

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## COMMON QUESTIONS WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR...



### PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS

How are all modes being accommodated?

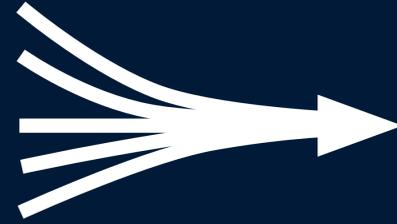
- ▶ A key objective is to safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities.
- ▶ The concept design proposes continuous pedestrian routes on both sides of Peninsula Road.
- ▶ Linked cycle routes are proposed for the length of the project, using a mix of separated cycle paths, a multi-use 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.