

Vancouver UBC Local Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

18:30-20:00

HUB Office

1-828 West 8th, Vancouver, BC



Attendees: Lisa, Mike G., Connor, Anthony, Clark, Jens, Kay, Jeff, Colin, Mike, Tim P., Matt, Cail, Neal

- If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Lisa or Jeff at Vancouver@bikehub.ca
- See issues on your bike route? Call 311 or email cycling@vancouver.ca . You can also add to bikemaps.org
- Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/get-involved/local-committees/vancouver-ubc> for key information on our committee and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents

1. Introductions and welcome to new members
2. Agenda: Approved
3. Minutes from May meeting: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from May meeting		
1	Everyone	To document hazards, near misses, collisions, etc, please call 311 and also note on bikemaps.org – Ongoing
2	Jeff	Feedback on Leslie's draft campaign letter for Kent Ave. Still open
3	Clark	Complete draft of SW marine Drive assessment ride Open.
4	Cail/Lisa/Jeff	Review and forward CVG assessment ride report and letters. Done
5	Everyone	Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you are willing to work on (without help we can't move forward with it) Ongoing

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)

- Please refer to the HUB main page for news and events <https://bikehub.ca/>
- Looking for a back up minute taker for committee – Connor agreed to help out in June & July- many thanks! Can you help starting in September? Contact HUB Vancouver/UBC Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca- we'd love to have you join in!
- HUB newsletter contributions – looking for someone to take this on for our committee
- Please provide feedback to the City of Vancouver on proposed cycling infrastructure (details listed below). Make sure your voice is heard. The City judges public support based on the feedback– every voice counts
- Save the Date – July 12 – HUB Member Summer Picnic
- BCCC is hiring a Campaigns and Engagement Coordinator, and a Kids on Wheels instructor. <http://www.bccc.bc.ca/jobs>
- Eat Art is happening on Sunday June 28th, HUB will have a table. Please contact nicole@bikehub.ca if you'd like to volunteer
- HUB has a volunteer call out for Car Free day on June 21st.

5. Updates from Working Groups

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Assessment Rides (Clark and Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV).• SW Marine Drive ride completed, report being	Finish the report for SW Marine Drive

	<p>drafted by Clark. CNC ride held on Granville Bridge. Seaside South ride scheduled for Sunday June 14, Anthony leading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th avenue bike route is a prime target for another assessment ride; the City is planning on working on this soon. 	<p>Prepare a report for Granville Bridge</p> <p>Seaside South report needs to be submitted before June 29th</p>
Complete Network Committee (Clark for Cail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder- The Complete Network Committee (CNC) is working to address gaps in signage and connectivity around Vancouver. • There is a bikemaps app for android out now – Apple app is in the works. • Doris is taking over a bigger role with Clark as the contact points for the committee. • Did a good assessment ride across the Granville Bridge and onto Granville Island. Didn't complete the assessment ride for Granville Island, too much opportunity for injuries. 	<p>Everyone: Test out bikemaps.org</p>
Kent Ave (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As people contact us about Kent Ave, we are encouraging them to write to the City (mayor and council) and reference our proposal. We plan to create a campaign to build political support. • This route is currently not on the City's radar so we need significant support for this from the masses. 	
Bike Share (Lisa or Neal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City has put its contract back out. New technologies available now for City to consider for Bike Share • HUB hopes that this latest action will result in progress towards a Vancouver Bike Share 	
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial planning underway with the City. Meeting held with City and local residents. This meeting acknowledged the benefits (safety, comfort) of separating people who are walking and rolling (bike, skates, etc) and recognized that there are challenging pinch points along the path. Discussions continue; broad public consultation later this year. • HUB ride scheduled for June 14th. Anthony leading 	<p>Assessment ride on Sunday</p>
New: Bike Theft (Lisa for Mary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional volunteers welcome. • No updates. 	
New: Cycling Infrastructure on Destination Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for a new working group! Thanks to Matt • Consolidate data on economic impacts from cycling lanes for businesses. Come up with design standards to maximize benefits. • Need to connect with/follow up: HUB Bike Friendly Business program, Streets For Everyone, Car Free Vancouver • Willing to conduct research but also mining previous studies is necessary • Jens is willing to help. 	<p>Get the word out to attract more volunteers. Please contact HUB at Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca if interested in finding out more</p>

