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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Bicycle lanes on the West Van Connector  
**Attachments:** WV connector article 29-03-09.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Councillors of West Vancouver,

I was interested to read in the 29 March edition of the North Shore News (see attachment) about the announcement that Federal and Provincial funds are being made available to build a connector road from Garden Avenue in North Vancouver to Marine Drive near the Park Royal shopping Centre in West Vancouver.

I am writing to urge you to ensure that suitable pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle lanes are included in the West Van Connector project. As a bicycle rider, I find the connections between North and West Vancouver to be most unsatisfactory. In my view, the North Shore is far behind the city of Vancouver in planning and implementing a network of bicycle lanes and bicycle pathways that is needed to ease growing traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide safe routes for commuter and recreational cyclists.

This plan to build a West Van Connector is an opportunity for you to respond to the objectives of the 2004 District of West Vancouver Official Community Plan to reduce residents' dependency on private automobiles and promote alternatives to private vehicles, including the enhancement of walking and cycling networks.

Your sincerely,

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# North Shore gets huge ports boost

Feds, province pledge \$137 million

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**THE** North Shore is set to receive \$225 million worth of infrastructure improvements to its ports, rail and roadways in order to bolster the community's role in the Asia-Pacific Gateway.

The funding, announced Friday by Stockwell Day, federal Minister of International Trade and the Asia Pacific Gateway and Premier Gordon Campbell, will go toward five major projects aimed at enhancing the Asia-Pacific Gateway.

# WV connector in the works

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tracks will also be improved.

■ Extension of the lower level route to Marine Drive at an estimated cost of \$86.8 million, though only \$50 million has been confirmed. Extension of the lower level route from Garden Avenue to Marine Drive near Park Royal Shopping Centre in the District of West Vancouver should provide a two-lane road, including a new bridge over the Capilano River. The project should provide significant traffic relief to the Marine Drive approach to the Lions Gate Bridge.

Some of the projects announced, particularly expansion of the Lower Level Road, were top priorities identified by business leaders at the North Shore Economic Summit organized by the North Shore Chamber of Commerce in February.

At the time, chamber president Naomi Yamamoto called for improvements to transportation infrastructure to better the links between North and West Vancouver and provide jobs in the dwindling economy.