

Hitacu Tashii Multi-Use Trail Project

Date: January 13, 2023

**Re: Feedback summary from 1st Community
Engagement Session**

Project: 2772G
From: Julia Barron
Attention: Spencer Touchie,
Melissa Boucha

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Supplied materials during engagement, including images and maps

Attachment 2: Feedback and notes during the engagement sessions

Attachment 3: Survey results

1 Overview

The Team from Gwaii Engineering (Gwaii), including Julia Barron EIT, Mike Achtem P.Eng., PMP, and subconsultant Ame-Lia Tamburrini were invited to Hitacu on December 14, 2022, to conduct the first of two community engagement sessions for the Hitacu Tashii Multi-use Trail Project.

The Team first conducted an information gathering session at the Elder's Luncheon for around 1.5 hours. The Team then stayed behind for a 3-hour "open house"-style drop-in session for community members to learn about the project. Overall, Elders, staff and other community members were extremely positive about the project and provided a lot of insightful feedback that will be used during the design phase.

Thank you to Melissa Boucha and Spencer Touchie for organizing a successful event.



2 Feedback Summary

Feedback from community members and Elders was received in multiple formats. A survey was distributed via newsletter to the community, and physical copies were distributed at the event. There were interactive whiteboards, maps, plans, photos and sticky notes that were used to collect information from participants. Conversations with participants provided a deeper understanding of key desires and the community context. The summary of feedback is described in the following subsections.

2.1 Survey Feedback:

1. Modes of transport:

(4) Walking

(6) Driving

2. Travel through Hitacu without vehicle

(1) As often as I can

(3) None/rare

(3) 1-2 times per day

(1) 4-5 times per day

(1) 3 times per week

(1) 5 times per week

3. Feeling unsafe on the road

(1) Yes, when road conditions are bad

(2) No

(2) Yes, due to a lack of safe walking infrastructure

4. Desire for a pathway

(6) Yes, in favour of a pathway due to safety concerns

(0) No



5. Important aspects of the pathway

- (2) Width
- Visibility such as bright / clear paint
- Accessibility for Elders
- New lighting
- Views
- Privacy for residents along the path
- Benches
- Lighting and signs
- Beware of garbage + recycling bins

6. Desire for wayfinding signs

- (2) Yes, beneficial for newcomers & non-community members
- (1) Yes, at Hitacu and Wya Roads
- (1) Yes, lights on the current street signs would be beneficial
- (1) No

7. Signs in Nuuchahnulth as well as English

- (2) No
- (5) Yes

8. Additional infrastructure along the pathway

- (9) Benches
- (4) Signs at cultural points
- (1) Warning signs for animals
- (7) Lights
- (1) Gazebo
- (1) Fencing
- (1) Median, culverts, ponds
- (1) Public garbage bins

9. Additional Feedback

- (2) Positive feedback for the project idea
- Wheelchair access areas



- Garbage / recycling bins on the trail
- Doggy poop stations or bag holders
- Paved so not muddy
- Share between biking and walking

2.2 Information Gathering Sessions

This section summarizes the information collected on whiteboards, printed plans, sticky notes and in conversations with participants.



Trail Uses & Accessibility Considerations

- Trail uses include skateboarding, biking, and walking
- Paving is preferred to allow elders and people with movement disabilities to access the trail.
- Wheelchair access should be a focus



- Having benches along the pathway will allow people to sit and enjoy their community. People feel as though they can't stop throughout the community because there isn't any infrastructure to support it.

Lighting Considerations

- Lighting should be designed to avoid vandalism
- Highly situated lights are not preferred due to aesthetic preference
- Solar lighting with a wood design was preferred out of the lighting options presented

Connectivity Considerations

- The trail could meet up with existing bus stops to offer increased connectivity
- Connecting the trail to the existing dock pathway would be beneficial
- Kids who study at the Hupa-too building often walk home along the main road, which makes the sidewalk extra necessary.
- Joggers and mountain bikers may benefit from an extension of the pathway towards the trails in the northeast of Hitacu

Safety Considerations

- Possibly including bright road paint could increase safety
- Maintenance will be important to keep it safe and functional
- Ideally, the kids and dogs could be off the road in a separated pathway for safety
- There are slippery sections of the road in the winter, especially at steep areas such as the hill on Hitacu Road.

Design Considerations

- Cedar chips or gravel could offer an alternative to pavement in certain areas (especially slippery sections for added traction in winter).
- Using sustainable materials is preferred
- Gravel could be placed to separate the sidewalk from the road (provides a safety barrier and traction in winter months if pavement is slippery)
- Benches in the design of a canoe or whale could be fun and enhance cultural connection
- Benches should be positioned to overlook the water
- Having the pathway on the waterfront side is preferred so that users can have a nice view
- Beach access, paths, and benches were desired in the southeast area of Hitacu (near the Asset Management building)



- Signage in significant areas would be beneficial. Something that describes historical and cultural significance could be nice for community members to connect to their ancestry and learn from knowledge holders.
- Kerry C. and Sam T. were highlighted as key knowledge holders that could help to create cultural signage. Jay Millar was also identified as someone to help with signage.
- There was interest in having Nuu-chah-nulth language included in signage.
- Key location for a sign was at the beach where “the creek goes down”, a historical site for canoe departures and landings.
- There could also be a warning sign for sasquatches

