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Dallas Road protected bike lane will open up the waterfront to seniors

VICTORIA – The proposed protected bike lane on Dallas Road would allow seniors to access the waterfront by tricycle, according to Cycling Without Age Victoria. The local chapter of the Danish program has volunteers pedal tricycles to take seniors who are confined to residential care homes out for rides.

The program currently avoids Dallas Road, citing safety concerns due to vehicle traffic.

“The protected bike lane would permit slow cycling so our elderly passengers can enjoy the sensory experience of our beautiful waterfront,” said Cycling Without Age Victoria Co-Founder Carson Sage yesterday. Sage’s sentiments were echoed by fellow Co-Founder Kristi Owens. “Slow cycling will spark spontaneous interaction with other path users which is so important for the socially-isolated seniors we serve,” Owens said.

Dallas Road is classified as a secondary arterial street for its higher traffic capacity and its role as a thoroughfare in Victoria’s street network.

As part of the program’s risk management process, its volunteers examine roads to maximize safety and scenery when creating routes. Despite lower winter traffic volumes during an audit in November, volunteers felt threatened by observed traffic speeds, the lack of space for passing, and vehicles reversing from angled parking.

Sage added, “Separation from vehicles would nearly eliminate our exposure to dangerous road conditions and catastrophic driver error.”

“A fair and equitable society protects those who are most vulnerable on the road,” said Sage, “We need to measure the success of the CRD’s project by its ability to create physical environments that enable every person, including the elderly, to move safely.”

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