



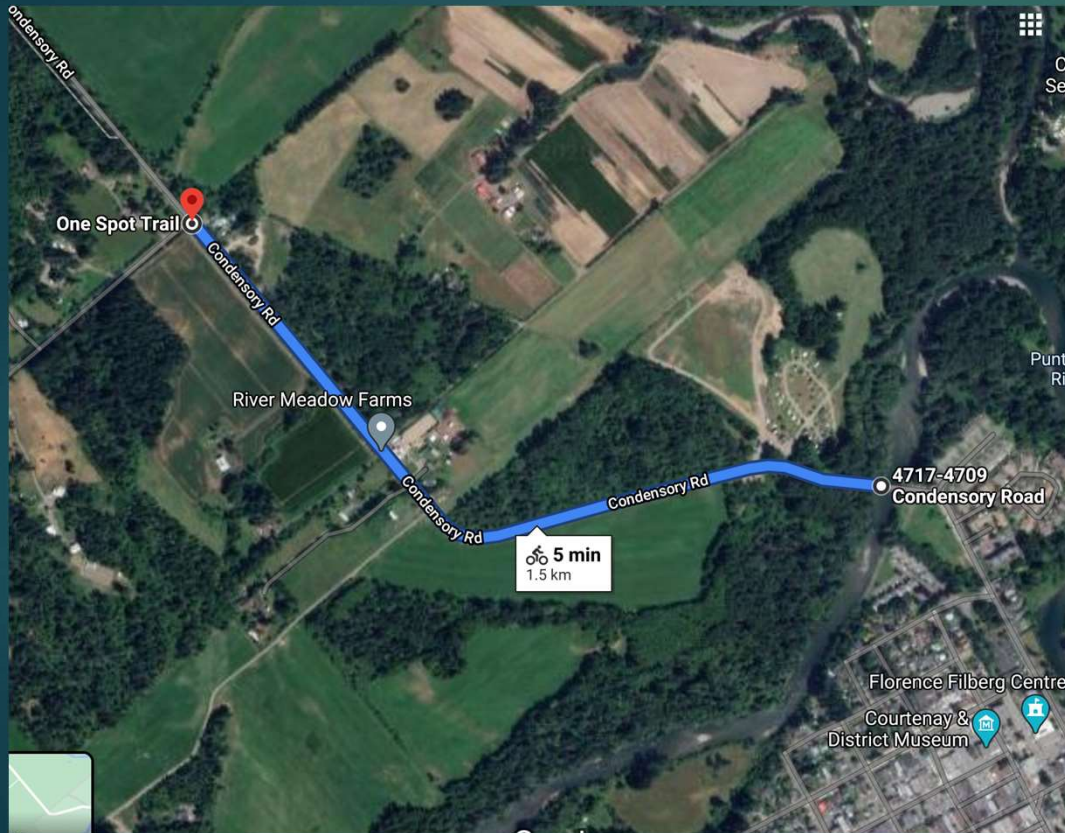
Condensory Rd

Infrastructure Notes

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING
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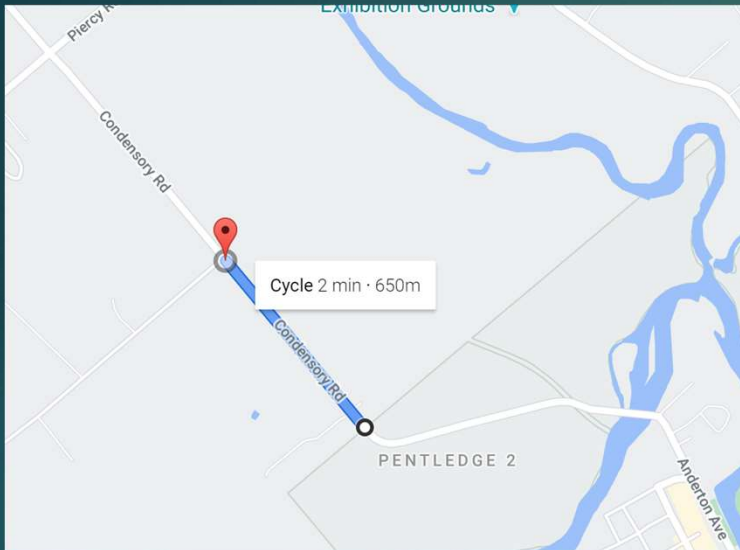
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Condensory– Locator Map