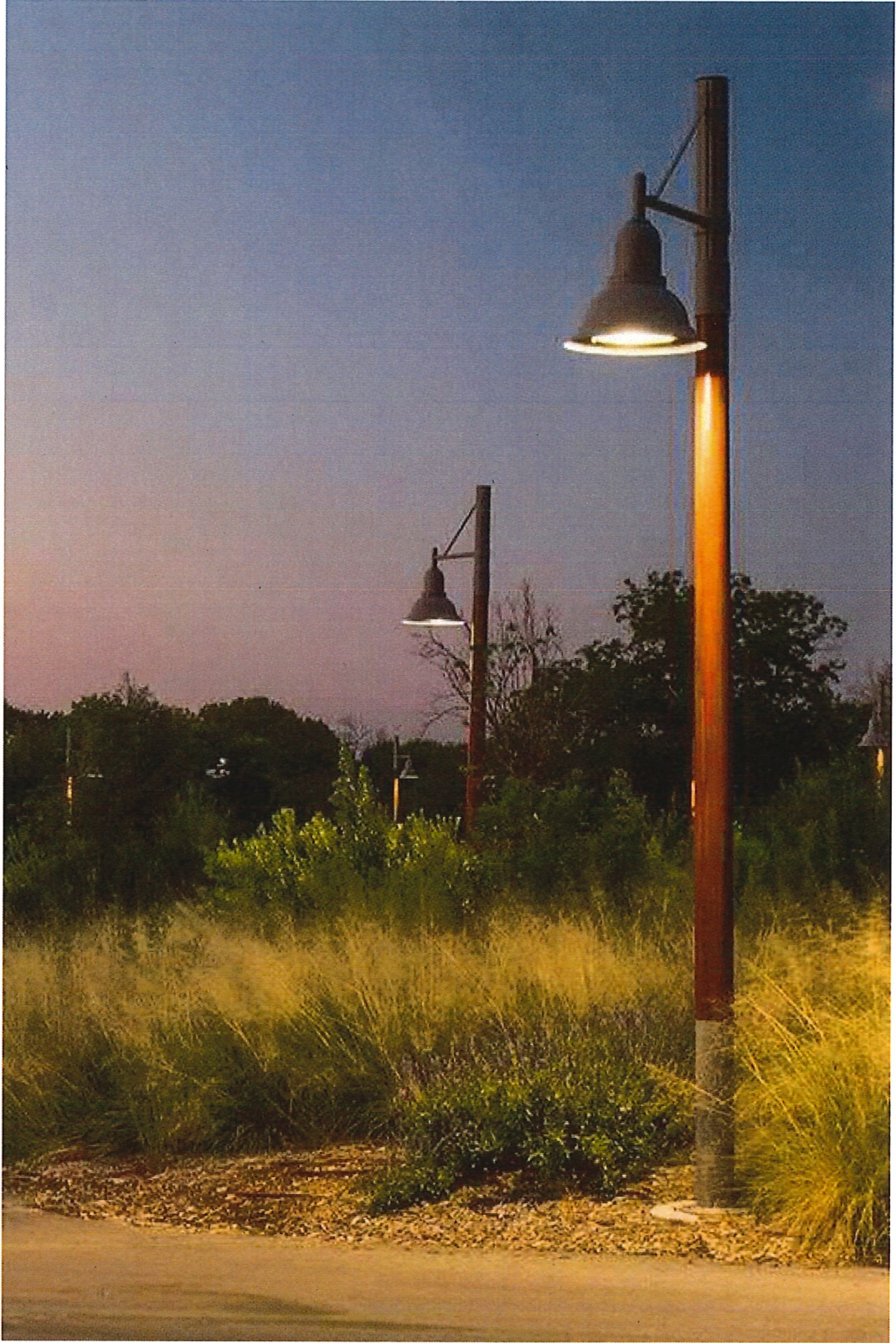


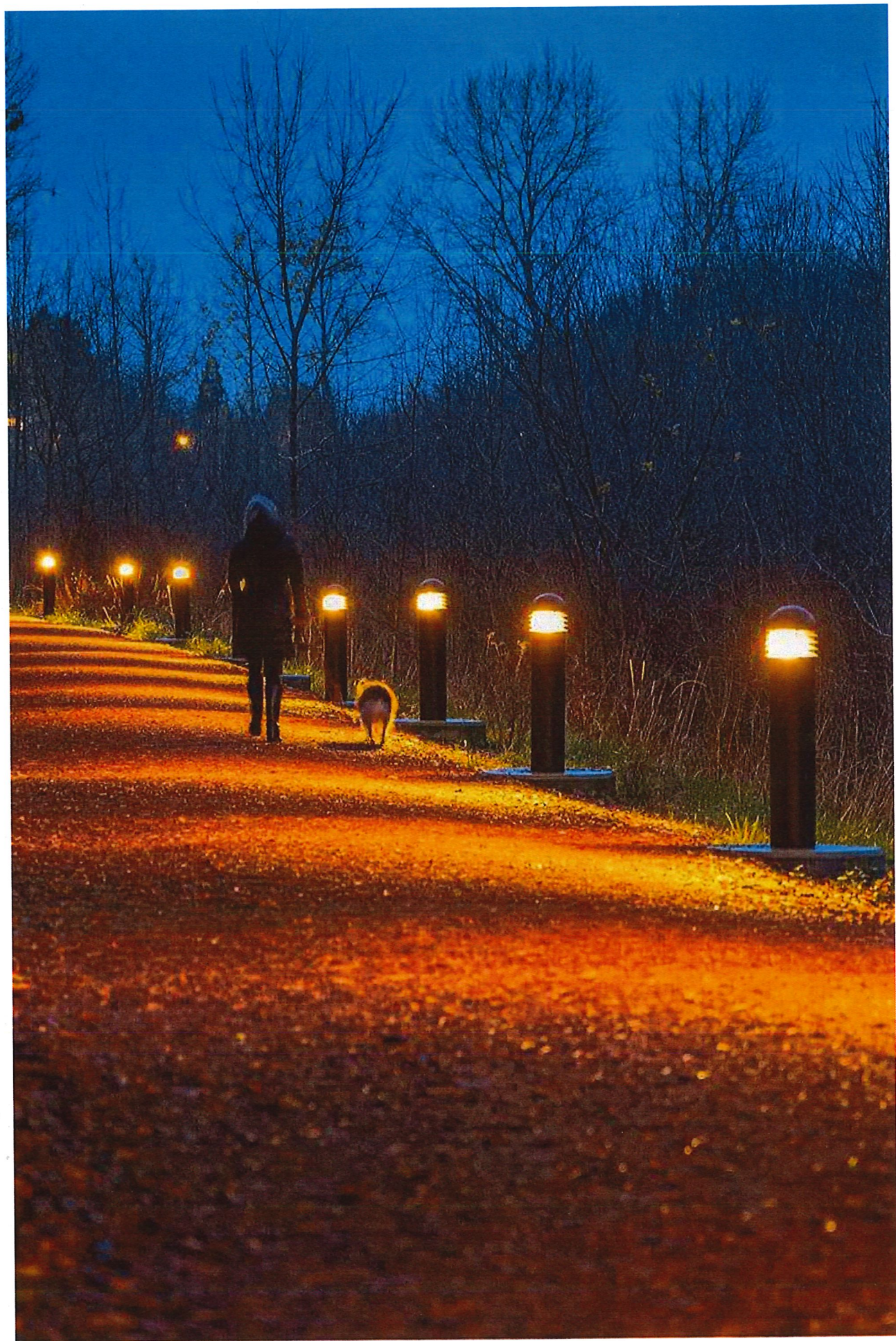
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ATTACHMENT 1: Supplied materials during engagement















