



Public Outreach Survey Responses Summary

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Number of Survey Respondants: 27

(1) Are you aware of any surface water drainage problems (standing water, flooding, etc.) in the Marine Drive roadway corridor, on the roadway surface, adjacent ditches or property? If so, please describe them below

- Drainage ditches throughout the Island are home to many amphibians who will be killed by the run off from the chemical soup the county intends to put on our roads
- Every winter there is a puddle of water on the north side of the road in the dip before going up to the East side of the RR overpass (driving west)
- No. The drainage along this route has been fine for the 23 years I have been a resident here. No need to spend money on this.

(2) Are there any safety issues that should be addressed in the corridor for the traveling public (examples may include: line of sight problems from overhanging tree/brush limbs, blind driveways, utility poles, etc.)?

- Pedestrians and bikers need some space
- Folks go too fast there
- Bicycle and pedestrian traffic
- Safety issues?? We use the road to walk, bicycle, push baby carriages, walk dogs, etc. You are making our community 'trail' into a very dangerous place
- Narrow road and bike riders
- This Improved road segment leads to extremely poor road condition. I suggest economizing on sidewalk for now and spending savings on grinding, fabric, new asphalt Alderwood to Fort Bellingham.
- Line of sight intersection McAlpine Rd and Marine Drive
- Line of sight from Alderwood onto Marine Drive, line of sight from McAlpine onto Marine Drive
- Alderwood Ave is easily missed at night
- The usual- and when the sun is in direct sight- it can impact
- No. This has not been a problem along this route.

(3) Do you have suggestions to improve the roadway signage or route finding for cars, bicycles or pedestrians?

- Any signs alerting drivers of cars and trucks that pedestrians and bicyclers use the road would be greatly appreciated
- more "slow" signs
- Yes! Drop the speed Island wide to 25 mph, sign it throughout, and monitor it - send the sheriff over frequently to stop the speeders
- Nothing needs to be improved
- Currently the shoulder is too narrow to be safe for pedestrians and cyclists. A sidewalk and a wide bike lane would be a big improvement. I recommend reflectors to help identify bike lane at night.
- Cliffside is a dead end without public access. This should be made very clear.
- Street lights!
- It would be nice to have something that more easily identifies Alderwood Ave at night. I look for the street sign so a bigger sign or lighting would be nice.
- street signs.
- ChartWell Estates has already put plenty of money into the sidewalk improvement on our side of the road. People use it and it should not be removed for this new project. We have already paid taxes into this improvement back in 1996. We wish not to be included in this new taxation you plan.

(4) Tell us about any known vehicle traffic congestion or speeding issues in the project area.

- The overpass is very dangerous for bikers and pedestrians
- Lots of bicycles use this route, and it is very challenging
- Far too much speeding lately
- None. but this project leads to worst ever road for biking/pedestrian safety
- We live on this road and there are no issues in this tiny project area
- Speeders passing slower vehicles are observed sometimes
- Traffic from park and Cliffside neighborhood
- Difficulty turning left from alderwood onto marine drive. Heavy traffic. Long wait
- Speeding occurs daily
- Always speed issues, over 40 mph
- Speeding issues are constant- and bicyclists often travel in packs blocking the roadway

(5) Please rate on a scale of 1-10 how important street lighting BETWEEN intersections in the project area is to you (street lighting is already planned at all road intersections).

1 = No interest in additional street lighting outside of intersections.

10 = Absolutely critical to illuminate the entire roadway corridor.

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Response Average = 3.9

(6) Do you have any other project related comments or feedback about the existing site conditions that you would like to share with us?

Examples could include - Knowledge of underground drains, wells, or other hidden features on private property that may be affected by the project; Concerns with access to mailboxes, bus service, or other public services; concerns about landscaping, trees, fencing, or site features within the public right of way that should be considered for preservation/protection.

- Drainage ditch inhabitants, fish (we ARE an island, and all run-off endangers or kills fish fry.
- If a sidewalk is mandated, perhaps better alternate is improving county trail from overlook to Alderwood is a better option. also, could build ne trail on Airport property on east side.
- There are no concerns for this short stretch of roadway. A complete waste of taxpayers money!!!
- The impact on the access to Chartwell Estates. Will the entrance be less
- Our curtain drain around house was tied into storm sewer line. It has been disrupted by other projects passing by and not sure how it was left the last time.
- Must consider continued financial impact of Covid 19 into 2021. Insufficient due to restrictions on border tvl, etc
- From the drawing, it appears the cherry trees that line the existing sidewalk in front of the Chartwell condos will not be damaged. Is this correct? They are lovely especially in the spring and it would be terrible to lose them.
- Chartwell Estates has already paid our monies to put in a sidewalk which was demanded by the County at the time of the development in 1996. We should not have to pay in again for everyone else's benefit here. Also, we do not want our sidewalk and Cherry trees removed or touched in any manner as to disturb them. We do not want the county to decide this for us. It is not your property to take over. Also, the fencing we have established is extremely costly. That should not be touched either in order to put in your over taxation improvements.

(7) Would you like a Whatcom County Public Works staff person to contact you for further discussion about this project or answer other specific project questions?

If you selected yes from the question above, please briefly describe what aspect of the project you would like to talk about.

- Why modern road surfacing is not considered. Initial increased cost would eliminate all the dangers of flying rock, toxic chemicals, etc. while providing a longer life road
- Please explain why this project is a necessity!
- I don't have much to contribute to the discussion except for enthusiasm for the project.
- Just to be sure traffic in and out of Cliffside is accomodated.
- How my property will be impacted, and pass on info of my property drain connection to storm sewer so as to be left intact or repaired as construction is completed.
- The City intends to annex this portion. Why spend County dollars when the city will own this roadway?
- I know you aware of BNSF blocking crossing of the tracks on Old Marine Drive. So when you get to that section of Marine Drive I wonder is there any chance of a safe crossing there or possibly a new bridge/overpass. i know it all costs \$ but maybe it is cheaper to do a pedestrian/bike crossing on Old Marine Dr. That is where my driveway comes out to the county road so I see the possibilities every day.
- If power poles or mailboxes need to moved- who pays for it?
- We are concerned about the impact of tree removal on our property. We have a large line of trees along the road side that may interfere with the sidewalk.
- Affect of work on existing cherry trees?
- How this will effect the Chartwell Estates land. We already pay way more taxes to the county than any other land owners in this area.