



# Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Michael M, Sam, Tassillie, Mike T, Karole, Tim, Stan, Kay, Philippe, Clark, Mike V, Emma (new), Ron, Alix, Lisa, Bruce, Dan, Laura, Aidan, Julie, Lucy, David F, Kristin, Ivan (new), Tomer, Eric, Charles, Vitalii, Keith, Mike, Daniel, Mac, +2 (36)

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
2. **Agenda:** Approved
3. **Minutes from July:** Approved (no meeting held in August)

<b>Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting</b>		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to <b>311</b>, <b>@CityOfVancouver</b> on Twitter, or the <b>VanConnect</b> app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. <b>Ongoing</b></li> </ul>

4. **Announcements** (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly and our [Local Committee wiki](#))
  - We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords.
  - Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
  - HUB Cycling’s [Bike to Work Week](#) runs Sept 28<sup>th</sup> to Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to register! Volunteers are needed; if you can work a shift please contact [events@bikehub.ca](mailto:events@bikehub.ca) for details.
  - HUB Cycling’s AGM will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Register on the bikehub.ca website.
  - The unofficial Beach Ave Bikefest will be held Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm. Wear a costume, decorate your bike, have fun! More details in [Lucy’s thread](#)
  - Make sure you complete the Stanley Park survey on road space reallocation by September 20th, [here](#)

### 5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff ([Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations.</li> <li>Two assessment rides are being organized. Those who put their name in the text chat expressing interest will get an email with details.</li> </ul>	<b>Anthony:</b> organize ride at UBC. <b>Philippe:</b> organize ride on Balaclava (45 <sup>th</sup> to Point Grey Road)
Cycling in Parks (Lisa and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff.</li> <li>Park Board staff have been working hard at balancing the issues in Stanley Park, with a lot of pressure. They have</li> </ul>	

	<p>been responsive to requests for minor changes/adjustments. They are getting lots of pressure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycling in Stanley Park is getting lots of attention, including in the media. There are a lot of people on bikes using the temporary lanes (we have some numbers). The PB staff plan is to remove the temporary road reallocations this fall as rider numbers drop, allowing a return to the seawall path for people cycling (or for on the road without protected lanes).</li> <li>• PB staff are separately preparing recommendations on how to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term; this initiative will come back to commissioners for debate and include public consultation.</li> <li>• Our Beach Ave event on August 8<sup>th</sup> was successful, with the collection of names of supporters for permanently improving Beach Ave. This will be addressed in the West End Park Master Plan process being initiated.</li> <li>• The Kits Beach Park path and parking lot continues to be a challenge, with no progress this summer from Park Board.</li> </ul>	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services.</li> <li>• Delays with the City on a contract for detailed design of the section near 57<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic. Pine St. from the AG to 1<sup>st</sup> is being improved and will form a link to False Creek for people cycling, with the closure of Pine at 6<sup>th</sup> to motor vehicles to reduce vehicle traffic volumes on Pine.</li> <li>• The overgrowth blocking the path in places has been cleared. The CoV has said they will try to stay on top of this.</li> </ul>	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. Discussion on recent progress, food delivery, etc.</li> </ul>	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction updates are being received from project office and published through our social media feeds</li> </ul>	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to monitor CoV progress on a proposed N-S greenway in the NE quadrant.</li> </ul>	

## 6. Deep Dive Topic – The Granville Connector and Drake St Upgrades

- A meeting was held with City engineering and planning staff to review recommendations on these projects. Both projects will go to Council on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. There is both a long-term vision, and an interim design intended to address current CoV budget issues, while not losing the momentum gained over the past two years. We have written a formal letter in support of this approach, as we understand have both the Downtown Vancouver BIA and the South Granville BIA. This letter was to be included in the council briefing package from staff.
- Details of the long-term plan, and the interim proposal, are included in the meeting presentation, [here](#). The full staff report with more detail is [here](#).
- The full project will include separated west side walking and cycling paths; an improved walking path on the east side and along the east side ramps; a protected bidirectional bike lane on the Fir ramp to 10<sup>th</sup>; signal protection at all ramp crossings; connections along 5<sup>th</sup> to the Arbutus Greenway; removal of the north end cloverleaf loops and construction of a grade level street network with cycling facilities through to Pacific and leading to the north side seawall paths; and construction of protected

lanes on Drake from Hornby to Pacific.

- Support was expressed by meeting attendees for getting something done, to keep the project moving forward.

## **7. Consultations (Jeff)**

- More [Slow Streets](#) have been implemented (the 5<sup>th</sup> wave). While the intent is appreciated, the implementation has left many people underwhelmed due to too high vehicle speeds and volumes, barriers being moved off the streets by drivers, and so on.
- There is progress on and a more detailed proposal for redevelopment of the Broadway and Commercial block (the Safeway site). This is a major development of the full block, with residential, retail, a transit station, and bikeways on the south and east perimeters. We have worked with the developer over the past few years to improve service access (delivery truck access is now planned to be on Broadway and not on 10<sup>th</sup>); integrate cycling access from 10<sup>th</sup>, and generally consider active transportation in the design. We have been invited to a walking tour of the proposed development. Those who put their names in the text chat for this will receive an email with details.
- Construction of the Richards St Bikeway continues, with the lanes now open at the north end. When this section is complete, crews will move to the south end and continue construction through to the crossing of Pacific.
- Construction is happening on Cambie near 35<sup>th</sup>, as part of the long-term vision for a more complete street. This vision was included in the Cambie Corridor plan that we consulted on. The most significant section will be adjacent to the Oakridge redevelopment. Construction will be coordinated with redevelopment, so will take some time to be completed.
- There are concerns about the off-street bike path next to Cambie, running from SW Marine north to 63<sup>rd</sup>. The City has been asked to paint a centre line and apply stencils as the path often has people walking on it unaware, instead of using the adjacent and parallel off-street walking path.
- There are concerns about people on bikes passing quickly and unsafely on the seawall path just east of Stamp's Landing, where there are many curves and often poor sight lines. We discussed various treatments that could improve conditions here, including a double centre line, stencils advising no passing, and signs directing faster riders to the Seaside Bypass along Charleson.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ave improvements from Willow to Cambie are now expected to start in Q1 2021. Cycling access will be maintained along 10<sup>th</sup> during construction, but there may be delays so consider alternate routes.

## **8. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)**

- Meeting were held with the Massey Crossing Project team to discuss a high-level bridge vs a submerged tunnel, and other planning details for the upcoming project. Both options would include walking and cycling facilities. Discussion on the need for connectivity along the Hwy 99 corridor.
- Meeting were held with Translink to discuss updates to their Major Bikeway Network (MBN) plan. We have proposed including a route along the river (generally along Kent Ave) to connect Burnaby and New West to the airport and UBC. Also, improved connections to UBC. Outside of the CoV, we have proposed the Barnet Hwy and connections to SFU along Gaglardi.
- Participation in the Metro Vancouver Greenway planning process
- Participation in the Metro Vancouver Climate 2050 planning process

**9. Correspondence** – Multiple emails received on temporary and permanent road space reallocations

**10. Board Update (Jeff)** – the HUB Cycling AGM will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

**11. Other Business** - none

20:05 Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)**