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Industrial Way

Alʔatcu 4.65 KM

Downtown Tofino

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6.55 KM

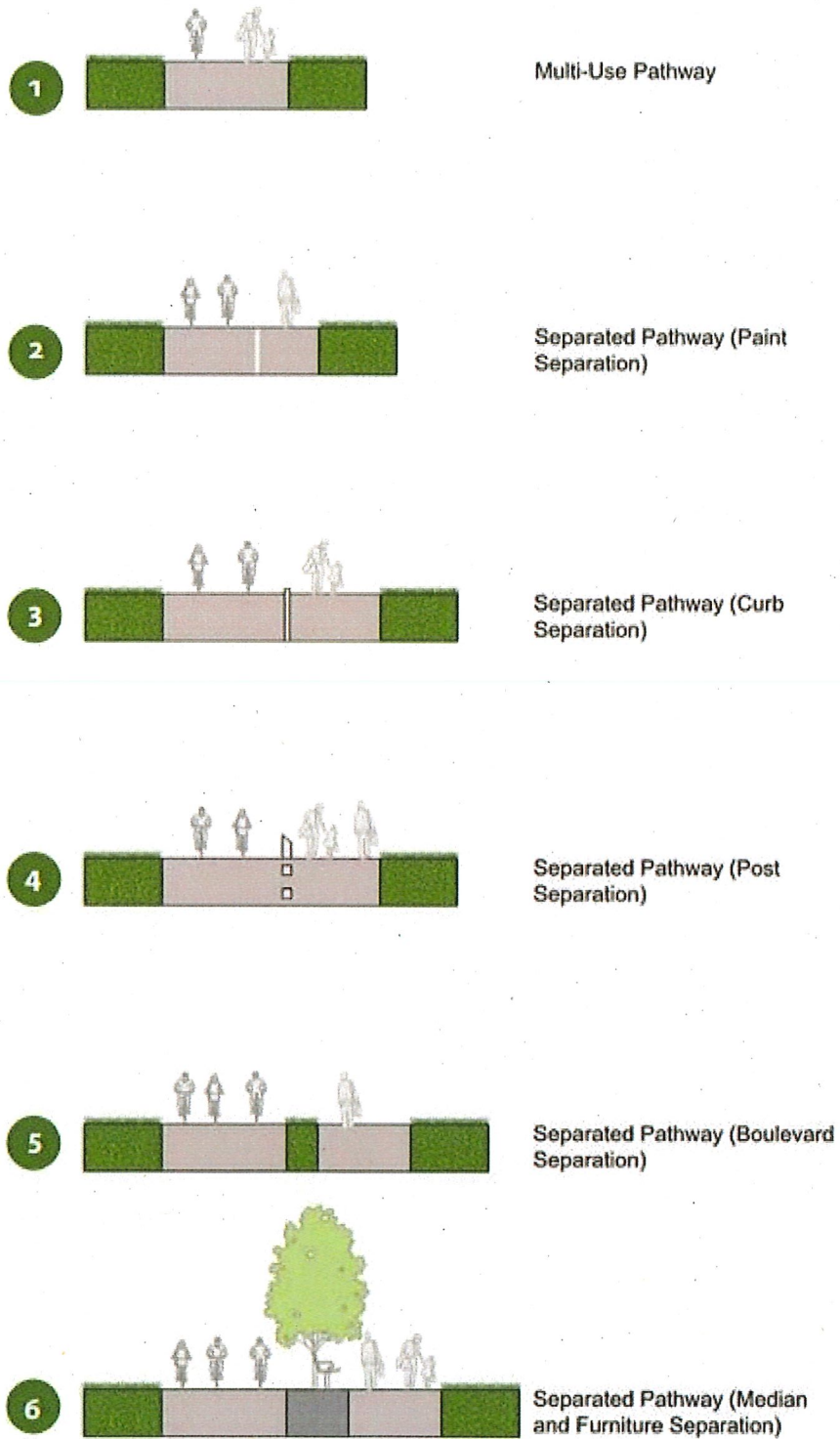


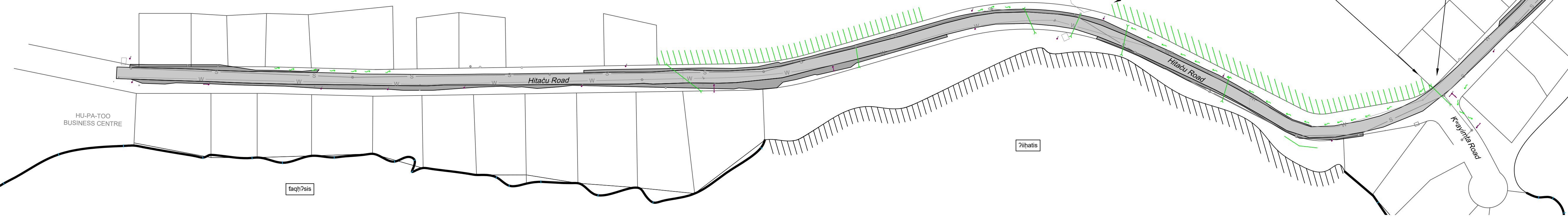






FIGURE E-63 // TYPES OF PATHWAY SEPARATION BETWEEN PEOPLE WALKING AND CYCLING





LEGEND

DITCH

FIRE HYDRANT

POWER POLE

STORM CULVERT

SEWER MANHOLE

LAWN BASIN

APPROXIMATE WATERMAIN

APPROXIMATE SEWERMAIN

ROAD SIGN

EXISTING PAVEMENT

