

**Iron Workers Memorial Bridge (aka Second Narrows Bridge) Advocacy Meeting  
October 25th, 2010  
VACC office**

Present: Moreno, Richard Campbell, Peter Stary, John Dove, David, Lorraine Smith

**History**

1992 Cassiar connector – moved lamps standards, and put in the barrier between sidewalk and drivers. Upgrade on North side, put a couple of ramps in to access path.

When asked to widen, they agreed it was necessary, BUT responded they planned to do a major upgrade to bridge in 2012. No upgrades listed anywhere to anyone's knowledge.

Connections on Vancouver side are very poor.

In 1998 Burnaby, North Shore, Vancouver, Ministry and municipal staff met and discussed these issues, and a decision was made to post signs – (unidirectional was a bad idea as too inconvenient) to yield to on coming cyclists for those travelling against traffic. It took several years to post these.

2008 Richard Campbell and Jack ? met with CMH2 Hill consultants regarding feasibility study. Survey cycling around the bridge – not sure what happened to this study. Estimated costs on different suggestions. **Action - Moreno has the report in pdf – will send to rest of group.**

How many cyclists go across bridge – **Action -John to check with another member in North Shore committee on those numbers. Also which person to approach – some mentioned were**

**Erin Moxin – MOT liaison – a cyclist & request to put in counters**

**Patrick Lee in North Shore**

**Joan MacKintyre, Shirley Bond, Shane Simpson etc in VACC Bulletin and listserve.**

Province asked joint North Shore Advisory Committee (JBAC) to answer some questions more recently.

**Upgrades Needed short term**

SIGNAGE – End of the bridge areas need better signage. Way finding/ route finding directions needed. General points of interest ex Cap College. Also further afield on bike routes.

Signage on the South End – safety and priorities.

Safety or regulatory

Yield to cyclists in opposing direction signs should be as you approach bridge.

Motorists also to yield to cyclists coming off the bridge.

Section on highway (John illustrated) that legally could be used highway near McGill West bound exit. Stencil on road.

Path (zig zag) needs resurfacing.

## Long term

Widen path - Model it on Canada Line Bridge. 4 meters if 2 way on one side. If one way each side, 2 ½ meters. (Golden ears has 2 meters only – a little tight for passing bikes, and pedestrians).

Making approaches better specifically on the South side.

## STRATEGY

1. Pressure Province (BC MOTI) to cost things out
2. VACC letter on this issue
3. Make the case /feasibility study – talking to MLA
4. Capture information on incidents between users on the bridge – violence.
5. Ask our members on incidents and accidents – directly to MOT and also let us know for statistical gathering. VACC Bulletin, List serves and BTWW. Flyers on bridge.
6. Suggest making a branch of the North Shore Wiki about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Narrows Bridge. Email list serve and let Jay know you are interested in posting. He'll give you a password to enter your comments. Document all issues.
7. Who do we contact about maintenance issues? **Action: John to find out who this is** – make sure there's someone to contact. They also have to log complaints – capture these as well.
8. Moreno to send out CMH2 Hill feasibility study  
Requests members to contact ministers  
Assessment ride for signage for way finding & also a count of cyclists