

DNV improvements to East 29th street

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The District of North Vancouver is going ahead with improvements to East 29th Street between Lonsdale and Lynn Valley Road. As well as making the road safer and quicker for automobile drivers, including improvements to pedestrian infrastructure, the plan will eliminate almost all automobile parking below Tempe Crescent in favour of new continuous bike lanes.

During its May 27 meeting, the council approved an additional \$972,000 for a total budget of \$1.45 million. The city will contribute approximately \$330,000 to paving costs. Phase 1 work will happen this summer to coincide with repaving between Lonsdale and William Avenue.

East 29th is shared by the city and district, and is one of only two east-west arterial routes above the highway. As well as being a transit corridor, it is often used by commuters to avoid traffic tie-ups on the Upper Levels highway.

The two municipalities worked together

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on a technical review and collected public input during 2017 and 2018 prior to developing the plan.

Drivers will enjoy new left-turn lanes at six intersections, and a new traffic signal at William Street. Traffic at the current four-way stop often backs up the hill towards Lonsdale, and the signal will be timed to move traffic through the intersection more efficiently, and to make crossing the street safer for pedestrians and school-children.

Pedestrians on the district side of East

29th will finally enjoy an uninterrupted sidewalk from Lonsdale to Lynn Valley, with the District filling in gaps in the existing sidewalks. Walkers will also see new crosswalks added at Royal, Tempe Crescent, Regent, St. Andrew, and St. Georges, with pedestrian-operated strobe lights at three intersections.

This plan was first presented at the May 6th council meeting. At that time, bike riders on council were concerned that the project offered few improvements for cyclists. Less than three weeks later,

the staff returned with a revised plan that includes the district's first uninterrupted, green-painted bike route.

The top part of the designated bike route will run from Lonsdale along East 27th and around Tempe Crescent. From Tempe to Lynn Valley the route will remove all parking and add designated bike lanes, as well as "bike boxes" at William and Lynn Valley Road.

Right turns on red will be prohibited at the William and E 29th intersection. West-bound cyclists will now cross 29th at the new crosswalk at Royal, and continue up to Tempe Crescent in a new two-way, separated bike route.

The changes will make E. 29th a safe and efficient route for "all corridor users", accommodate a possible new B-Line bus route, and integrate well with the planned "High Street" that will be a part of the Lynn Valley Town Centre. The district will also add underground conduit at Fromme and E. 29th for a new set of traffic signals expected within the next five years.