



Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
 18:30-20:00
 312 Main St

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Eric, Eleni, Stuart, Lisa, Anthony, Philippe, Tim, Clark, Verena, Chuck, Keith, Enzo, Ruth

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
2. **Agenda:** Approved
3. **Minutes from March 2019 meeting:** Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing
2	Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule assessment ride in East Vancouver. Done, report in progress
3	Stan and Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with City staff re next steps for Arbutus Greenway planning process. Pending
4	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you come across cars stopped in bike lanes, take photo(s) and send to Jeff.

4. **Announcements** (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and our wiki at <http://wiki.bikehub.ca>)
 - Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
 - Make sure to register for Bike to Work Week (May 27 to June 2) and log your trips. The data we collect on where people ride helps our advocacy work with the City.
 - HUB Bike to Shop Days will be June 1st and 2nd. The routes proposed for the guided rides are from Creekside Community Centre, to a Farmer’s Market, then to Granville Island (who are a sponsor). Volunteers required to help lead these community rides. Anthony and Eleni have volunteered; two more would be great.

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Next assessment ride to be selected and scheduled

<p>Park Board and Seaside South (Lisa)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past, Park Board staff and Commissioners have focused on “bike to the park”, but not “bike IN the park”: “To, not Through” strategy. We have requested a Park Board motion clarifying this issue (Bikes to AND through). • Letter writing and public campaign launched to encourage elected commissioners to acknowledge the deficiencies in the VanPlay 25-year strategy, and to adopt To AND Through as a design principle. Media have been lined up as well. • Park Board is scheduled to vote on Van Play at their June 10th meeting. • Seaside South scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. The Kits Beach area is under the purview of the Park Board 	<p>All: please send your letter to Park Board Commissioners in support of cycling in parks (link in attachment, plus action letter with the link sent to all committee members)</p>
<p>Arbutus Greenway (Stan)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Planning next steps for the working group. • Setting up a meeting with the new city transportation engineer assigned to the Arbutus Greenway project. • Signals at King Edward and Arbutus Greenway are still an issue. Awaiting update on CoV investigation. 	<p>Stan and Jeff meet with City staff re next steps for Arbutus Greenway planning process.</p>
<p>Cycling Logistics (Sam)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Updating the Value Proposition for cargo bikes vs delivery vans both large and small • Next meeting will be April 29th and will include a deep dive into policy changes needed to make cycle logistics more inviting in Vancouver. Contact Sam for details 	
<p>East Van Greenway (Clark)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City councilors asked staff to progress planning on a Greenway in East Vancouver. Staff are focusing on a north south link around Renfrew, initially at the north end, but in the future connecting from Burrard Inlet towards the Fraser River. • Assessment ride held; finding was that Lillooet from Hastings to the CVG is an attractive route based on grade, etc. • Group will consider Cassiar, and connections at both ends. • Report will include a map, references to nearby destinations, underlying City plans that support this, etc. Open to comments and suggestions. 	<p>Clark progress assessment ride report</p>

6. Deep Dive Topic – Benchmarking the State of Cycling (Jeff)

- Progress update on this HUB staff initiative. Report expected mid-year. See presentation for details.
- Team is currently analyzing data and validating routes (in Vancouver and other municipalities)
- Review of the classification system (6 types of infrastructure, 3 classes for quality)
- Discussion on how to best represent designated cycling infrastructure that doesn't meet the agreed standards for Class A, B, or C.
- Consensus of the committee was that designated infrastructure that does not meet requirements for Class C should be included in the database, separately marked (eg Class D). If it is shown on map views, it should be shown as deficient, not an artificial assignment to a higher class. Having these included in the database will encourage advocacy to improve them and may prompt authorities to act sooner.

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback. We will need people to attend open houses when they occur.
 - o Granville Connector – Online survey, open houses, workshop events (which require registration). We want to ensure we have reps in all workshop sessions.
 - o Drake Bikeway Project: Public engagement will be delayed to coincide with the first phase of the Granville Connector public engagement. Projects likely to be separate, but concurrent.
 - o The Community Panel has recommended their preferred route for the new arterial to replace Prior and Venables. It is National and Charles. All options are intended to include dedicated cycling infrastructure.
 - o BC Government Consultations launched on Clean BC, The BC Active Transportation Strategy, and the BC Active Transportation Design Guide.

8. Communications (Jeff)

- CBC TV segment on safety in bike lanes, and gaps in the network (Dunsmuir from Hornby to Burrard)
- Met with the Force of Nature advocacy group, who may be able to support our advocacy on specific projects.

9. Board Update (Jeff)

- HUB Cycling AGM scheduled for September 14th. Applications open for Board of Director positions.

10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (now Transportation Advisory Committee) (Lisa)

- The City has announced the creation of a Transportation Policy Council covering all modes, and are recruiting for members.

11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- No update this month.

12. Other Business:

- No additional topics this month

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

20:00-20:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: May 21, 2019, location TBA (plan is for Creekside)