









NEXT; The Road as it stands.

As a responsible Council I know that it will be of the utmost concern to you that you will invest these millions of dollars required to amend the infrastructure, wisely and with due diligence to all pertinent points-namely taking into consideration that most important of issues, future proofing. What is a major issue confronting all seaside developments? Rising sea levels. How counter it would be to build a road further out to the sea, rather you should be building in the other direction.

There is absolutely no need to create a substantially wider road with separate cyclist /pedestrian lanes. Bigger, wider road will only encourage faster driving and create a danger to the other road users. At the moment cyclists, walkers and traffic respectfully coexist (commonly uncharacteristic for kiwi's). In the 25 years I have been at Shelly Bay I have never observed a tussle between these varied road users. The winding nature of the road and the 40 km/h speed limit means that even the most impatient road users, boy racers (and sometimes myself) desist in trying to resist the leisurely ride and kick back and enjoy the passing vista of the many varied greens of the trees, the blue of the sky and the enticing glimmer of the sun bouncing off the blue/green waves.

Please don't destroy this invaluable iconic asset to create cycle/walk ways which would become unattractive to use – who is excited by a large road and the concrete sea wall.? This beautiful Bay, and other similarly attractive parts of this road are far too valuable to be lost, reduced to yet another bland urban road and concrete /stone sea wall, uninviting to both people and nature alike. This would be such a tragedy,

If you haven't visited it yet, please take the time to come and see it for yourself on a sunny day.