

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 18th, 2020 18:30-20:00 Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Chuck, Keith, Charles (new), Geneviève, Kristen, Mike, Tim, Lisa, Anthony,

Philippe, Clark, Kay, Stan, Stuart, Desmond (new), Bruce, Bob, Lucy (new), Lisa (new) (20)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from January meeting: Approved

Key Ac	Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting					
1	Everyone	 Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing 				
2	Jeff	 New painted bike lane on west side of Blanca very narrow. Jeff to follow up with MoTI and CoV and report back MoTI Pending, CoV done (no immediate plans to improve the east side of Blanca) 				
3	Jeff	 Follow up with CoV re Arbutus and King Edward lights (protected pedestrian crossing). Done. Work is planned, no date provided. Will continue to monitor. 				
4	Anthony	Schedule and hold an assessment ride at UBC Done				

- **4.** Announcements (see <u>bikehub.ca</u> updated regularly and our wiki at http://wiki.bikehub.ca)
 - Bike Awards are coming up February 27th. Recommended event for those who haven't attended before.

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff (Vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION				
Updates from Working Groups						
Assessment Rides (Jeff and Anthony)	 Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Assessment rides at UBC held, report is in progress 	Anthony to produce draft of UBC Assessment ride report				
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	 Regular meetings being held with Park Board staff. Push continues for improvements at Kits Beach Park. Walk through held in Kits Park with PB staff. Working to schedule a second walk through with interested commissioners 					
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. King Edwards lights timing still not fixed. 	Stan to schedule a meeting with AG project				

	 Communicating with CoV AG project office to coordinate review of next steps with issuing of contract for detailed design services for the first two sections 	team for progress update on detailed design
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Jeff for Sam)	 This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. Meeting held with CoV team who are working on developing a strategy for Urban Freight. Most likely levers the City has are around curb management and pricing to encourage alternate delivery methods. 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 City planning process for the Broadway Corridor has established guiding principles for Broadway as a transportation corridor post subway construction. Construction updates being received from project office and published through our social media feeds 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	 Continuing to monitor CoV progress on a proposed N-S greenway in the NE quadrant. Upcoming CoV engagement on the Portside Greenway (along Burrard Inlet from Water St to IWMB and Boundary Road) will feed into this. 	

6. Local Committee Planning for 2020 (Jeff)

- Review of 2019 achievements. See presentation for details.
- Potential to use the SoC GIS database to catalogue gaps in the network (Gap Priority List, currently on spreadsheets and Google Maps)
- Ideas were presented by attendees for inclusion in our 2020 work plan. All will be considered for incorporation in our work plan
 - Increase our focus on UBC, including meeting with planning authorities (UBC, UEL, MoTI etc), understanding upcoming developments, and liaising with groups such as the Bike Kitchen.
 - Better connect to the various teams working on safe school travel. CoV team, district PAC,
 HUB staff associated with school bike programs, etc.
 - Increase our focus on bike parking within the CoV. This is a potential new working group.
 Apart from the Translink work at Skytrain stations, meet with CoV staff, Easypark, DVBIA, developers, etc. Consider the challengers around Waterfront station.

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback
- Drake Street Phase 2 engagement complete. Discussion held on the Drake and Pacific intersection and the City's proposal for a shared lane on Drake from Pacific to Hamilton. See the meeting presentation for the plans for this stretch. Concerns have been expressed about the shared lane from Pacific to Hamilton for people on bikes travelling westbound. It was noted that the protected bike lane in that block does not have a reduced width. It should be possible to walk across Pacific and access it (for families and children coming from the park and school) and it should be possible to turn right directly into it from Pacific southbound. It was felt that Marinaside and Drake east of Pacific will see low traffic volumes. It was agreed that the block from Hamilton to Pacific is not an issue for people on bikes travelling eastbound. There is opposition to the proposed street changes from residents concerned with changes to their building access. We understand the reasons to allow service vehicle access to the lane off Hamilton. It was expressed that the proposed design is

better than simply stopping the protected bike lanes at Richards and not addressing the east end of Drake at all (Richards to Pacific). The bidirectional lanes are seen as the best solution for connections at Hornby, and for access to the new Granville Connector.

- Granville Connector strong support for this project was heard by City staff during the public engagement sessions. Proposal being refined before it goes to Council. Speakers will be required for the council meeting, date TBC in the coming months.
- Staff report on the 30 km/hr neighbourhood speed limit proposal is due to go to Council in February, date TBC. This will be another opportunity for LC members to address council to express support for a road safety initiative.
- The Powell Bypass route and Pandora Bikeway are scheduled to be implemented shortly. The Pandora local street bikeway will run to Kaslo, one block from the PNE. It is not being taken to Renfrew due to the lack of a signal crossing (for this first phase). We have suggested to City staff that the route should be signed along Kaslo to Dundas, and then to Renfrew, to access the existing crossing signal and encourage access on to the existing bike routes through the PNE grounds, which connect to the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge paths.
- Full public engagement is planned for Portside Greenway improvements, including the intersection of Powell and Wall.
- Discussions held with City staff on the red paint (bus only) zones on Broadway near Cambie, and the need for signage to permit people on bikes to pass through them without going out into traffic. Attendees have noted new signs permitting people on bikes to ride through the bus zones.

8. Correspondence

- 9. Board Update (Jeff) State of Cycling Benchmarking report due out the end of February
- **10. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)** Translink policy announced permitting ebikes on bus bike racks (with weight restrictions).

11. Other Business:

- Small Things. Discussion on the focus on large projects and the concurrent need to include smaller things that can make a big difference in the safety and comfort of travelling by bike. The City of Vancouver has not participated in the HUB Cycling 20 in 20 Program (20 improvements in 20 days, a challenge to all local municipalities) but does intend to enter this year. We will submit a list of suggested improvements to the CoV. Send ideas for improvements by email to Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca and they will be compiled for a submission to the City.
- Dunsmuir Connector. Discussion on the recent Dunsmuir Connector open house. Concerns were
 expressed over whether the proposed connection from Quebec and Pacific Blvd will disadvantage
 current users of the Adanac bikeway who will have to connect to this facility through an
 intersection and will lose a direct ramp from Main St when the viaducts come down. Discussion on
 the planned ground level street network with protected bike lanes on all streets. Discussion on
 potential access along Prior, and the number of users coming from the CVG, Quebec, Ontario, and
 the seawall bike paths who will gain improved access to Dunsmuir.

20:10 Meeting adjourned20:10-20:45 Working Group meetings

Next meeting: March 17th, 2020, Creekside Community Centre