

# Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Michael A, Lisa, Tassillie, Aidan, Bruce, Clark, Dan, Enzo,

Genevieve, Mike T, Mike V, Philippe, Sam, Suzanne, Lucy, Kay, Tim, Shaun, Kieran, Trey,

Duncan, Alix, +2 (26)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from May: Approved

Key Act	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				

## 4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and our Local Committee wiki

- This was our third Local Committee meeting by web meeting. We have switched to Zoom, and plan
  to continue using this platform for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and
  password each month in the agenda email, we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs and passwords.
- Refer to <a href="https://bikehub.ca/">https://bikehub.ca/</a> regularly for up to date news
- HUB Cycling has launched Learn2Ride Online for youth ages 9 to 12. This free web based online
  course covers basic cycling safety. It is based on HUB Cycling's Learn2Ride program, a school based
  in-person course that has been completed by over 25,000 Metro Vancouver students Please
  encourage friends and family members to take part, and spread the word to your friends and family
  with kids. Thanks to our sponsors, Translink and MoTI for funding this initiative.
- Park Board commissioners Coupar and Barker have put forward a motion to return Stanley Park transportation to pre-pandemic conditions. Please send a note to commissioners in support of active transportation in the park, by Thursday of this week, using this 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 and Anthony)	<ul> <li>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, but other things are taking priority right now</li> </ul>	All: Ride the Slow Streets, take photos of issues, and send them with your comments to vancouver@b ikehub.ca				

Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul> <li>Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff.</li> <li>Cycling in Stanley Park getting lots of attention.</li> <li>Communication ongoing with Park Board staff on future of road reallocations within Stanley park. See item 6, below.</li> </ul>	All: Please send an email to PB Commissioner s, using the HUB link
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>City is planning on a contract for detailed design of the section near 57<sup>th</sup>. Also, Pine from the AG to 1<sup>st</sup> is being improved and will form a link to False Creek for people cycling, with the closure of Pine at 6<sup>th</sup> to motor vehicles to reduce traffic volumes</li> </ul>	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul> <li>Construction updates being received from project office and published through our social media feeds</li> </ul>	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul> <li>Continuing to monitor CoV progress on a proposed N-S greenway in the NE quadrant. Lillooet is not currently a bikeway but was our recommended route in this area (see our proposal to the CoV on our wiki) and has recently been made a Slow Street, which is great to see.</li> </ul>	

## 6. Deep Dive Topic – Recommendations for Stanley Park (Jeff and Lisa)

- Our major theme of this meeting was proposed changes to transportation within Stanley Park. We reviewed the temporary road and seawall path space allocations of April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the <u>PB motion</u> that passed on June 8<sup>th</sup>, calling for a staff investigation of longer term plans to reduce vehicle traffic in the park, following on from the staff temporary traffic management plan for this summer, while considering accessibility and physical distancing.
- A motion has been put forward by commissioners Coupar and Barker to immediately return to Stanley Park access and transportation as it existed prior to the COVID 19 pandemic, to take effect by June 20<sup>th</sup>. HUB has a campaign to encourage PB commissioners to respect their June 8<sup>th</sup> motion, and allow staff to complete their plan before making further changes.
- We discussed public support for this initiative, the significance of the seawall path for slow cycling (avoiding the hill), return routes, and what priorities committee members would like to see us push for.
- The meeting presentation includes slides on this topic.
- Themes from the discussion at the meeting, with comments in brackets:
  - Some frustration was expressed with the slow implementation of temporary road reallocations for Slow Streets (Phase 2 in July is intended to support business reopening, and is being coordinated with BIAs; we don't know the locations)
  - Some barricades on slow streets are being moved. (report these to the City for correction, at 311 or slowstreets@vancouver.ca)
  - Support was expressed by many for both the seawall bike path (for slower riders, for tourists, and for those who would have difficulty on the hill to Prospect Point) and a protected lane on Park Drive, so that people cycling can self-select their route. This is the same as exists on South False Creek, with the seawall path and the bypass route on Charleson for faster riders. (The current plan is to not return bikes to the seawall path now due to social distancing guidelines, so this may be a subject for post pandemic or when crowding is no longer an issue)

- Our new email campaign will send emails to each commissioner, and a copy to the PB GM office, so that they can be tracked as to for/against. Watch for the email asking you to add your voice (note post meeting: 1500 letters sent as of Wednesday evening)
- Discussion on agism, and the assumption that seniors do not cycle, but rather need vehicles to access Stanley Park.
- Discussion on a media report that the Temporary Traffic Management Plan includes temporary lane dividers around Park Drive, with one lane open for vehicles and passing zones where there is sufficient space. This is the plan that the Thursday motion would disregard. Note: After the meeting, we obtained a graphic represented as being part of the Temporary Traffic Management Plan. It is attached at the end of these minutes.
- O Discussion on media errors (CKNW headline was that HUB was calling for a permanent ban on cars in the park, although the story and interview did not align with that at all.
- o Park Drive protected lane will need attention to parking access for the safety of all users.
- Suggest PB could permit vehicles in the park now if they have a disabled placard on their vehicle.
- Time to make clear that Coupar and Barker and trying to ban seniors and children from cycling, and wheelchair users from wheeling in the park.
- o Take out the chicanes, they do not improve safety (we have suggested this, to no avail).
- Seems like Greens and COPE are aligned on this, so let's see how the vote goes on Thursday.
- We should make more mention of public health and the role of Active Transportation. Note Dr. Bonny Henry's support for reduced vehicles in Stanley Park from a public health perspective, earlier today.
- o Need to keep the discussion going on the benefits of the Beach Ave space reallocation
- Discussion on electric assist bikes (requiring pedaling) as compared to electric bikes with a throttle (not requiring pedaling). Changes requested to the Motor Vehicle Act to align with a recent Supreme Court of BC decision.

#### 7. Consultations (Jeff)

- City of Vancouver consultation with HUB on their draft Transportation Demand Management Plan
- The Granville Connector may come to council in July, stay tuned for updates.
- The Passive House tower project at 1075 Nelson is going to a rezoning June 25<sup>th</sup>. We were involved in discussions re their 1026 planned bicycle parking spaces.
- 8. Correspondence Lot of mail received re support for temporary and permanent road space reallocations
- 9. Board Update (Jeff) no update this month

## 10. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- BC Active Transportation Strategy implementation consultation ongoing
- Parliamentary Round Table on Active Transportation chaired by Spencer Chandra Herbert
- Electric Assist Bikes we have requested changes to the MVA to distinguish between electric assist bikes (requiring pedalling for the assist to function) and throttled electric bikes (no pedalling required) to align with a recent Supreme Court decision.
- Patullo Bridge Project consultation on active transportation connections
- George Massey Crossing Project consultation on active transportation connections
- BC 2021 Budget presentations stakeholder consultations we are requesting funding for cycling infrastructure through municipal cost sharing programs

## 11. Other Business

Update on Project 529 and bike theft (details in the presentation). The HUB article on this is <u>HERE</u>

20:00 Meeting adjourned

Next meeting July 21st, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)

