



Seal Bay

(Bates and Coleman Road)

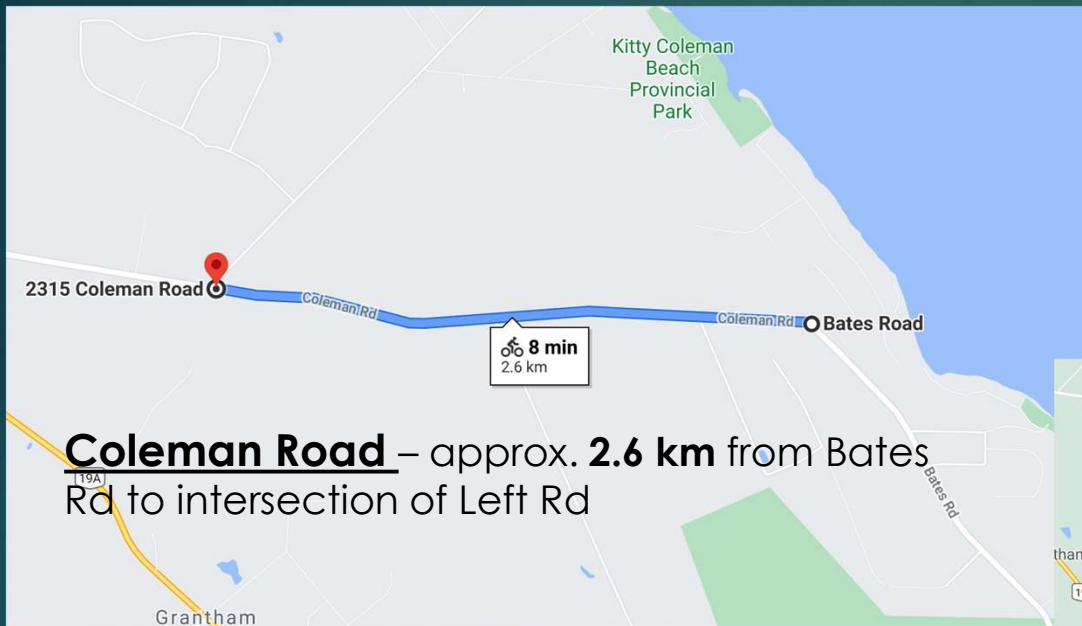
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Notes

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COALITION

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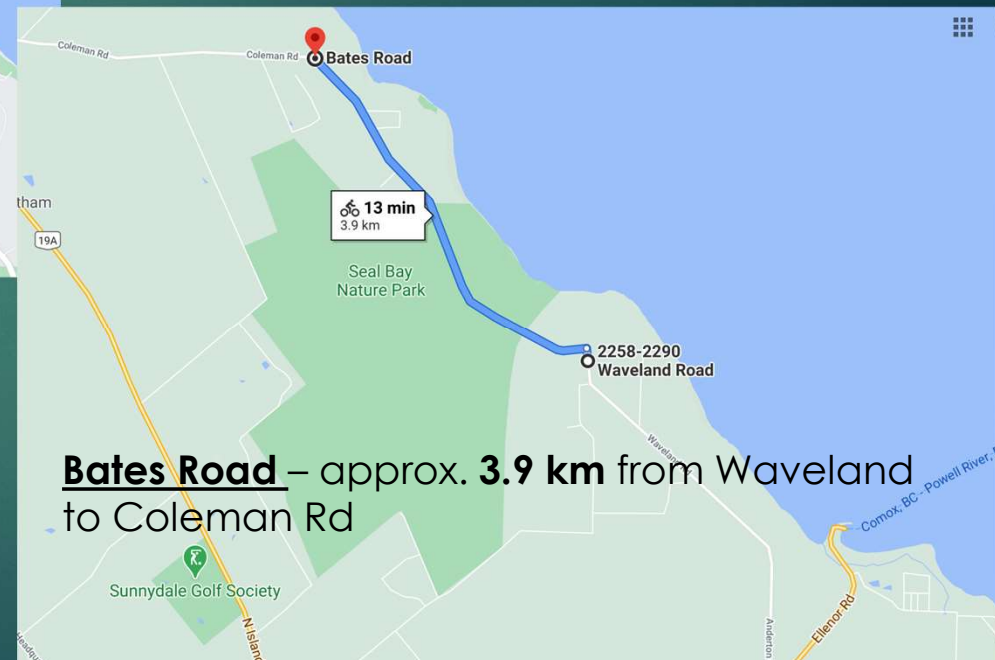
Seal Bay– Locator Map



Coleman Road – approx. **2.6 km** from Bates Rd to intersection of Left Rd

- **Very busy roadway** - Highly used by recreational cyclists, commuters to ferry, and vehicles
- Bates Road passes through Seal Bay Nature Park
- **Main route from ferry terminal** to Campbell River and north island destinations

- Total of **6.5 km** that requires **sl** **upgrades/paving**
- Broken into two sections for presentation
- **Speed limits** of **70 km/h** (Bates) and **80 km/h** (Coleman)



Bates Road – approx. **3.9 km** from Waveland to Coleman Rd

Poor Shoulder – Bates Road



- **Shoulders** on Bates Rd **are either non-existent or unpaved** and dangerous for cyclists
- **Speed limit** is **70 km/h**
- **Poor visibility**, very shaded in spots