6. City Consultations on Infrastructure Improvements (Jeff)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Open House was on June 16th. Update from the CoV to HUB, and feedback provided to the City. 	<p>HUB submission to be</p>

Burrard / Pacific intersection and bridge improvements	<p>HUB very pleased to see the bridge east sidewalk returned to pedestrians with a bridge lane allocated for northbound cycling, and safety improvements to the currently dangerous intersections at the N end of the bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUB believes that the City needs to provide an eastbound option for people on bikes on Pacific at Burrard for safety as well as continued growth of cycling mode share. 	<p>delivered to CoV within 2 weeks</p> <p>Provide your feedback at http://vancouver.ca/street-s-transportation/burrard-bridge-and-pacific-street-intersection-upgrades.aspx</p>
False Creek Flats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder: area between Main St, Clark Dr, Great Northern Way and Venables St. Workshop on Transportation was June 16 from 3-5 but we were unable to represent. Older HUB paper on the Flats here for background: http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/images/0/06/2013-01-28-ViaductsFlats.pdf 	<p>Feedback requested: http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/false-creek-flats.aspx</p>
Oak and 7 th intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary design posted. Comments closed June 12th. 	
Arbutus and 7 th and Off Broadway, Spruce to Laurel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design posted, comment online until June 30th. 	
Ontario and 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date has not been announced. Open for consultation soon; recently referenced by CoV. 	
10 th Avenue Bike Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates not announced – referenced and CoV has budgeted for it. From Trafalgar to Victoria 	<p>Assessment ride will be needed</p>
Water St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoV planning to include cycling infrastructure when other major street work is done. Prepare for consultation. 	
Viaducts removal and new bike bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates not yet announced, coming up soon 	
Seaside South Greenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seawall from Olympic Village to Burrard South Seawall Temporary Focus Group formed by the City to gather stakeholder input 	

7. Infrastructure Improvement Priorities (Jeff)

We need to keep these items front of mind, and make sure we are making progress on our goals. Discussed need for an assessment ride on the bike route along 10th, possible timeline for Granville Bridge improvements, and the Stanley Park Causeway improvements (approved, but construction not yet started)

8. General Updates

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Car Free Spaces and Bikes (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bute plaza project. Bute and Davie has had a car free space for a couple of years now but the City is interested in expanding it. HUB encouraging the city to do expanded research about best practices for active transportation through the car free spaces. In the past there was greater resistance to people “rolling” through car free spaces but increasing recognition of benefits and ways to do so safely & comfortably in many such spaces worldwide. 	
Transportation Referendum (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results expected within next couple weeks 	
Communications (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month 	

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Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ATPC advises staff and City Council on active transportation issues: http://vancouver.ca/your-government/active-transportation-policy-council.aspx Cycling safety study is now posted on the CoV website. Webinar on topic showed that police are more inclined to react to research-based safety studies. ATPC will communicate with VPD re results of the Cycling and Pedestrian Safety Study ATPC talked to people from City Special Events office re better encouraging active transportation to City special events; more bike valets, better way finding, good route provision, etc 	
HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTWW stats up 30-40% from previous years. BTSW has jumped 100% and one school opted to do Bike to School month. Surrey had a very supportive school board. Making it more clear that biking to work is not requisite to participate and register – biking anywhere will make it more inclusive. Bike to shop? HUB has been working to create a social enterprise. Traction tool kit is a consulting service to help businesses support cycling amongst their employees and customers – facilities, mobile mechanic service, bike friendly business awards, etc. VanCity credit union helped seed this. Summary: AGM is coming up this September – location is Vancouver, date TBA. Kay Teschke has joined the Board. 	
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) (Arno)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing better connections with the new Port Mann with MoTI. Central Valley Greenway connections need to be completed. 	
UBC/UBC Bike Co-op Update (Connor and Mike)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder - UBC Co-op is a student based group that promotes cycling at UBC. Co-op drafting a letter to Campus and Community Planning encouraging them to formally adopt Vision Zero into their planning workflow. A second letter is being sent to MoTI requesting a reduced speed limit along NW Marine drive. A review of the most recent University Boulevard Precinct will be given at the July meeting MoTI will require support from UBC as well before they change the speed limits on NW Marine Drive. 	AMS Co-op to talk with the AMS and UEL to get UBC to endorse the change
Streets for Everyone (Neal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trying to get Commercial Drive more accessible for biking and walking 	
Other Business	Kay Teschke is giving a talk downtown about research relating to cycling in cities.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:03

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