EXISTING SHOULDER / BOULEVARD

WATER VALVE

APPROXIMATE SHORELINE

APPROXIMATE FOREST

NOTES

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF MULTI-USE TRAIL: 1.3km

SURFACE TO BE GRAVEL OR HARD SURFACE

PATHWAY WIDTH TO BE APPROXIMATELY 2-3m



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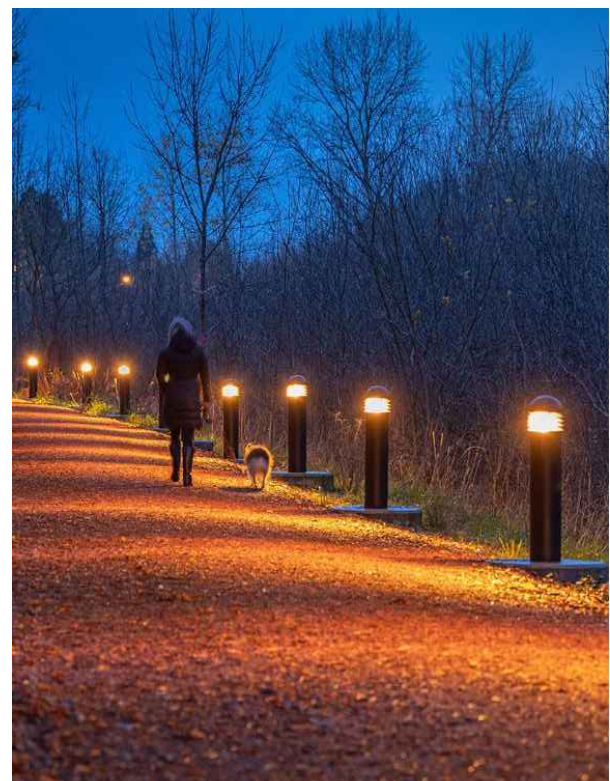
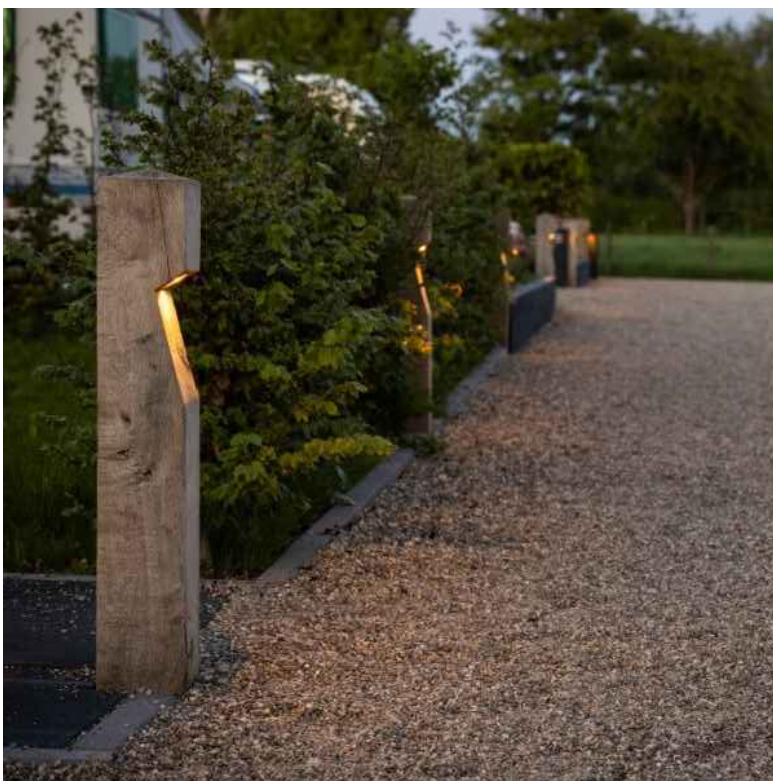
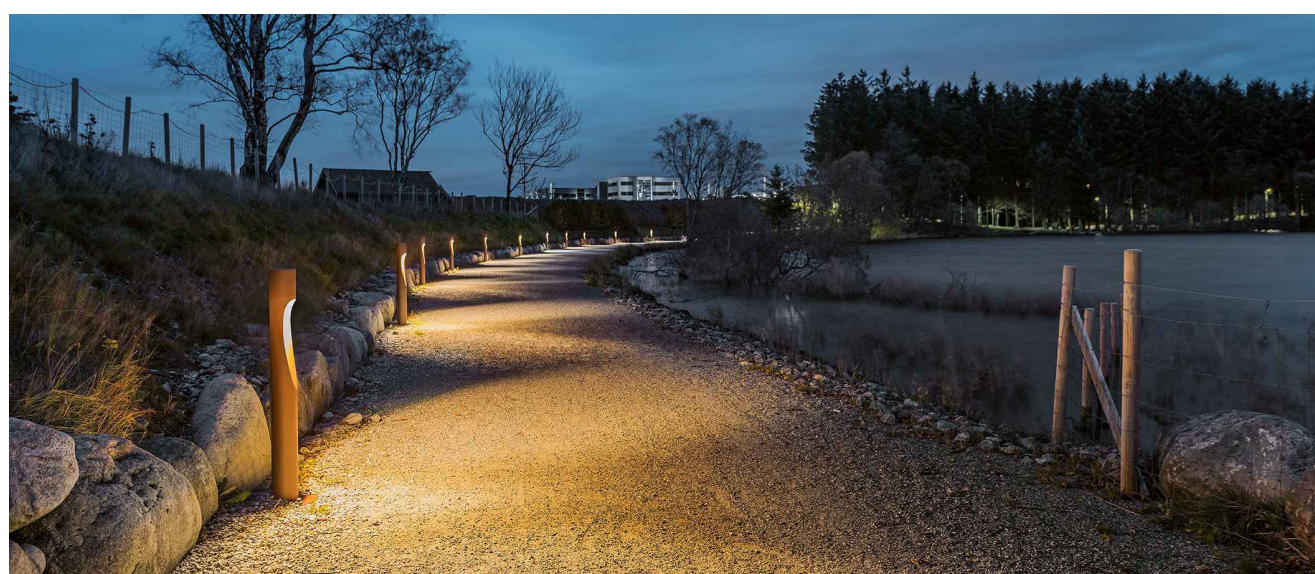
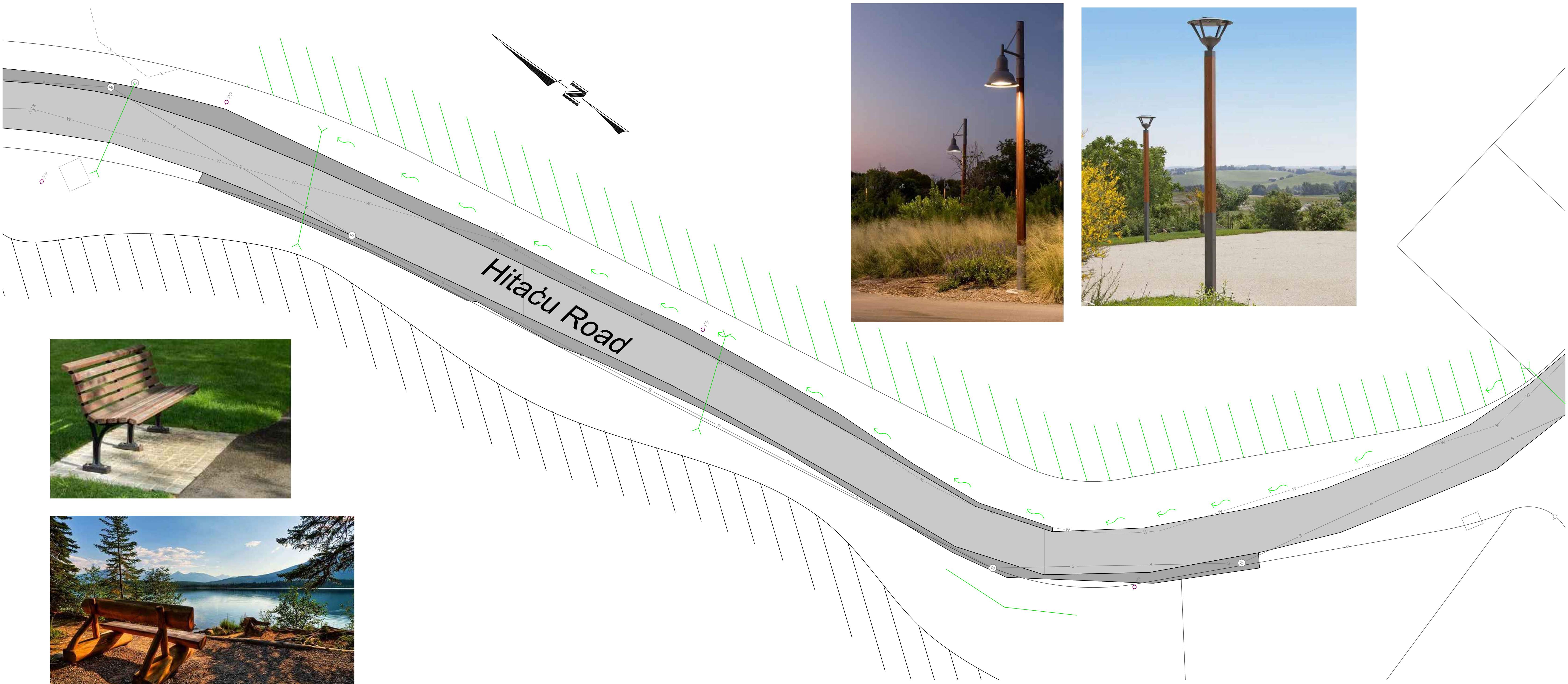
