

Sharing the Road: Highway 19A, 5th-6th Avenue

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



The City of Campbell River is collecting the community's feedback on options for shared road use on Highway 19A, between 5th and 6th Avenues. Below are some frequently asked questions about the topic of transportation planning through this stretch.

WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE THROUGH THIS AREA?

Highway 19A, from 1st Avenue to the Maritime Heritage Centre, largely has two travelling lanes and two bike lanes. Between 5th and 6th Avenue, the facility provided for cycling is a marked wide lane – where roadside parking is introduced and cyclists and vehicle traffic merge into one over-sized travelling lane.

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE AREA?

While the prescribed use in the area hasn't changed, in the spring of 2019 after a repaving of the stretch of road, new road lines were painted on the roadway. This included lines for parking stalls – which, while allowed, hadn't previously been explicitly marked. Following the painting, there's been feedback from the community about best uses for the stretch.

WHY WERE PARKING STALL LINES ADDED?

This measure was taken to increase the usable space in the travelling lane by providing more visual guidance to vehicle drivers and cyclists. By adding specific stalls, people parking vehicles are encouraged to park closer to the curb, and driving vehicles stay closer to the centre line, widening the space for cyclists as well.

WHY WAS A CYCLING LANE NOT ADDED WHEN THE NEW ROAD LINES WERE DONE?

There had been no previous concerns raised about the stretch and so the City proceeded with maintaining the existing use in the area.

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WHAT DOES THE MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN SAY ABOUT FUTURE PLANS FOR THIS AREA?

The Master Transportation Plan, which outlines the long-range vision for traffic flow through the community for all vehicles and cycling & pedestrian movement, includes some important notes to consider when thinking of the use in the area:

- ▶ **Cycling:** Improving accessibility and safety for cyclists is identified as a priority, and the city's design standards already outline that street systems must be designed to allow for safe and efficient bicycle use on the roadway to provide continuity for the bike network.
- ▶ **Cycling Facilities:** To improve access, there are a range of facilities to address a wide range of cyclists in the community. These can include marked, separated cycling lanes, marked wide curb lanes (as is currently in place on this block) and multi-use pathways, among other options.
- ▶ **Access to Downtown:** There is limited direct access into the downtown core for cyclists and there are opportunities to improve this to further encourage cycling particularly as a method for commuting.
- ▶ **Shared Use and Balance:** As a major arterial road, Highway 19A is a multi-modal corridor that needs to accommodate many uses, including vehicle, transit, cycling and pedestrian. The purpose of improvements here are to improve safety and operations for all modes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

The City is collecting input from interested and affected parties through an open house on Aug. 21 and through an online survey. All feedback will be collated into a summary report, to be shared with staff and council for their consideration as they make decisions about future uses in the area.

2.4m	Parking	
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4.3m	Driving/ Shared Bike	
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Current road use/pavement markings

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