Lengthening the amount of time the through lights on sooke rd stay green during high traffic times would help a lot rest stops with porta-potties and snacks
I think they should restore the Galloping Goose train (biking/walking trail was a bad idea) !! Everyone take the train.
unless you find someone who works your exact schedule and general location AND doesn't have to worry about the potential of getting a call from the school that you have a sick kid you need to come pick up, carpooling is not feasible. There are so many more variables than the price of fuel that are in play.

 worry about the lost human potential in that line. Each person sitting for 40 minutes multiplied by, what? 400 people? That’s 267 hours of NOT walking the dog or reading to a child or making a good dinner or writing a novel or painting, playing, writing a local business plan, communing with friends…I feel Very Lucky to be able to love and work in Sooke, lucky that I am jn that line up only one day a week.

It has to by far be the most expensive Provincially funded/built Parking Lot around! I'm surprised the R.C.M.P./G.R.C. a.k.a. Government Revenue Collectors aren't out there handing out parking tickets or looking for any little problems/infractions with vehicles they can find to issue fines given that they can't execute their predatorial practice of speeding tickets? I often wonder why they don't enforce the Motor Vehicle Act in issuing tickets upon those who insist on driving 40-45 KM/H, braking at every hill, corner and shadow, holding up long lines of traffic and promoting tailgating?

Trying the get back home to Sooke right now. This traffic congestion is a nightmare. The schools, parents driving their kids, lights not synchronizing. Crazy and it’s only 3:47pm.

MHO - I would love to see them take out the crosswalk by Saseenos Elementary in favour of a **pedestrian overpass.** Disallow pick up on the school side and put a pick up/drop off lot on the other side of the road in the unused industrial area right there. Sync the lights, put the parking lot for Sooke Elementary at the back of the school lot so you aren't entering and exiting from/onto Sooke Road. Proper trails, bike paths and sidewalks for kids to use for getting to and from school and better school bus system. A ton of things that in total would take a ton of dough but even incrementally some of these ideas would help. They have to do something. Thanks for letting me rant.

no sidewalks - for elementary school kids it’s just not safe with so much traffic

The schools have been there many years before parents starrted drive their precious little babies 4 blocks to school and everyone did just fine. Especially the kids.

Food for thought. Perhaps we as a community should all set a date that corresponds with a Council meeting and attend by the masses to address this and pressure Mayor and Council about the growing nightmare? There have been multitudes of ideas and suggestions brought forth by many on these continual posts on the various Sooke F/B pages, but, none are addressed to to the Mayor and Council.

and you will see your tax dollars/ property taxes go up big time or how about peop that drive the Sooke road pay taxes for driving

Sounds like maybe a shout out to Seaparc and municipality to make the walking route to Sun River safer for young people

Yup stay off the rd from 2:30-6:30 if you can help it lol

Same s\*\*t different day.

The solution is to buy half a billion $$$ in property to 4 lane the whole way. twin the sooke river bridge ( another 75 million). And eliminate the lights at Phillips and church. And put an interchange at otter point.

**The traffic light at HWY 14 & Sooke River Rd is barrier 1. Traffic circle would keep traffic flowing there**. The next light at Phillips and the one at Church are killers as well. Finally, there needs to be a residential access route linking Sooke River Rd, Phillips Rd, Sun River and that region to Otter Point.

i see huge delays at crosswalks at Sooke and Saseenos Elementary's that stop traffic every 30 seconds to let people cross with an uncontrolled crosswalk with a crossing guard when it should be a pedestrian activated cross walk with flashing green light with a timer so pedestrians wait for a walk symbol and more cars get through, can still have a crossing guard. not to mention the 2 in the town core that could be one pedestrian activated one as well

it starts when school lets out and cascades from there. The difference is clear on pro D days.

Highways never keep up to demand. Ever drive in LA? Live where you work.

Start your mail complaints to the MoT, your MLA and every news outlet now if you want to see any action on this situation in the next 5 years. Make sure you make it known that it’s an election issue and keep the issue in the public eye so politicians have to address it. Otherwise, expect it to just keep getting progressively worse.

LRT or Monorail would be quicker to build and less expensive than widening road the entire route

open/rebuild the road from otter point to shawnigan would be useful too. everyone leaving for the malahat will thank you.

I don't go any where between two and six o'clock. 2.30 to 3.30is all school traffic cause they build schools on majorly used roads. Major congestion, then it gets worse.

sooke alone needs to rebuild 3 elementary schools which are still in good condition and they still need at least one more for the growing population, so 4 schools. That will never happen. They just need to make all parking lots and access to the schools not connected to sooke rd at all. All three schools potentially has that capability. Sooke school defiently doesn't need access from sooke rd, it has 2 side streets

I find between 1AM and 5AM the road is pretty good

Every day someone asks this dumb question. IT’S NORMAL. Everyday

Maybe put a timed pedestrian crossing light at the Elementary School. Stopping every other car for one person to cross is crazy. A lot of cars could move through in 30 seconds.