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| | FIRE HYDRANT | | APPROXIMATE SEWERMAIN | | APPROXIMATE FOREST |
| | POWER POLE | | ROAD SIGN | | |
| | STORM CULVERT | | EXISTING PAVEMENT | | |
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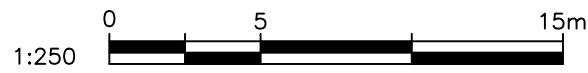
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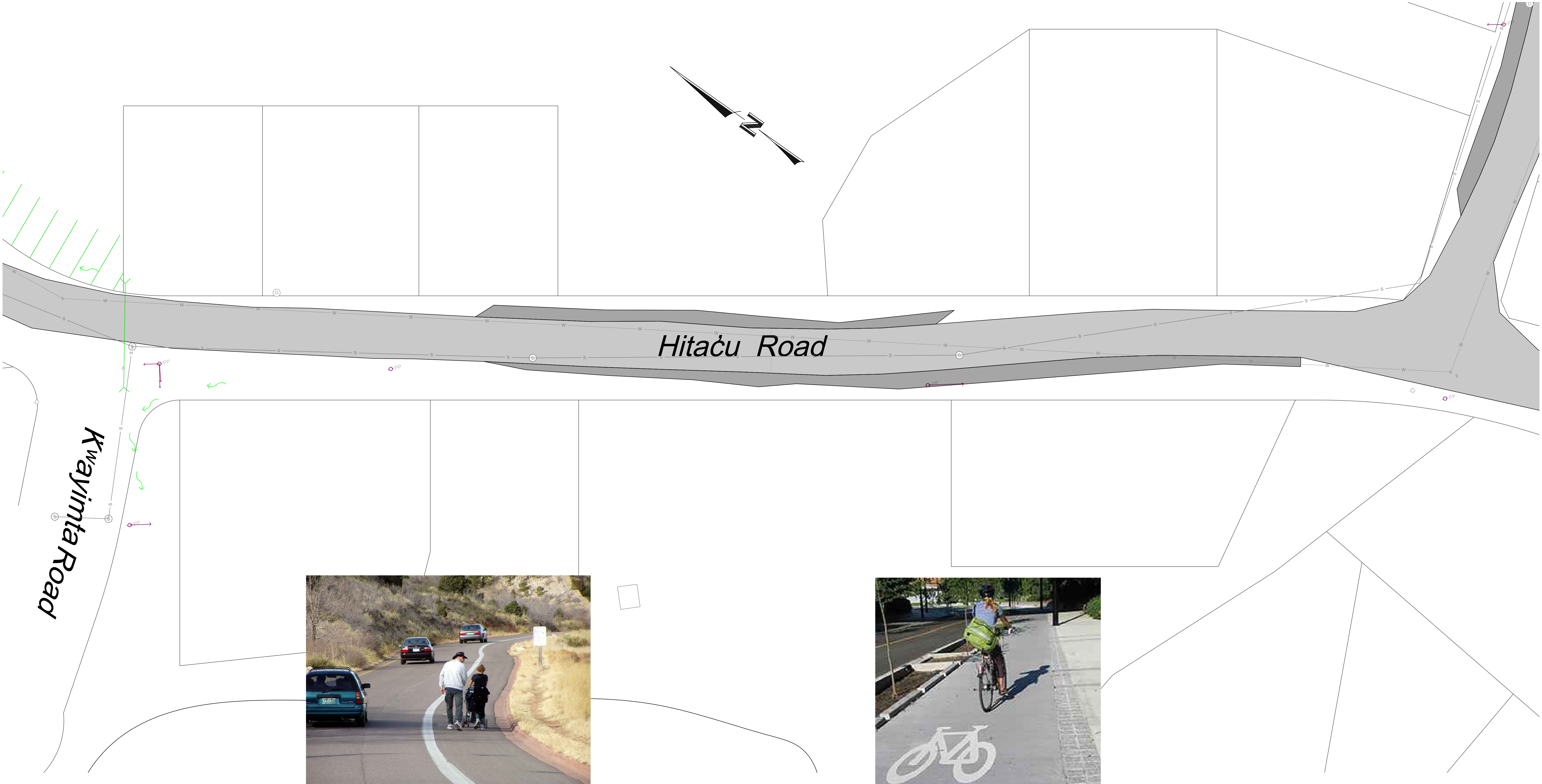
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ATTACHMENT 2: Feedback and notes during engagement session

