

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Stan, Lucy, John, Mike M, David F, Veronica, Kay,

Clark, DeeDee, David E, Dan, Margaret, Alix, Mike T, Kevin M, Michael M, Paul R, Eric S, Eleni, Peter S, Sanne, Jonathan M, Ivan, Eric W, Keith, Kieran, Mike V, Kristin, James, Adam,

Tim (31)

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 Nov: Approved

Key A	Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting					
1	Jeff	Finalize Stanley Park Assessment Ride Report – Awaiting meeting with PB staff				
		to present report				
2	Jeff	Finalize and submit CVG Assessment Ride Report: Awaiting meeting with CoV staff to				
		present report				
3	Philippe/Jeff	Ontario Bikeway assessment ride – R ide held, and report drafted (Philippe). Jeff				
		to submit report				

- 4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca updated regularly and see also our Local Committee wiki)
 - Refer to https://bikehub.ca/ regularly for up-to-date news
 - 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 continue through winter.
 - At the end of our regular meeting, at 8 pm, we intend to have several Zoom breakout rooms set up, for some of our working groups. Access will be direct from the main meeting, with no need to log in separately. This will be an opportunity for smaller group discussions. You can choose which breakout room to join, if any. More details will be provided in the meeting.

5. Local Committee Planning for 2022

- We are not resuming in-person meetings for now. We will continue to monitor the situation.
- We will have a vote for Local Committee Chair at our February meeting. Jeff will stand for election.
 If others are interested in running, please contact Anthony. If people are interested in being a cochair, please contact Anthony and Jeff.
- We maintain a priority gap list, and a gap map, and have recently updated both. We plan to combine
 our gap map with the assessed cycling route information from the HUB State of Cycling report. More
 details in the presentation, including a list of our top priority gaps. A prototype gap map with SoC
 data can be seen here.
- We are preparing our 2022 Local Committee Action Plan, due at the end of March (HUB's year end). Ideas to be considered for inclusion:
 - o Target completing six Assessment Rides and reports

- o Focus on Kits Beach Park path improvements
- o Focus on making the Stanley Park Protected Lanes permanent
- o Focus on SW Marine Drive (Granville to UBC, both CoV and MoTI)
- Work with CoV on the plan for converting parking meters to bike parking (locations)
- O Develop positions on all our top priority gaps
- o Move ahead on other gaps subject to resource availability

6. 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		Т
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Philippe, Mike V)	 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. 	Jeff: finalize assessment ride reports completed for Stanley Park, the CVG, and the Ontario bikeway. Philippe: Plan
	 CVG ride report completed and will be discussed with the CoV. 	
	 Stanley Park Drive report completed and will be discussed with PB staff. 	a ride for Richards and
	 Ontario Bikeway report completed and will be discussed with the CoV. 	Smithe
	 Assessment ride proposed for Richards St, and Smithe St. Philippe to organize. 	
Cycling in Parks (Anthony for Lisa)	 Park Board report due on the Phase 2 consultation for path improvements at Kits Beach Park. 	
	 John Hendry Park renewal plan consultation report due Regular meetings with PB staff have stalled; Lisa to try and get a meeting set. 	
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 underway on the intersection of the AG and 	
	King Edward, also some planning for the intersection at 41st.	
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. No update this month. 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. We have been advised by the CoV that the protected lane on 10th running east from the Arbutus Greenway (the subway construction detour) is being extended to Cypress. Anthony attended the Traffic Advisory Group meeting. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	 The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River. The CoV is preparing for public engagement on the Portside Greenway (Alexander St to Wall, and around to New Brighton Park) early in 2022. 	

Municipal Election (Kay for Lisa)	This new 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.	

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- <u>Bute St Greenway</u> consultation held on a proposed Shore to Shore greenway, with new public plazas. More details in the presentation. Bute St utility improvements are underway.
- <u>Kits Beach Park public engagement</u> on the proposed paths options (conceptual designs) has been completed. Next phase planned for February and will include a preferred design.
- The John Hendry Park Renewal Plan consultation has launched. We met with Park Board staff to review. This Park includes a section of the BC Parkway, a key active transportation connection. We expressed concerns on the proposed gravel MUP that connects directly to the 14th Ave Bikeway. Also, there is no connection planned from Lakewood to the park facilities. The proposed design appears to accommodate people passing through the park (on the perimeter) more than encouraging people to cycle to access the park facilities.
- Richards St. Bikeway improvements are complete.
- The <u>Smithe St bidirectional bike lanes</u> are complete, and connect from the Richards St Bikeway through to Thurlow and the Haro St Bikeway.
- The <u>St George Rainway</u> public engagement is underway. Design Concepts were presented as part of the third round of public engagement. Preferred design concepts are planned for spring 2022
- <u>Imagine West End Waterfront Plan</u> Community Conversations were held, and we attended. Phase 3 engagement, the development of concepts and ideas, will run from January to June 2022. A preferred concept and plan are expected in 2023.
- The <u>Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project</u> in Stanley Park is being run by Metro Van. We met to discuss impacts to cycle routes on Park Drive, and at Chilco St.
- <u>10th Avenue Improvements</u> have been completed in the Hospital District from Oak St to Cambie St.
- A City of Vancouver Transport Pricing Study was launched. This is part of the CoV Climate Emergency Action Plan. We met with the team to discuss priorities, concerns, and potential benefits. Transport Pricing is seen as a strategy to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads and increase the amount of road space for sustainable travel modes, thus enabling more people and goods to more into, and through the city, with more reliable travel times. Revenues generated would support investments in sustainable transportation, including active transportation.
- Ontario Greenway improvements are planned at 1st Ave. We continue to push for traffic diversions and calming on Ontario St. from 49th to 57th.
- Portside Greenway improvements are planned, with public consultation kicking off in February. A
 map showing the route is included in the presentation.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the presentation.
- 8. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update (Jeff) no update this month
- **9. Board Update (Jeff)** no update this month

10. Other Business

• Future meeting topics – Granville Connector,

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

Next meeting will be February 15th, 2022, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)