

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (chair), Anthony (co host), Clark, David F, Mike V, Sam, Lisa, Sanne, Lucy, Shaun, Philippe, Ivan, Kristin, Eric S, Keith, Kieran, Stan, Bruce, Dan, Ron, Brooke (21)

- 1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
- **2. Agenda:** Approved (municipal election prep added to Other Business)
- 3. Minutes from July: 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, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, or use the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. Ongoing 			
2	Philippe	CVG assessment ride held July 3 rd (draft report completed)			

- Announcements (see bikehub.ca updated regularly and see also our Local Committee wiki)
 - The Van Connect smartphone app now supports reporting bike lane hazards, potholes, debris, and other issues. Please report bike lanes requiring maintenance, particularly with debris and flooding as we head into the rainy reason
 - Go By Bike Week is Sept 27th to Oct 3rd. Register, log your trips to be entered in prize draws. Volunteers are needed for our Knowledge Stations
 - Our HUB Cycling AGM was held September 16th, and we have 5 new directors for our board.
 - HUB Cycling is hosting a <u>Webinar on Cycle Superhighways</u>, on Oct 24th, entitled Lessons from Copenhagen.
 - HUB Cycling is offering <u>Streetwise Cycling Courses Online</u>, at no charge. These courses are intended for adults, and follow our <u>Learn2Ride Online</u> courses for youth (and they are also free)
 - The UBCM has passed a motion calling on the BC Government to enact a minimum safe passing distance law. More than 1220 people from 42 municipalities in BC used our HUB online tool to write to their mayors and councillors requesting that they support this resolution.
 - We received two reports of bike crashes in the construction zone along 10th Ave near Willow, both related to loose gravel on the roadway. Please ride carefully. We followed up with the CoV, construction teams, and CoV Risk Management.

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, Anthony, Philippe)	 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 advocate with municipal officials and provide them with 	Jeff: finalize updated Kent Ave proposal and CVG report					
	recommendations.	Mike					
	 Our Kent Ave Bikeway proposal update is underway. 	V/Philippe:					

	 CVG ride completed, well attended, draft report completed (Philippe) Assessment rides are planned for Stanley Park (protected lanes) and Ontario from 2nd to Kent 	Organize Stanley Park assessment ride
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	 Interim protected lane installed on Arbutus St to connect to Kits Park (this was done by the CoV, not Park Board) Park Board next phase of consultation for permanent changes at Kits Beach is scheduled for October, and will present route options (based on first phase consultation on how the paths are used). Preferred Options are due in February 2022 The Stanley Park temporary protected lanes were scheduled to be removed in October. We are following up with the Park Board and requesting that they be kept in place through the end of the year, pending the staff report on 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 Ionger term options for reducing vehicle traffic volumes 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. Vegetation was trimmed back. The CoV is progressing designs for intersection improvements at 16th and at King Edward, no date yet. The two detours for the Arbutus Greenway from 10th to 7th have reasonable signage (not all concurred), but no improvements on Cypress, and the protected lane on 10th has not been extended to Cypress as we discussed with the CoV. These detours are not to the same standard as the Arbutus Greenway. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (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. The CoV is working on a micro logistics hub to promote last km delivery by cargo bike, possibly around Manitoba and 5th. No update on timeline. The North Shore Cargo Bike Festival will be held on Sunday Sept 26th, plan to attend, no cargo bike required. There will be a guided group ride. 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. Construction work for the Arbutus subway station has required a detour on the Arbutus Greenway from 10th to 7th along Yew and along Cypress. Please report problems with overflow/rat-running traffic on bikeways 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	No update.	

6. Consultations (Jeff)

- Stanley Park: we continue to request that the temporary protected lane be preserved through the end of this year, until the staff report on options for reducing vehicle traffic in the park is presented to commissioners. Our Cycling in Parks working group is following up.
- Richards St. Bikeway grand opening held Sept 8th (Cordova to Smithe). HUB Cycling had a tent and

giveaways. Very good attention to detail on the bikeway design, including dedicated bike signals; rainwater management with permeable pavers; street trees; tree vaults; intersection improvements; etc. Construction has been completed to Drake, and crews are now working on both sides of Pacific. Protected intersection at Pacific is a big win, and includes some protected lanes along Pacific, including a floating bus stop island eastbound.

- Ontario bikeway improvements at 16th almost completed. Big improvement at that intersection.
 Now to focus on the sections further south along Ontario, often with high-speed vehicle traffic.
- Pop Up plazas will continue with the CoV, and staff have noted that they are planning on moving to concrete barriers instead of water filled plastic barriers (which don't appear to have been filled with water and so are often moved)
- <u>Imagine West End Waterfront Plan</u> community advisory group being formed; applications open until October 1st
- Working with the Broadway Business awareness campaign, a chance to engage with Business Improvement Associations on the importance of cycling access along Broadway.
- Upcoming briefing on the city-wide parking permit plan, part of the Climate Emergency Action Response
- Updates are underway to the Translink Major Bikeway Network. During the consultation we submitted requests for access routes to UBC, for Kent Ave, and others. Good reception by Translink, updated plan pending. There is also an update to the Metro Vancouver Greenways Plan and we provided input to this process.
- UBC Engineering program 1st year students have a term project, and it has been proposed that this
 year they focus on cycling infrastructure, creating a recommendation for a new or upgraded route
 that is suitable for presentation to Council. Working with faculty, we have provided 5 route options,
 and will support this work. There are 1100 students taking this program.
- Jericho Lands planning process underway, worth following this initiative
- The <u>School Streets Program</u> is back at 3 schools, and is being expanded to other schools. Volunteers are needed.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the <u>presentation</u>.

7. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update (Jeff)

- Highway 7 upgrades east from Maple Ridge and the inclusion of active transportation infrastructure
- George Massey Crossing project, including corridor upgrades (Bridgeport, Steveston, Hwy 17) and preparation for the main tunnel project
- Communication with Ministers on the MoTI Cycling Policy and consistent application of the policy on MoTI projects

8. Board Update (Jeff)

• The <u>HUB Cycling Annual General Meeting</u> was held September 16th. We elected five new directors (and three incumbents), resulting in a board of 13 members. We also approved changes to our constitution to allow Life Memberships, which will be announced shortly.

9. Other Business

- Preparation for the 2022 Municipal Elections. We typically prepare questions for candidates and publish the responses. We also review voting records and share that information with our members.
 If you would like to help with this, please contact Lisa or Jeff.
- Suggestions for upcoming meeting topics: Repurposing parking meter posts into bike racks; follow
 up on eastbound lane of Grandview Hwy from Clark to Commercial; the diverter on Haro at Cardero,
 roundabouts vs small traffic circles; how to bring cycling infrastructure to south/east Vancouver

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held from 8:00 to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, and General Discussion)

Next meeting October 19th, 2021, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)