

**Iron Workers Memorial Bridge (aka Second Narrows Bridge) Advocacy Meeting**  
**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010**  
**VACC office**

Attendees: Richard Campbell, John Dove, Lorraine Smith

Regrets: Moreno Z, David Otto

1. Minutes approved from last meeting
2. Reviewed Final Report of Ironworkers Memorial Bridge Cycling Upgrade Feasibility Study prepared for BC Ministry of Transportation in November 2009, by CH2M HILL. Our focus of discussion was centered on Exhibit 3 – Option Summary.  
Options 1 – 6 are long term proposed improvements to the structure of the bridge;  
option 1 – widen both sidewalks  
option 2 - provide cycle path under the bridge  
option 3 - provide a new bicycle multi-use bridge parallel to IWMB  
option 4 - provide a new cycle underpass crossing the freeway  
option 5 - provide a new cycle overpass crossing freeway  
option 6 - extend Cambridge Street through PNE terminating at Cassiar

These options are longer term improvements – and we recommend feasibility study on option 1 widening both sidewalks, and option 3 – a new bridge for cyclists and pedestrians.

Options 7 – 13 are more short term improvements;

Option 7 – North-south cycle route between Bridgeway and Adanac Streets utilizing existing bus tunnel under Hastings street

Option 8 – Widen McGill Street on ramp shoulder

Option 9 – Widen McGill off ramp shoulder

Option 10 – Develop a separated cycle path along the TCH shoulder to NB to reduce uphill travel

Option 11 - Designate Kootenay Street as official bikeway

Option 12 - Closure of Skeena Tunnel to motor vehicle traffic

Option 13 - Grade separated cycling path along Main St from on/off ramps

Option 7 – is a decent option. Option 8 would require a dedicated bike route. Option 9 is an excellent option at possible zero costs Option 10 and 11 are not supported. Option 12 could be simplified, just allow cyclists to use it – perhaps one lane for cyclists. Currently it is 2 way with no shoulder and a high curb. Option 13 needs further clarification.

Further recommendations: survey, peer review research, and a user study

3. Switchback on South west corner ; we recommend this be re-invented as a uni directional switchback with stairs for pedestrians.  
Recommend an engineering study for switchback, maintenance plan, and MOT could give the finances to the city to maintain it.
4. Action steps: John to write a response to the study. Richard will request government to provide more funding for feasibility studies for the short term and long term options we support.  
Lorraine will arrange next meeting invite to 3 list serves.

Next Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup> , VACC Board Room