begin in Fall 2022 and is targeted to be substantially complete in Spring 2023.
- ▶ Phasing is less desirable since the continuity and connectivity of features like pedestrian and cycle paths is a priority.
- ▶ However, if budget management requires, the design may consider interim finishes (e.g. a gravel finish or reduced landscaping) so that key transportation improvements are achieved, while final polish could be phased in later.



ENCROACHMENTS

Will the improvements be utilizing the road right-of-way up to the property line?

- ▶ A road right-of-way includes not only the paved roadway, but space on either side for public use like sidewalks, on-street parking, and landscaping.
- ▶ The Peninsula Road right-of-way in the project area varies between ~20m to 23m wide. The concept design uses most of the right-of-way space to accommodate desired features, extending almost to the property line on the south side, while leaving some unused right-of-way on the north side.
- ▶ Within the right-of-way there are some existing private uses like parking or landscaping that will be affected.
- ▶ Through the process, the District will continue to engage with property owners on Peninsula Road to best fit the improved design to site conditions.



MAIN STREET INTERSECTION

Will the intersection at Peninsula Road & Main Street be improved?

- ▶ The current project scope and budget does not include re-design or construction of the Main Street intersection.
- ▶ However, it is recognized that the Main Street and Peninsula Road intersection has been identified for future improvement.
- ▶ The intersection is irregular, has challenging grades, odd approach angles, and does not integrate pedestrian, cyclist, or accessibility needs.
- ▶ Therefore, it remains a priority to be addressed in next phases of Peninsula Road improvements.

Life on the edge...



DESIGN CHARACTER

How will the project express our unique Uke Character?

- ▶ Previous public input emphasized the importance of having a design that responds to the unique "Uke" character and the west coast climate.
- ▶ People are keen to see a more welcoming experience on Peninsula Road, including enhanced greenspace and landscaping.
- ▶ Landscaping suggestions in previous inputs have included: native planting, bio-swales, sustainable planting, low-maintenance, and local character.
- ▶ Planting design and maintenance will be explored through detailed design.
- ▶ In addition, the design will seek to identify potential future "feature" areas where elements like signage, public art, benches, or accent vegetation could enhance the character.