

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Mike M, Lisa, Stan, Emmett, Lucy, Kevin M, Clark,

Rebecca, David F, Dan, Bruce R, Mike, Ron, Peter S, Ivan, Eric S, Kristin, Mike V, Sanne, +2

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Please use the VanConnect or call 311 to report infrastructure issues relating to cycling on dedicated bike lanes or on other streets. Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, and bike thefts.

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Feb: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting			
1	Jeff	Draft letter to CoV re improved pavement markings for local street bikeways	
2	Philippe/	Plan and hold Richard St/Smith St Bikeways Assessment Ride – Anthony to schedule	
	Anthony	Plan and hold SW Marine Assessment ride - Philippe	

Announcements (see <u>bikehub.ca</u> – updated regularly and see also our <u>Local Committee wiki)</u>

- At the end of our regular meeting, at 8 pm, we have several Zoom breakout rooms set up, for some
 of our working groups. Access is direct from the main meeting, with no need to log in separately. This
 is an opportunity for smaller group discussions. You can choose which breakout room to join, if any.
 More details provided in the meeting.
- <u>The 9th Annual HUB Cycling Bike Awards</u> were held on February 24 via Zoom. The City of Vancouver received an award for the new Richards St. Bikeway
- The Vancouver School Board is holding a <u>Sustainability Conference</u>, a youth run event to promote sustainability among high school students. We were invited to facilitate a workshop, and/or to host a booth at the fair, which will be held on April 25th. If you are interested in helping plan this, please advise Jeff. Our participation will be dependent on having sufficient resources step up.
- HUB Cycling staff have released a <u>Bikes Mean Business</u> document to support advocacy work by Local Committees on high streets. Examples of high streets include Broadway and Commercial Drive.
- We want to share a link to a video entitled "<u>The Bike Lanes You Can't See</u>" which discusses the
 concept of different networks for different modes of transportation and is recommended viewing.
 Thanks to Eric S for the link.

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, Philippe, 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 advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Assessment ride of Richards St and Smithe St planned 	Anthony: Plan a ride for Richards and Smithe streets Philippe: Plan a ride for SW Marine (May?)		
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	 Stakeholder engagement sessions held to review the recommended path options through Kits Beach Park. More details under Consultations. Our meeting with PB staff covered Kits Beach Park Paths, John Hendry Park plans, Seawall repairs in Stanley Park (no bike access until repaving is done), and the Beach Ave parking lot activation PB staff is planning near the Inuksuk. 			
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. Design work continues on the intersection of the AG and King Edward, also some planning for the intersection at 41st. 			
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. Some issues on Cypress near Broadway with parked vehicles blocking cycling access appear to be resolved. 			
East Van Greenway (Clark)	 The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River. No update this month. 			
Municipal Election (Lisa)	 This working group is preparing for the 2022 municipal election. Work includes creating a voting history record for incumbents and drafting questions that will be posed to all candidates, with the responses published. 			

6. Deep Dive – The Opportunity for Cycle Highways in Metro Vancouver

The HUB Cycling research team has completed a report on the potential for Cycling Highways in Metro Vancouver. Cycling Highways are high quality infrastructure designed to facilitate longer trips connecting regional centres, with a focus on intersections. More details in the presentation. The report will be released shortly and the link circulated. Note that the routes analyzed are not a recommendation for which routes should or should not be built out as Cycling Highways. Rather, this report is intended to start the discussion on Cycling Highways, with municipalities, Translink, MoTI, and the public.

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- <u>Kits Beach Park</u> Consultation continues with a preferred route announced. Discussion on the
 intersection of the Arbutus protected lane with the exit from the service lane. Concern over lack of
 connectivity through or around Zone 4 at the north end of Arbutus, to reach Ogden
- The Bay Building development includes a Green Mobility Hub with a planned 1500 bike parkade and with CoV approval, integration to the local cycling network from Dunsmuir. There are no residential units proposed as part of this development, it is retail and office space. Approximately 1/3 of the bike parkade spaces would be set aside for other than tenants, eg the general public. Discussions include who could potentially operate the facility, what shops and services would be complimentary to make this a bike destination (eg repair shops, bike shops, bike clothing outlets, bike rentals). The bike racks being proposed are counterbalanced so no lifting of bikes up into racks.
- The Broadway Plan has been released, prior to going to Council for approval. A survey is open until

March 21st, and is an opportunity to express your opinion on the plan including no cycling infrastructure on Broadway itself for people cycling to access shops and services, and specifically about the lack of cycling access to the stations themselves, for multi modal trips.

- Strathcona Neighbourhood Traffic Calming updates are planned. The survey is open until April 4th.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the <u>presentation</u>.

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

- Change in location for the Massey Tunnel bike shuttle (south end) at the Hwy 17A interchange.
- Contractor has been selected for the upgrades to the Steveston Interchange, including cycling infrastructure
- <u>Hwy 1 North Shore Corridor Study</u> released by MoTI. This study is significant due to it considering more than motor vehicles and it could be a template for other improvements along corridors under the jurisdiction of MoTI (eg access to UBC, Hwy 7 east from Coquitlam).
- **9.** Local Committee Correspondence no update this month
- 10. Board Update (Jeff) no update this month
- **11. Other Business** (none raised)
- 20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, and General Discussion)

Next meeting will be April 19th, 2022, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)