

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 18:30-20:00 Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Stuart, Verena, Sam, Eleni, Anthony, Michael, Stan, Dan, Tim, Laura, Kay

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from May 2018 meeting: Approved.

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 to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing 		
2	Jeff	Schedule and lead Pender Corridor assessment ride. To do		
3	Stan/Tim	Complete Arbutus Greenway report re design by June 3 rd . Done		

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)

- If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
- Please see the committee webpage: https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc for key information on our committee, and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents.
- Bike the Night set for September 15th. Registration discounts until August 31st.
- Bike to Shop is set for June 22-24th.
- Our City Ride August 18th, ride departs 5 pm from David Lam Park, \$20 fee

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION		
Updates from Working Groups				
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	 Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Ride on Pender Corridor (Hornby to Stanley Park) is pending and WILL be scheduled shortly. Plan to ride and assess 45th (45th Bikeway and Ridgeway Bikeway) 	Jeff: Schedule Pender Corridor ride.		
Seaside South (Lisa)	Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through			

Arbutus Graanway (Stan)	to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. • Filmed a video focusing on bikes being directed through busy parking lots, followed by possible better alternatives. Used Kits parking lot, Vanier; now in post-production. • The City has been quite responsive to suggestions to improve safety in the area: e.g. signs in parking lots to watch for bikes; where 'do not enter' signs existed on the seawall, adding "Except bikes". • Election opportunity to elect Park Board commissioners that include bicycles in their planning.
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. Design principles released by City, and public engagement held. Latest HUB report sent to City. City engagement review report released today. Some metrics, (63% of users were cycling) responses to public feedback. Seniors event held on the Greenway; CoV and BEST, Stan staffed a tent and had HUB info. Lights at 33rd in process. City consultation report is available here
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 Working group looking at the extension of the SkyTrain from VCC Clark to Arbutus St. Currently in planning stages. TransLink projects construction will start in 2019. Report on the impact of construction on the City was brought to council on May 16th. Cycling concerns were mentioned in the report, and it did reinforce the plan of minimizing construction impacts on cyclists.

6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights:
 - o Cambie Bridge protected lane construction under way. Will include links to Ash and Moberly, as well as intersection crossing improvements at W 2nd and Cambie.
 - o Quebec Street at 1st under way. Protected intersections with refuge areas. Worth checking out.

7. In Depth – Pacific Street at Granville

- The danger zone is westbound near the loops. Lots of development happening in this area, including Vancouver House, another tower on the south side, tower in Howe-Hornby block on north side, and new development where the loops are now.
- o New cycling infrastructure on the Burrard side makes this gap even more critical

- The loops are planned to be removed, which will address this in the longer term with normalization of the intersection. Documents issued for lease of the land to developers.
- o City approach has been to wait for development to occur. An interim solution is needed.
- Ideas from the group discussion:
 - Understand CoV timeline for removal of loops, development of the parcel
 - Consider improving Davie as an alternate route (currently in CoV 5 year plan)
 - Develop Beach Cres as an alternate route (not a continuous local street bike route now

 and not in the 5-year plan)
 - Investigate number of vehicle crashes on the loops; it may make sense to close the ramps early, prior to demolition. Parallels to the Burrard bridge slip lanes in terms of high crash counts. Understand alternative traffic movements without loops.
 - Investigate whether three lanes are required for current traffic volumes
 - Can green paint be used to alert drivers to the potential of people on bikes
- o Meeting will be requested with CoV to discuss options here and report back to the committee.







- 1 Pacific St, dangerous section shown in red
- 2 Proposed development (conceptual) after removal of loops, looking east
- 3 Street view of Pacific westbound, with on and off ramps and merging vehicle traffic on right.
- 8. Communications (Jeff): discussion re ramps on Lions Gate Bridge at towers, steepness of the slope
- **9. Board Update** (Jeff): Lots happening! AGM set for September 8th.
- **10.** Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa) no report this month.
- 11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff): No updates
- 12. Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 20:10

Next meeting: July 17th, 2018 at Creekside Community Centre.