- Portion of **Condensory Road** from Puntledge River west to Cessford Rd has **no shoulder and two blind curves**
- Total of **1.5 km** that requires **shoulder upgrades/paving**
- **Speed limit** of **60 km/h**
- **Very busy roadway** - Highly used by recreational and commuter cyclists.
- **5th Street Bridge rehabilitation** is expected to force more vehicles to use this route to access downtown Courtenay (6 months in 2020)

Condensory Rd – near Cessford Rd

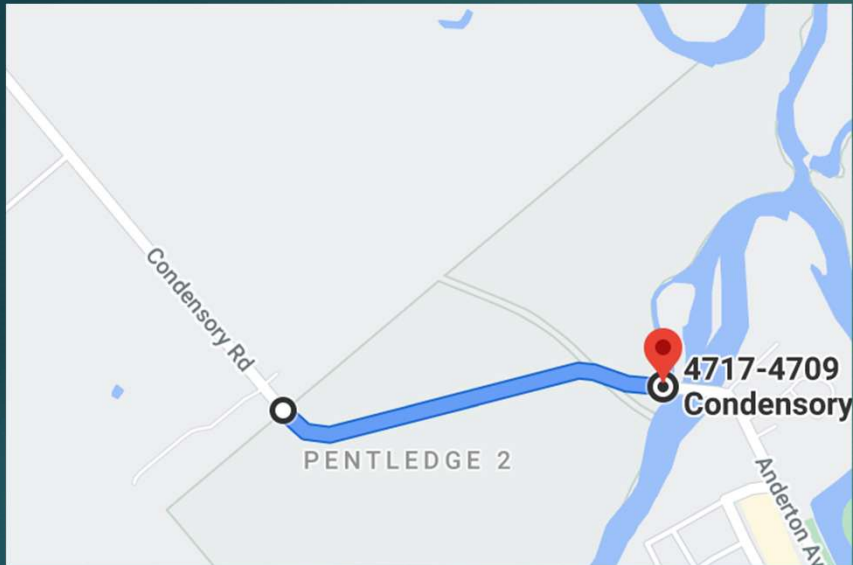


- **650 m from Cessford Rd** to edge of K'omox First Nation Lands
- Road has narrow gravel shoulders which are unsafe to ride
- requires **shoulder widening and paving**

- Road allowance is **~20m wide**
- **One Spot Trail (unpaved)** is parallel to Condensory Rd for part of this section
- Some ditches along existing road as well as utility poles and a number of access roads



Condensory Rd – near Bridge on KFN Lands



- **850 m from Puntledge River Bridge**
edge of K'omox First Nation Lands
- Road has narrow gravel shoulders which are unsafe to ride
- requires **shoulder widening and paving**

- Road allowance is **~20m wide**
- **Two blind curves** dangerous for cyclists and vehicles
- Ditches along road as well as utility poles



