

To encourage cycling, the City has installed bike lanes on Hilchey Road, from South Dogwood Street to Highway 19A. The bike lanes connect the multi-use path along South Dogwood Street to the Seawalk along Highway 19A.

WHY INSTALL BIKE LANES ON HILCHEY?

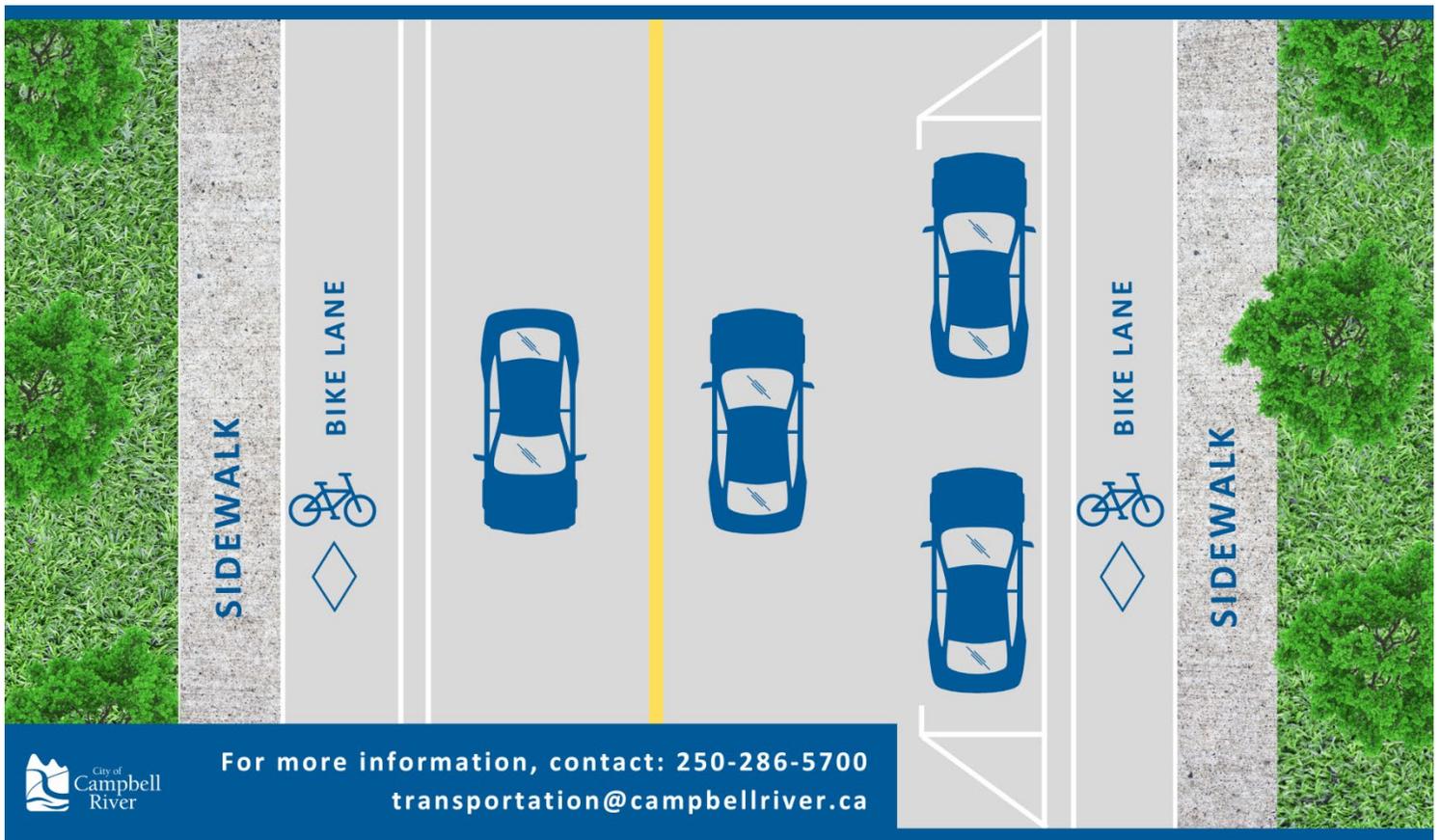
The City's Sustainable Official Community Plan and Master Transportation Plan (MTP) encourage cycling. More cycling means less pollution and congestion, fewer collisions, and healthier individuals and communities. Hilchey is identified as a bike route in the MTP and required additional infrastructure to make it safer and more comfortable for cyclists.

WHY DID THE CITY CHOOSE THIS DESIGN?

After reviewing different designs, the City endorsed painted, buffered bike lanes. This design is supported in the BC Active Transportation Design Guide as being a safer alternative to placing the bike lane between parked and moving cars. On a road like Hilchey, with high volumes and high speeds of vehicles, cyclists feel safer and more comfortable when they are next to the curb, rather than between a row of parked vehicles and a row of moving vehicles.

THE LANES FEEL NARROW—ARE THEY?

The travel lanes are the standard 3.5m wide. They narrow slightly at the Dogwood, Alder and Highway 19A intersections to accommodate turn lanes. The parking lane is the standard 2.4m wide. This may feel narrow to Hilchey residents, as previously the entire 14m width of asphalt on Hilchey was dedicated to cars.



WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

The bike lanes on Hilchey are next to the curb. Parking is permitted on the north side of Hilchey between Dogwood and Alder and on the south side of Hilchey between Alder and Highway 19A. The parking lane “floats” and may look like a parked car is in the middle of the road. Drivers must park outside the white lines, making sure not to block driveways, bus stops, and fire hydrants.

RESPECT THE BIKE LANE: PARK IN THE PARKING LANE**HOW DID THE CITY CHOOSE WHERE TO REMOVE PARKING?**

The City reviewed land use, density and parking demand to determine where to keep and remove parking.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT SNOWS?

On the occasional snow days in Campbell River, lane lines will not be visible. It helps snow plow operations on all City roads if cars avoid parking on the road during snow events. The City anticipates very few bikes on the road during snow events.

DO OTHER CITIES HAVE THIS DESIGN?

Courtenay, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver are some of the other cities that have installed parking-protected bike lanes similar to those on Hilchey.