

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

18:30-20:00

HUB Office

1-828 West 8th

Vancouver, BC



Attendees: Arno, Mike G., Jeff (chair), Lisa, Anthony, Connor, Erin, Amar, Samaa, Ira, Danielle, Grace, Ryan, Darren, Jens

- 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 September meeting: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from September meeting		
1	Everyone	Please use bikemaps.org – to document hazards, near misses, collisions, thefts etc. Ongoing
2	Jeff	Progress campaign letter for Kent Ave
3	Clark	Complete Granville Bridge assessment ride report
4	Everyone	Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it) Ongoing

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - Bike to Work (BTWW) and Bike to School (BTSW) October 25th to Nov 1st. Make sure to log your rides.
 - HUB newsletter contributions – looking for someone to take this on for our committee
 - Please provide feedback to the City of Vancouver on proposed cycling improvements (details listed below). Make sure your voice is heard. The City judges public support based on the feedback they receive.
 - If anyone is interested in volunteering at an AMS volunteer fair on UBC campus on Thursday, please contact Lisa after the meeting.

5. Updates from Working Groups

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reminder- Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV).</i>• 10th Ave ride to be organized. Decided to hold off last month while we got through the viaduct, SW Marine, and South False Creek Seaside Bikeway	Schedule within a few weeks - Jeff

	consultations due to workload. Will schedule in coming weeks in preparation, for public consultations commencing end of October.	
Complete Network Committee (Lisa for Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reminder- The Complete Network Committee (CNC) was working to address gaps in signage and connectivity around Vancouver. Group has decided to disband once the following document is complete.</i> • The team is putting together a document for Granville Island and Granville bridge area. Finishing up now for submission. 	Everyone: Test out bikemaps.org
Kent Ave (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held with CoV councilors Deal and Meggs, raised issue of Kent Ave. Committee report forwarded and will be followed up. Also discussed with CoV Manager, Active Transportation (Dale), and Acting Director of Transportation (Lon). • They recognized that it is a problem area. • Pushing for action on the section from Ontario to Ash, which we evaluated as the most dangerous. • The City Engineering Department is reported to be one of the objectors due to their transfer station. 	
Bike Share (Lisa for Neal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update – Tender in process. Four companies are bidding on it. 	
Seaside South (Lisa and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation underway for section between Cambie Bridge and Burrard Bridge (details below). • There is an online consultation on the city's website that members should fill in by October 30th. • Stamp's landing and the crossings beneath the Granville Bridge are the primary areas of potential conflict between people on bikes and people in cars. • The flagstones are a real safety issue; also difficult for seniors, people with strollers, cyclists. • We recommend more separation between the modes wherever possible. • The Committee also believes that the Seaside Bypass route needs to be improved for faster cyclists in order to make this section of seawall comfortable for all. • The City has proposed to move plants that would be removed where the path is widened. • The Committee is also pursuing the issue of the lack of appropriate walking/cycling routes along the Seaside Greenway in the Kits Beach area. 	<p>Follow up on letter to Park Board re Kits Beach Park temporary fence – Lisa</p> <p>Send comments in to City - All</p>
Bike Theft Working Group (Lisa for Mary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anyone interested please let Lisa know</i> • Colin is meeting with RCMP about a new app. 	
UBC Working group (Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New working group to be formed • BikeWalk needs support and should be partially integrated within HUB 	
Destination Streets (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt is in the NextGen transportation at SFU. Designed an active transportation master-plan with some convincing analytics for the city where cycling infrastructure needs to be improved. • Commercial Drive is one of the Committee's top targets for protected bike lanes to access shops etc. • At the meeting with Councilors Deal and Meggs, 	

	<p>raised the issue for the Drive and much needed improvements. Issues around the ongoing neighbourhood plan there. HUB would like to see something done for the Drive as early as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow Streets was started by Darren and other SFU students as a data-driven (considering shoppers, bike traffic, etc.) approach to show the effects of separated bike lanes near retail shops. Can connect to Commercial and others. 	
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6. - 15. General Updates

False Creek Flats (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reminder - Area between Main St, Clark Dr, Great Northern Way and Venables St.</i> • Stakeholder Group formed by the City for input. Public update held October 8th. This is a longer term planning process. Good consideration of transportation issues, including active transportation. Goal is to open up the centre of the Flats (challenges exist with rail lines). Several routes are under consideration. Also considering the importance of a CVG connection towards downtown (connecting to the new Active Bridge to Dunsmuir). Project scope will include Main Street from 2nd to Prior. • Flats are a dead zone with the railways, so very challenging to improve. http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/false-creek-flats.aspx 	
Other Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viaducts removal, Georgia ramp, new Pacific Blvd, and new Active Bridge. • Plan for >10,000 bikes per day and planning with rigorous design principles and modelling usually used for motor vehicle traffic volumes • Updated plans released, including new commuter cycling connections along Quebec. Submission to Council being prepared. Scheduled for Council Meeting October 21st. See all the project information at: http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/viaducts-study.aspx 	
10 th Ave. Bike Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation has now been launched. Open House expected end of October. (Post Meeting – events scheduled for October 27th, Nov 2nd, Nov 7th) • City website has now been updated (post meeting) Display boards for the open house are now here: http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/10th-avenue-corridor-project.aspx • Hospital area critical part of this route as very challenging for cyclists. Need to consider ambulance traffic in the design recommendations. • Make sure your voice is heard regarding this critical route. 	Attend one of the Open House events, submit comments on line - All
Ontario and 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersection improvements. Open House expected end of October. (Post meeting, scheduled for 	