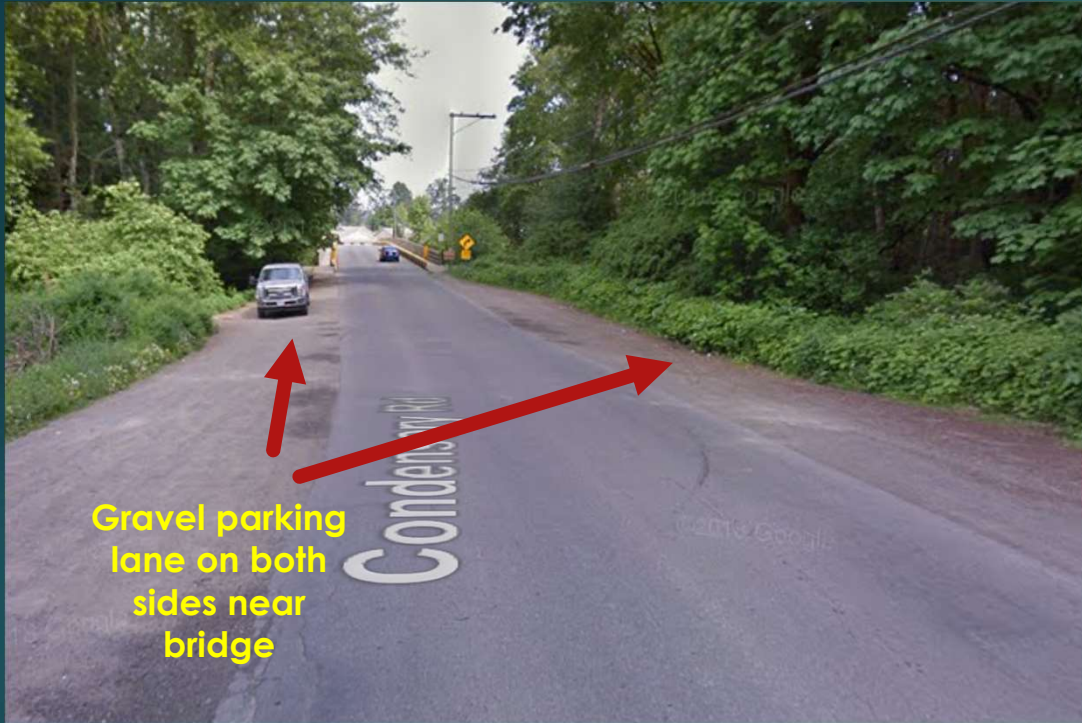
Condensory Rd – Blind Curves



- **Limited visibility** on two corners
- **No shoulders** on either corner
- Vehicles exiting campground on curve closer to bridge
- **Roadwork** ongoing in 2020 near bridge



Condensory Rd – Bridge



- **Vehicles** typically parked on both sides of Condensory just west of bridge (fishing, swimming, etc)
- Roadwork ongoing in this area during 2020

Long Standing Issue...



Dear editor,

Re. Condensory Road another dangerous area for cyclists (letter from Jill Gould)

In 2011, I presented a petition of 800+ signatures to CVRD, Ministry of Transport, the then Minister of Highways, Emcon, even the RCMP asking for help for shoulders on that **very dangerous stretch of Condensory Road**, from Condensory Bridge to then Cessford Road. I cited all the dangers described and I cited the appalling intolerance towards cyclists trying to get out of the way of vehicles on that stretch. The petition included photos of these perils. I heard from cyclists of being whacked by mirrors, of being verbally abused and of having coffee thrown at them.

The petition got nowhere. So in frustration, concerned about a death (that usually gets action), **I donated one-half acre of my farm for a trail** to connect to the One Spot Trail at Cessford Road. That got action! It took a while, but the CVRD built Clemmie's Trail, a nice wide stretch with an excellent gravel surface, good fencing and culverts, 50 red maple trees, a concrete bridge, my donated bench. The trail is well-maintained and will be in perpetuity.

The K'ómoks First Nation was approached as it seemed an extension of the trail would be an appealing addition to their campers and a safe way to access the wonderful One Spot and other trails for cyclists, pedestrians and schoolkids. I find it puzzling that the City of Courtenay did not make a trail addition part of the water/sewer deal.

Be safe Ms. Gould, these days I would not walk nor cycle that stretch.

Marilyn Clements,
Courtenay.

Recommendations



- Immediately **reduce speed limits** from 60 km/h **to 50 km/h** on Condensory Road from Puntledge River bridge to Piercy Road
- Install **no passing signage/line paint** from Puntledge River to Cessford Rd (1.5km). This area is extremely high risk for both cyclists and pedestrians
- **Widen and pave shoulders** suitable for safe cycling from Puntledge River to Cessford Rd.
- **Extend One Spot Multi-use Trail** from current end point to Puntledge River Bridge (~900m). This would allow pedestrians and some cyclists to stay off Condensory Rd