TRAIL USES

Multi-use
trail - bike
- walk

Combo of
walking +
multitrail

skateboard
friendly

LIGHTING

protected
lights from
vandalism

Not too
high lights

CONNECTION

path along
dock.
Example

connect to
dock pathway

Extend
Road

bus
stops

SAFETY

Kids off
the road

Maintenance
→ grippy for
less slip

roadside
barriers
→ can these
be the lights?

safety
issue
enforce to
people to
use trail
use not road

vandalize

paint
the trail
bright
→ so cars avoid

MATERIALS + SUSTAINABILITY

sustainable
materials

solar
lighting
(wood design)

mostly
paved
maybe some
gravel/wood
chip

Gravel
Ground
Cedar
chips

gravel to
separate
road +
pathway

SEATING & ACCESS

benches to
overlook
water

canoe
design
benches

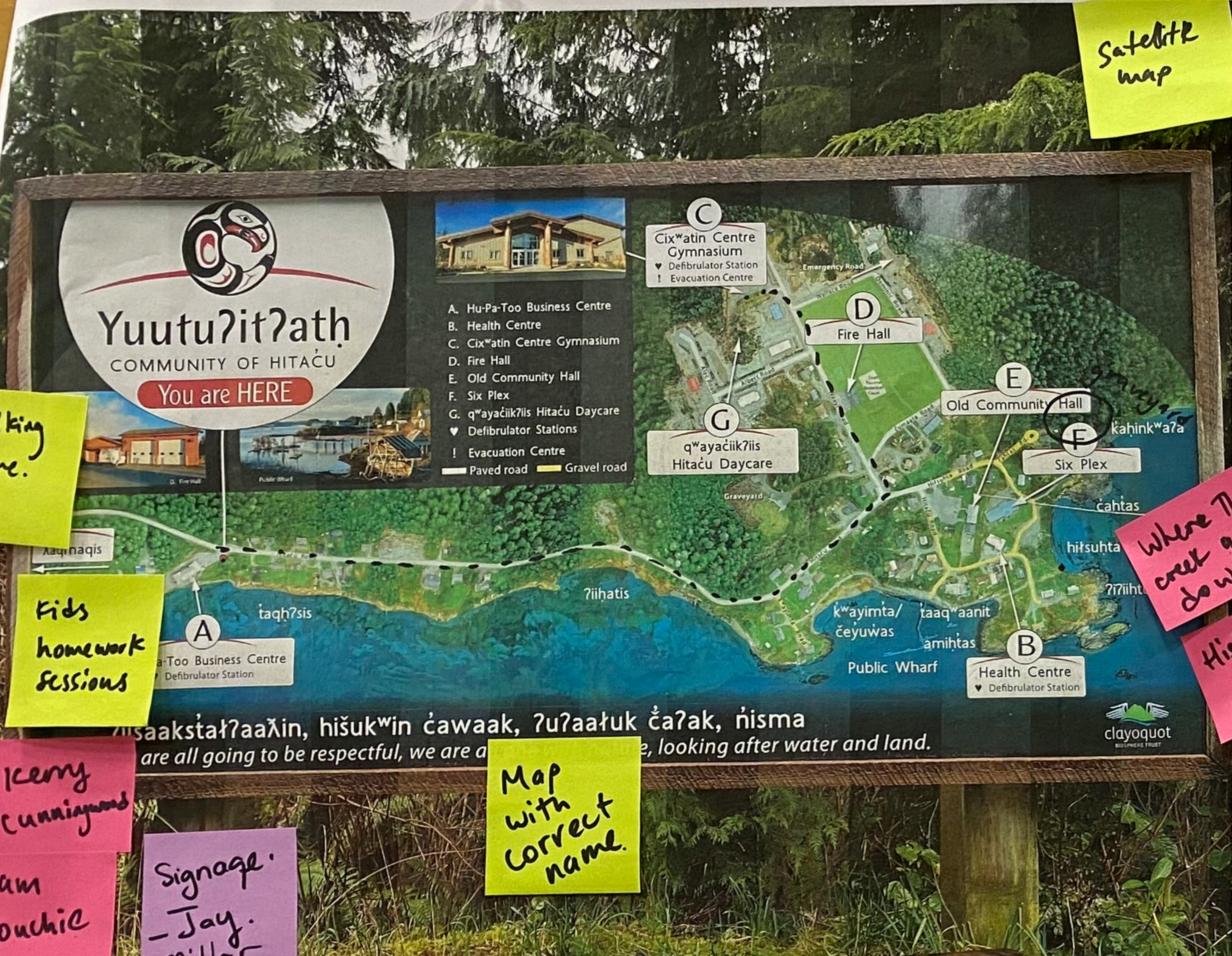
simple
design

whale
design
benches

preserve
the views
(before residential
area)

wheel chair
access

abl.
walkers.



Satellite map

walking Home.

Kids homework sessions

icemy cunniamans

Sam Touchie

Signage - Jay. millar

Map with correct name.

