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(By Email)

Re: Proposed BC Hydro Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge across the Grandview Cut

Dear Judy;

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization that works to make cycling better through education, events and collaboration. We are Metro Vancouver's leader in making cycling an attractive choice for everyone. We are writing with follow up comments on BC Hydro's proposed pedestrian and cycling bridge across the Grandview Cut from N Grandview Hwy to 6th Avenue, at McLean Drive. This is further to our previous letter of September 5, 2017.

Background

Following our submission of September 5, HUB Cycling representatives held several discussions with representatives of the City of Vancouver Transportation Engineering team. We asked the City if they would provide us some comfort around our principle concern with this proposed bridge, which was that it would negatively impact the planned bridge at the Grandview Highway and Clark Drive, in terms of funding, prioritization, and so on.

Planned False Creek Flats Bridge

A map of proposed walking and cycling routes from the False Creek Flats Plan¹ is shown below in Figure 1.

¹ <http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/false-creek-flats-plan-2017-05-17.pdf>

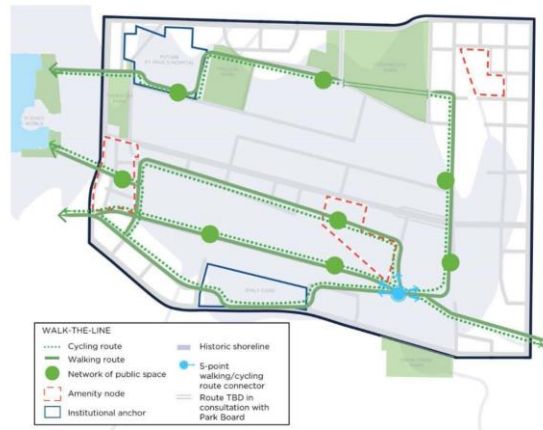


Figure 1 - Proposed False Creek Flats walking and cycling routes
The connection to the Central Valley Greenway at Clark Drive
and Grandview Highway is at the bottom right.

The City of Vancouver has now confirmed to us that:

“Regardless of the BC Hydro Mclean Bridge connection, the City is working towards developing a direct Central Valley Greenway (CVG) connection from North Grandview Hwy to the flats as outlined in the False Creek Flats Area Plan. This direct connection is critical, but requires certainty on the final CVG alignment through the flats and needs the support of rail operators and senior government partners. The Mclean bridge, which connects to a different area, will not affect the need or the timeline for the direct pedestrian and bike connection to the flats.”

This commitment addresses our primary concern with the proposed new bridge at McLean Drive.

Comments on the Proposed Bridge

- 1) HUB Cycling appreciates that BC Hydro has the Metro North Transmission Project underway, and that as part of this project a crossing of the Grandview Cut is required.
- 2) We understand that there are few other options for where the new bridge would cross the Grandview Cut.
- 3) The City of Vancouver has also confirmed to us that they will provide safe connections to the new bridge. We are most interested in the mid-block crossing of Grandview Highway to the bridge path.
- 4) The new bridge will primarily serve residents on both sides of the bridge. We consider that it will be of value to those residents for local trips, both walking and on bike. It will also be of benefit to people on bikes to connect from the future crossing and bridge at Clark Drive, to neighbourhoods to the south of the new bridge. As such, we support the building of the proposed new bridge.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our thoughts. We would be pleased to meet and discuss the above at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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cc: City of Vancouver Engineering