Bates Rd near Waveland Rd

Bates Road – North of Seal Bay Park

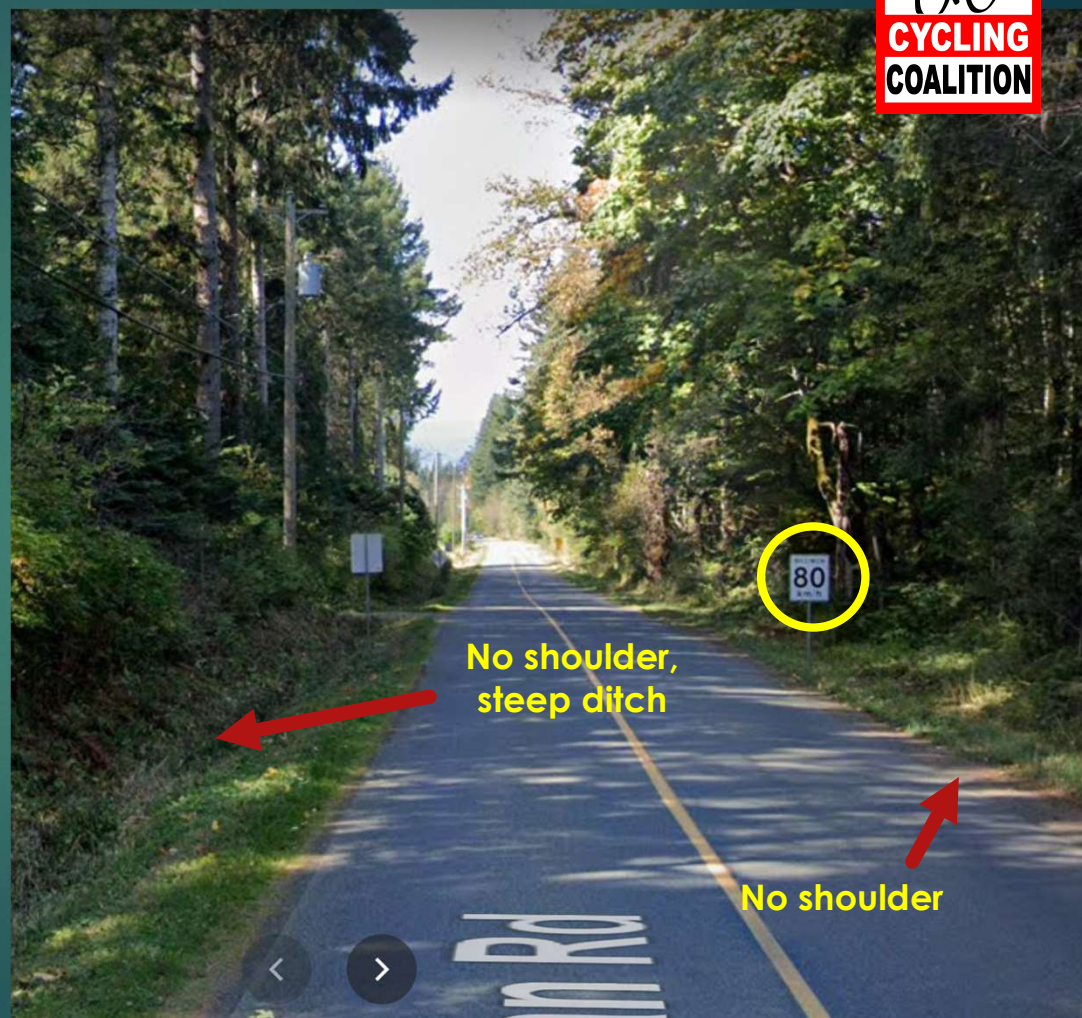


Bates Rd near Anson Rd

Coleman Road – Bates to Left Road



- **No Shoulders** on Coleman Rd from Bates Rd to Left Rd intersection
- **Speed limit** is **80 km/h**
- Poor visibility due to shading and corners



Coleman Road – Between Left Rd and 19A



Eastbound shoulder
very narrow

Westbound
shoulder is
manageable

- Westbound shoulder is ok, but eastbound needs to be widened
- **Speed limit** is **80 km/h**

Seal Bay Parking Lot – Bates Rd



- Bates Rd passes through Seal Bay Nature Park (SBNP) and there is a well-used parking lot adjacent to the roadway
- SBNP is popular with nature lovers, hikers, dog walkers, runners and cyclists
- **Dangerous situation** at parking area with **high speed traffic (70 km/h)** and **no shoulders**

Seal Bay Parking Lot – Crossing of Bates Rd



- There are two trails at the parking lot which require pedestrians to walk across Bates Road to access
- Again, a very **Dangerous situation** at parking area with **high speed traffic (70 km/h)** and **no crosswalk, signs or traffic calming**



Recommendations

- Immediately **reduce speed limits** from 70 and 80 km/h **to 50 km/h** on Bates Road and the portion of Coleman Rd where shoulders are not adequate.
- Install **no passing signage/line paint** and **marked crosswalks** with signs at the Seal Bay Bates Road parking lot. **Traffic must be calmed through** this **parking area** or there is high risk of a serious accident.
- **Widen** (as necessary) **and pave shoulders** on **Bates Road**
- **Add appropriate paved bike accessible shoulder** to both sides of **Coleman Rd** from Bates Rd to Left Rd
- Widen eastbound shoulder of Coleman Rd from Hwy 19A to Left Rd