Where the creek goes down

History & Language

* paving

Sand pit

good for Bench

Beach View

Neutral Area

Watch The Tideline.

Water Side *

Bird Bathing

Paving for elders to walk easier

Privacy

Joggers + dogwalkers & + mountain bikers

Slippery section in winter

French Drain

path & benches

more money

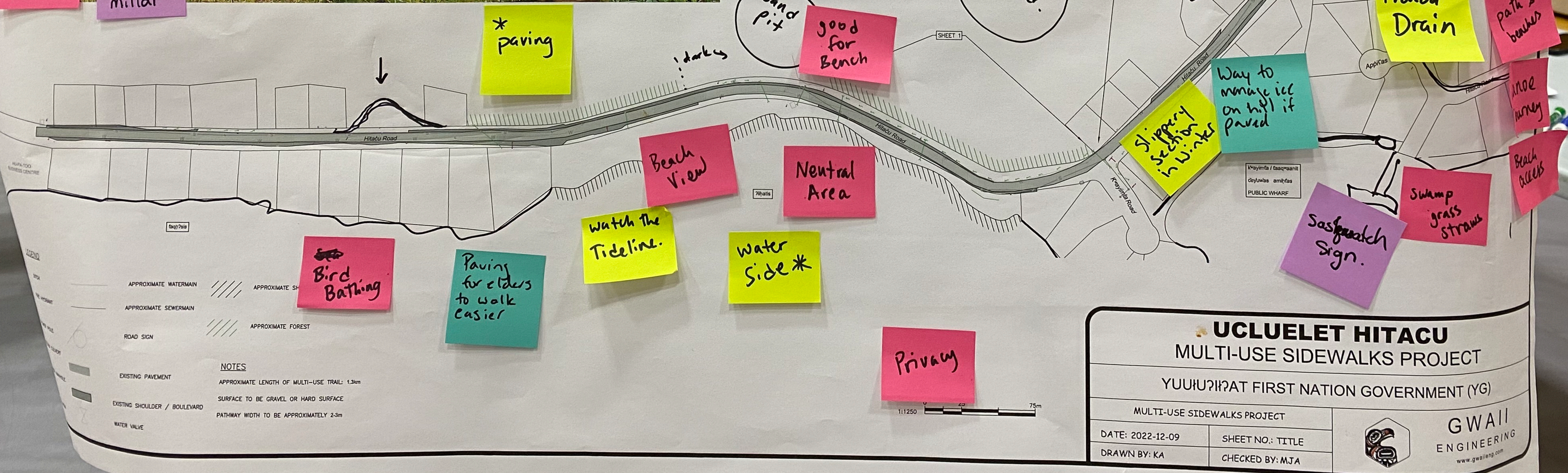
Beach access

Way to manage ice on hill if paved

Slippery section in winter

Swamp grass straws

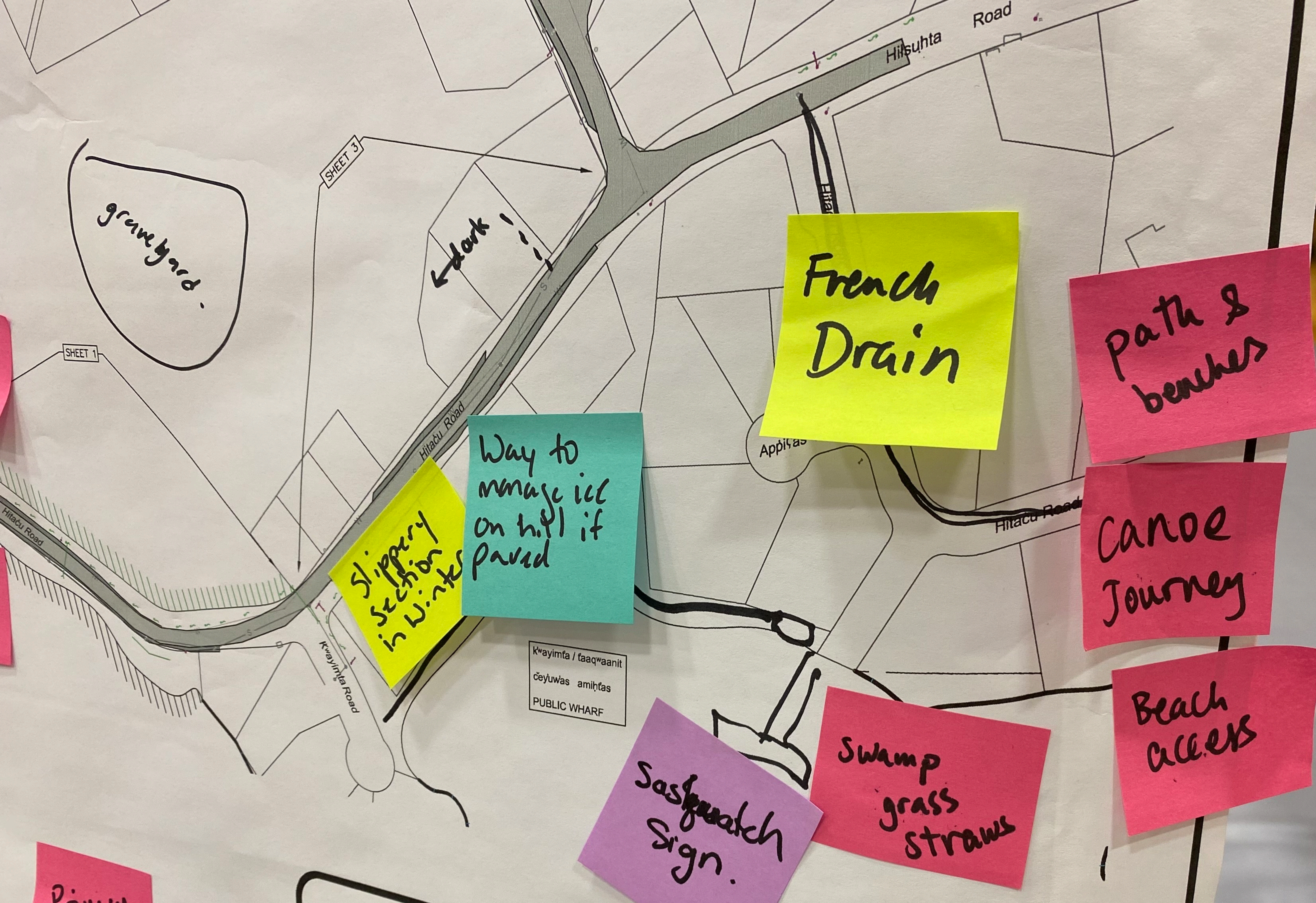
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ATTACHMENT 3: Survey Results



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Elder's Luncheon Participants

Charles McCarthy, YG President

Karen Severinson

Eileen Touchie

Richard Mundy Sr.

