

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Megan, Brad, Lisa, Clark, Stuart, Jeff (Chair), Navdeep (minutes), Anthony, Tim, Stan, Eric, Mark

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from January 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	Anthony	 Draft 14th Ave assessment ride report. Done. Sent on to Jeff 			
3	Jeff	Schedule and lead Pender Corridor assessment ride. To do			
4	Stan	Draft Arbutus Greenway assessment ride report. In progress			

- **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.
 - We have now asked to book this facility for March through June. Confirmation of location to follow.
 - We have an opportunity to have a HUB Local Committee table at the Vancouver Public Library on club day, April 28th. Volunteers needed. Interest expressed by Megan, Nav, Anthony, Stan, Eric, Tim. Jeff will follow up.
- 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 is pending. Draft report on 14th Ave assessment ride completed. 	Jeff and Stan: Schedule ride, or complete ride report as noted above.			

	 Please let Jeff know if you have any feedback on or issues with the construction on 10th Ave in front of VGH. The City has a community outreach team which meets regularly throughout the construction period, and our committee is on the email list. 	
Seaside South (Lisa)	 Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through 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. Currently working with key local stakeholders; bike route suggestions may come to the Park Board as soon as the end of the month The seawall from Cambie to Burrard Bridge is undergoing construction, expected to be completed by late spring. 	
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. Awaiting the preliminary draft plans for the permanent Greenway design, expected shortly. Traffic lights will be installed soon at Broadway, 12th and SW Marine Dr. No further changes to 41st Ave expected at this point. Eventually there will be connections to the water at both north and souths ends of the Greenway, but no details yet. Our committee met with the Vancouver Biennale and discussed placing artwork along the path, potentially using park space abutting the path. The Biennale has an agreement signed with the Park Board and are interested in looking at this further. 	
Broadway Subway (Anthony)	 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 and go on for five years. HUB remains concerned about the impacts on nearby bike routes during construction. 	

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 this month:
 - Cambie Bridge protected bike lane (southbound) and connections to Ash and Moberly approved by Council
 - o 10th Ave construction near VGH see notes above.
 - Fortis construction on 1st Ave traffic impacts for several months, meetings being held with Fortis team on impacts to bike routes crossing the construction
 - Streetcar planning by the City issues with tracks and bicycle tires. Note that any streetcar is likely to be a Translink initiative. Currently, the City is protecting for a potential future streetcar

in terms of leaving right of ways. We have asked the City to consider establishing principles around the separation of street car tracks from bikeways for safety reasons.

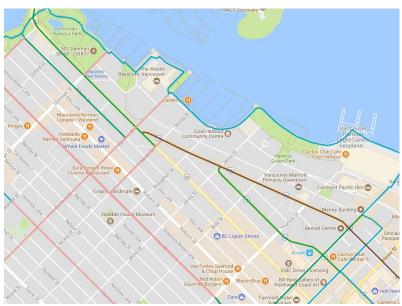
- The Yaletown BIA campaign to retain parking spots was raised – discussion on proposal to remove some parking, improve emergency vehicle access

7. In Depth Look at Pender Corridor, Powell Corridor, and IWMB Connections (Jeff)

Jeff presented on the cycling route options, with maps on the three potential projects

- Pender Corridor

- Georgia Gateway project will bring protected bike lanes from the causeway, east to Nicola
- Alternatives for protected lanes to better connect east to the Dunsmuir protected lane could be on Pender or Melville.
- Option to use Alberni instead was raised. This does climb the hill more than the low-level routes do.
- Option to promote W Hastings was raised (no transit complications). Consider connections from Georgia to Hastings. This route option will be included in our upcoming assessment ride.

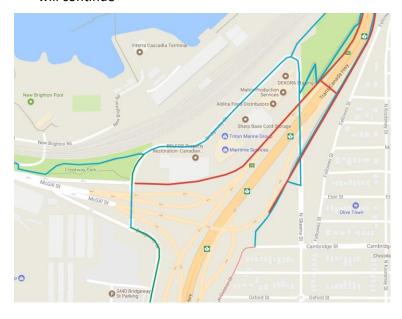


Powell Corridor

- From Maple Square (at Carrall) east towards Main will be one way eastbound, with a bike lane
- Alexander has been repaved and is planned to have traffic diversions to reduce the number of vehicles cutting through. The City has proposed diversions near Main; we have asked for consideration of additional diversions at the east end, near Hawks or Heatley. A protected lane is planned for the east end of Alexander, connecting to the Powell Overpass.
- The City has proposed a bypass route from Clark to Wall/Semlin, utilizing Triumph St. We are asking for this to be on Powell for two blocks from Clark to connect from the Powell Overpass, the City is proposing one block. This route will include signalized crossings of Powell. The City is proposing to carry this route on towards the PNE after Woodlands.
- Some discussion ensued on people currently riding on the sidewalk. We should expect enforcement along Powell sidewalks once a safe alternative is provided.



- Iron Workers Memorial Bridge connections (south end)
 - Potential ramps as proposed in the 2013 Urban Systems report for MoTI were discussed
 - o Discussion around the need to support people walking and cycling
 - Cross over connection above Hwy 1 makes sense to support people riding on the correct side on the IWMB. Conflicts on the bridge span have been noted with two-way bike traffic.
 - Ramps with steady grades (removing dips and climbs) make sense
 - Support for the concept was expressed, it sounds logical; engagement with the City and MoTI will continue



- 8. Board Update (Jeff): no update this month
- 9. Active Transportation and Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa): no update this month
- 10. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff): Translink meetings on a proposed Major Bikeway Network designation for connections to town centres, and other significant destinations. Discussions ongoing.

11. Other Business:

Meeting adjourned at 20:00

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: 20 March 2018, at Creekside Community Centre.