



Workshop #4 – Connections, Places & Character
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Table Topic #3 Summary: Kingsway Streetscape

Summary of comments on the Kingsway streetscape, organised by topic:

1# Crossings

- Need a crossing between Gladstone and Nanaimo
- Add pedestrian crossing between Nanaimo and Slocan on Kingsway
- Another person also in favour of crossing between Nanaimo and Slocan
- Why are the traffic lights hanging off of wires rather than arms off of existing poles? Would like to see the signals in Norquay changed to overhead wiring. (Answer- cost, cheaper to wire overhead rather than underground).
- Slocan at Kingsway Intersection-This is the closest intersection to the elementary school. Is it safe enough?

#2 Greening

- What about landscaping on narrower medians, ie. Salal
- Use native plants, Salal for cheap, low maintenance medians (green)
- More of a green buffer between traffic and sidewalk (Southside of Kingsway between Rhodes and Earles)
- Multi-cultural plantings (distinctive plantings)- all of Kingsway
- Let's open up and re-green Still Creek, Let's make a green pedestrian/bike route connecting the Skytrain to Kingsway

#3 Norquay Park

- Green landscaping for sure in front of Norquay Park on the center median
- Trees in front of Norquay Park on centre median
- Other ideas for centre median in front of Norquay Park - sidewalk symbols mounted onto poles/posts or (either banners, or wooden signs) as an alternative to trees? Street art or landscaping- big rocks and low maintenance flowering shrubs? Would not require the same width as trees, and could be just as effective as a visual cue that this block is special.

#4 Street Furniture

- Benches in front of Norquay Park
- Benches here where kids play- in front of Purdy's playground

#5 Design

- Separated bike facilities on Kingsway
- "Less" between lanes of traffic

- Slope the center medians on Kingsway at locations such as Wales to allow emergency access to the side streets
- Center medians on Kingsway- What about business access, left turns off Kingsway?
- Nanaimo south of 33rd- would like to see curb and gutter
- Acquire easement on Pattison Property at 34th and Kingsway to facilitate crossing

#6 Shops and Services

- Café/coffee shop north side of Kingsway between Clarendon and Slocan
- Need a place for young people to hang out
- What's happening to this building here? Dead. (North side of Kingsway between Clarendon and Slocan)
- Grocery Store- 2500 block of Kingsway, NE block of Slocan
- SE corner of Kingsway at Slocan- this Chinese restaurant is really shady...illegal activities at night?
- Would more apartments above the stores on Kingsway bring us the density we need to get coffee shops and grocery stores?