Pearl Touchie

Bernice Touchie

Sidney Ronald George

Gloria Valentine

Constable Yannick Harry (non-Citizen, non-resident)

Staff

Michelle Touchie (hitaču Resident, Citizen)

Spencer Touchie (Citizen)

Tamara Nelson

Jill Hamilton

Melissa Boucha

Open House

Sheila Touchie

Jay Miller (Signage) 726-6917 jay.millar@ufn.ca.



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hitaču is getting pathways and sidewalks! Gwaii Engineering is working with the Assets Department to get your feedback on the hitaču ʔašii Multi-Use Trail Project. Below is a questionnaire for your input.

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Questionnaire

1. What is your main form of commuting? (Walking, driving, biking, skateboarding, etc.)

walking / MTB / driving

2. How often do you bike/walk/ride through hitaču without using a vehicle? (Daily, once a week, rarely, etc.)

as often as I can when weather permits

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
(Benches, signs, lights, etc.)

all the listed above

1' gazebo - fencing / median - culverts - ponds

9. Please provide any additional feedback regarding the proposed pathway project. All suggestions welcome.

would new proposed area only get side
walks

what is consideration to adding walk paths
median curbs to already existing streets

End

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Driving - Sometimes walk for exercise.

2. How often do you bike/walk/ride through hitaču without using a vehicle? (Daily, once a week, rarely, etc.)

3 x per week

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hita'cu? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

Yes, only when snowy roads -

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hita'cu would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

Yes, beautify our living space.

5. If a pathway was built in hita'cu, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

- width - bright neon colored paint to show it is pathway for walking only.

6. Do you think wayfinding signs along the road would benefit the community?

Only for new comers.

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

Not really.

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
(Benches, signs, lights, etc.)

lights & benches would be nice

9. Please provide any additional feedback regarding the proposed pathway project. All suggestions welcome.

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5x wk

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hitaçu? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hitaçu would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

@ night walkers & dogs are hard to see esp. w/ no shoulder.

5. If a pathway was built in hitaçu, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

Ease for elders (grade; ~~compared~~, etc).

6. Do you think wayfinding signs along the road would benefit the community?

@ Hitacu & Wya Roads

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

Yes

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I usually walk 4 to 5 times a day with my dog. Sometimes after dark.

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See question #1

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hitaču? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

yes, the road will definitely benefit with the installation of the sidewalks

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hitaču would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

yes, it would be safer for people who use bicycles, walkers with dogs.

5. If a pathway was built in hitaču, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

I like the idea of low lighting beside the sidewalks

6. Do you think wayfinding signs along the road would benefit the community?

Lights on the street ~~signs~~ signs would be great.

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

I think that it wouldn't be beneficial to outside organization i.e. police / ambulance drivers

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
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*There are a few wide pull offs that
would look great with walk way benches.*

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suggestions welcome.

*I feel that this is a great addition
to our community as it will be much
safer to get out and enjoy walking.*

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X

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
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YES .

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THE CONCEPT SOUND GOOD !!!

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twice daily

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
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garbage - handy.

in language - bilingual

historic areas

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- wheelchair access areas.

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walking

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(Every day Am)

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Benches.

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Questionnaire

1. What is your main form of commuting? (Walking, driving, biking, skateboarding, etc.)

Driving

2. How often do you bike/walk/ride through hitaçu without using a vehicle? (Daily, once a week, rarely, etc.)

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču?
(Benches, signs, lights, etc.)

Benches, lights, Signs in locations
(not close to residential homes)

9. Please provide any additional feedback regarding the proposed pathway project. All suggestions welcome.

Garbage, Recycling Bins
Dog poop stations or (Bag holders) along
Pathways.

End

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driving ʔi

2. How often do you bike/walk/ride through hitaçu without using a vehicle? (Daily, once a week, rarely, etc.)

very rare ʔi

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču? (Benches, signs, lights, etc.)

Benches with lights would be awesome - Not lights on the benches -

Beware Bear
cougar
wolf signs
human
Enter @ own risk



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Paved so not muddy

LIGHTS

Possibility shared with biking ppl

End

Thank you for your time and input!

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hitaču? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

yes especially walking around the corners with kids in store we almost lost a little one that day

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hitaču would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

yes safety

5. If a pathway was built in hitaču, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

width / view of must

6. Do you think wayfinding signs along the road would benefit the community?

yes

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

yes

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hitaču? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

No

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hitaču would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

Provide safe walking + cycling
distance from vehicle traffic

5. If a pathway was built in hitaču, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

Benches + lighting + signs
Mindful of residents along
Pathway. (no benches)
Garbage + recycling, Dog Poop
Bins / supplies

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No.

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

Yes



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☐ Walking, sometimes skateboarding

2. How often do you bike/walk/ride through hitaču without using a vehicle? (Daily, once a week, rarely, etc.)

☐ Daily

3. Have you ever felt unsafe due to vehicle traffic while travelling in hita'cu? (yes/no, do you have an example?)

Yes, usually when near corners that have low visibility.

4. Do you think having a sidewalk, bike lane, trail, or pathway along the roads in hita'cu would be beneficial to the community? (yes/no, why?)

Yes. It would take the worry of always checking ahead and behind for cars.

5. If a pathway was built in hita'cu, what do you think are some important aspects to consider?

6. Do you think wayfinding signs along the road would benefit the community?

Yes, often tourists or non-local members get lost.

7. Would you like to see Nuu-chah-nulth language incorporated into street/pathway signs?

That would be amazing.

8. Would you like to see any additional infrastructure included along the roads in hitaču? (Benches, signs, lights, etc.)

More lighting would be very nice.

9. Please provide any additional feedback regarding the proposed pathway project. All suggestions welcome.

Kleeko for the opportunity to give feedback.

End
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