Poor infrastructure design. The population has increased on island. It is what it is… Time to look what big cities are doing and stop thinking small.  [**https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reversible\_lane**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reversible_lane?fbclid=IwAR1Hwr81zO3ya3Oqyy-TOJ19TbiR0lQ-uiFKsfT8cd5T9LeWHNRzZmL8BkA)People should be working in Sooke that's the issue. Why move somewhere just to have to commute 2 hours a day at least. And That's 90% of the population that do it and people keep moving here

May have something to do with all the single occupancy vehicles. On my drive I saw four vehicles (true) with two or more people out of more than a hundred that passed me.

The new-old normal

High school is out and I don’t think the lights are synchronized with the round about traffic! Just my humble opinion. Definitely the traffic lights are not synchronized to help move the traffic smoothly. And then there’s those who try to beat the traffic by taking the frontage road at the Petro Can station, racing along the frontage road to Sooke River Road and deciding that the yield sign to get back onto Sooke Road is really a merge sign and doesn’t really apply to them!

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Apparently most people don’t work until 4:30 or 5:30 pm anymore, can’t understand how Sooke is gridlocked starting at 2 pm when people are working in Victoria. By 6 pm Sooke is often very quiet. When I commuted to Victoria not that long ago, the worse traffic was 4:30-6:00 pm. Things have changed….

t’s not all school traffic, the road coming into Sooke is gridlocked well beyond the high school coming from Victoria into Sooke every day now. The majority of traffic used to hit Sooke later in the day (4:30 or later) after school traffic was done.

The traffic going into sooke at around 6pm is the same as it is around 4pm!! The population of sooke has grown, with more homes being built.. times have changed friend.

Good thing we pay more for grocery bags and our parks are homeless camps now or this traffic would be the tipping point for this council

Maybe if there were more jobs here, not as many people need to get on the road, and we could keep our money in Sooke to help this community, rather than Langford. Council needs to realize that Sooke is growing. Things need to change and we need forward thinkers, rather than the ones who want Sooke to stay the way it was quite a long time ago. It can’t.

you're exactly right but everybody with no brains keeps on voting for these left-wing criminals that have been destroying BC for years now if people want to thrive you can't do it with this government you need to have a conservative government these are just facts that people know that have a brain which is very very uncommon these days

As soon as they get rid of that stupid roundabout and direct evergreen traffic onto Waddams that should correct itself.

Got to love it when people have lived in sooke for years asked for the road to be improved so they have a way around accidents and another way in and out of sooke, the road is always busy this time of day always has been, school traffic, people going home from work why not just get over it and stop complaining about the same things everyday like it is magically going to change

Life...

you are so absolutely correct!!! It used to back up to the old four lanes, not to mention how many times the road was closed for hours because of accidents.

rue but it depends on how far back you go . Backups past my place by the 17mile were few and far between only a couple of years ago. Now it's the standard . More houses = more traffic .

I hope everybody realizes that all these suggestions won’t make traffic any better and won’t keep the kids safe anyways people are in to much of a hurry, and I hope some people that drive the road by the schools that how would they feel if there kids went to those schools and something happened because of the impatience of people trying to get home and sometimes they may be the one who could be impatient and frustrated the schools have been like that for years why should it change now

This is due to unprecedented densification of Sooke without any infrastructure to accommodate the masses that are relocating here.

Schools and lights. Thats it

Just normal after work gridlock

The new 4 lanes was made to make the Gillespie intersection safer. Not to make the commute faster. It’s 60 k in both lanes. But you always get that one guy who needs to get one car length closer to to home and nearly causes an accident at the merge point. Sooooo is it safer?

Take time to look at that beautiful sunset

**Carpooling Considerations:** The District is exploring the possibility of a mobile app and collaboration with major employers to promote carpooling. Residents are encouraged to join the Facebook Sooke Carpool Group for ride-sharing opportunities, if on that platform in the meantime.

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For the most part, those who are moaning about these long commutes, wanted a larger less expensive residence - forgetting why it's less expensive here, THE COMMUTE. So, move closer to your work and put the money you spent on gas and 2nd vehicle into that residence - or shut up and accept the inconvenience for your larger place and the tranquility.

There is no way a bypass would be built through the watershed for Greater Victoria - nor will 4 lanes all the way work - just 2 lanes in Sooke proper, way too much expropriation required to do those as well.

And for those of us that moved here 40 years ago when there was 4000 people and one traffic light? If I could have foreseen this kind of growth with a cow poke road, I wouldn't have moved here but it wasn't part of Sooke's plan back then. I don't mind the growth at all, I mind that nobody in power gives a flying crap that we are in a death trap with a single lane road if a natural disaster happens.

The commute didnt exist 10 years ago.....nor did the massive expansion of SMALLER HIGH DENSITY HOUSING.

my residence meets my needs just fine, the imbalance between infrastructure and development does not. Why should the residents pay for missteps in the crd urban growth strategy and sooke city councils part in agreeing to it? Why make excuses for poor performance?

20 or 30 years ago the road was adequate for the population at the end of it. When was the last time you commuted on a regular basis during rush hour? Maybe you need to spend a summer or two after working your bag off stuck in traffic to experience the daily joy our local population growth has delivered.

how about keeping church rd and charters rd open for the flow of traffic around the town of Sooke. I get that charters is under construction, but they’re building another high density apartment building on charters, one of the most important ways to get around the town of Sooke. One of the two only ways… And it’s causing an absolute gridlock on Sooke.