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From: ()
 Sent: September 26, 2008 1:19 PM
 To: MayorandCouncil; Raymond Fung
 Subject: Bike Route

Dear Mayor, Councilors and Mr. Fung,

I want to let you know how disappointed I am with the new stretch of Marine drive between 13th and Park Royal. I am a year round bike commuter from my home in Caulfeild to downtown and without doubt the most dangerous part of my ride is this newly "upgraded" section of Marine. I am able to ride along Marine to 31st, then Bellevue from 31st to 13th, which is better for cyclists, but how do I get from 13th and Bellevue to Park Royal?? I cant take the path through Ambleside then up Cap river because most of it is gravel, I can't take that new path just below Marine because there are too many pedestrians and it is too narrow for both bikes and pedestrians, so I have to take Marine drive between Park Royal and 13th.

You just finished this and nothing was done on this most dangerous section to make life safer for the many commuters that cycle this stretch of road each day. Why was nothing was done on this section to accommodate cyclists?? I was born and raised in West Van and I am puzzled why West Van is not leading the way to encourage a healthy and environmentally friendly mode of transportation?? Instead we are behind the curve, way behind and I wonder about the leadership we are getting on this issue. When the upgrade was being done, did nobody think of putting bike lanes in?? There is a lot of room below marine that could have been used for bike lanes. Or, why was the pathway below Marine, not made wider so that both pedestrian and bikes could share it safely from Park Royal to 13th and Bellevue??

The new section of Marine Drive is dangerous to cyclists and someone is going to get hurt on it. There is a big hole in West Vancouver's cycling route and I am interested to hear how the municipality plans on dealing with this issue.

Sincerely,

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