	<p>October 27th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has presented various options including reducing through traffic on Ontario • Consider rim detectors or cameras instead of push buttons for traffic lights? • City website has now been updated (post meeting). Display boards for the open house are here: http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/cycling-network-spot-improvement-program.aspx 	<p>Attend Open House, submit comments on line - All</p>
Seaside South Greenway (Seawall).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambie Bridge to Burrard Bridge. Open Houses held October 4th and 6th. Consultation open with online comments accepted until October 30th. See the display boards and proposed improvements at: http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/south-false-creek-seawall.aspx 	
SW Marine Drive (Granville to Camosun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City is replacing sewer and water system infrastructure and paving, so will take advantage of this to repair the current painted cycling lanes between Granville and Camosun. • Open House held October 14th. Consultation open until October 30th. City proposal shows separated bike lanes (painted lines), but no physical barriers. Not AAA. There is space for AAA, and HUB believes that the amount of vehicle traffic justifies physical separation, particularly at the intersections. Display boards here: http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/southwest-marine-drive-bikeway-improvements-oct-2015-open-house-information-displays.pdf • Some intersections are not right-angle corners allowing vehicles to move quickly through them. 	<p>Needs immediate action (By Oct 30). If you would like to see physical separation on this route as listed in Transportation 2040, express your concerns and write to mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca - All</p>
Closed Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Seawall (under Burrard Bridge). Consultation completed. See the display boards from the Open House: http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/north-false-creek-seawall-july-2015-open-house-information-displays.pdf • Seaside South Greenway (Seawall) from Olympic Village to Cambie Bridge. Improvements announced Oct 16th, no consultation planned: http://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/seawall-improvements-and-safety-widening.aspx • Adanac Bikeway (at Renfrew). Intersection improvements approved, construction underway. Controlled intersection, Adanac will have restricted through traffic. http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/adanac-bikeway-adanac-and-refrew-intersection-project.pdf • SE Marine Drive at Knight Street has proposed improvements at the interchange. Consultation expected in 2016. This intersection has the highest number of vehicle crashes in the City. Details in the City staff report here: http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20150930/documents/ptec4.pdf • Burrard/Pacific intersection and bridge 	

	<p>improvements approved. Consultation closed. Info available at: http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/burrard-bridge-and-pacific-street-intersection-upgrades.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanley Park Causeway Paths. Construction underway on east side (northbound). MoTI has suggested a meeting to discuss permanent space allocation on the shared path northbound • Oak and 7th and Arbutus and 7th are closed now. • Connections to the Port Mann Bridge consultation (currently either United Blvd. or Lougheed Hwy). 	
CarFree Spaces & Bikes (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report this month 	
Communications (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of a technical limitation our emails were not being sent (too many recipients). We are now using multiple address groups. This issue should be fixed and everyone should receive emails now 	
Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reminder - The ATPC advises staff and City Council on active transportation issues:</i> http://vancouver.ca/your-government/active-transportation-policy-council.aspx • Everyone is encouraged to come out to the meetings. • Two committees within ATPC: Policies and Projects • Recently had a meeting with VPD based on 2 studies the CoV commissioned: 1 for cyclists and another for pedestrians. • Found that pedestrians and people riding bikes are both very much at risk of collisions by vehicles turning left and right in intersections, on many occasions when the vehicles didn't have the right of way. Another major issue is dooring. 	
HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 new directors elected at the recent AGM 	
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) (Arno)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reminder – Deals with regional issues, Ministry of Transportation.</i> • Primary objective is a cycling connection to the Port Mann bridge. On-site visit with Jordan Sturdy to hopefully move it forward. • #ungapthemap is ongoing. • Arno, Erin executive of HUB, and Richard Campbell attended a road safety conference recently. • Want to revise and rename “Motor Vehicle Act” to better reflect and address all road users. • Helmets are not on the listed as major issues because it's too controversial at the moment. Possibly an exemption for BikeShare programs? • Rules regarding electric-assist bikes should be amended. • Climate leadership plan should include more cycling to reduce carbon footprint. 	
UBC/UBC Bike Co-op Update (Connor and Mike)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reminder - UBC Co-op is a student based group that promotes cycling at UBC.</i> • Bike Co-op should write a second letter to CoV concerning 10th bike lane instead of combining with HUB. CC each other. 	
Streets for Everyone (Arno)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFE, currently operating under the BCCC umbrella, 	

	recently received a grant.	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed recent proposal by one councilor for bike licenses. HUB does not support bike licensing due to the cost and lack of benefits. Licenses are not required for cycling infractions to be handled by the police 	

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

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