

Vancouver-UBC Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
18:30-20:00  
HUB Office  
1-828 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Lisa (Co-Chair), Moreno Zanotto (Bikemaps.org), Neil, Cathy (HUB Membership Manager), Richard (BCCC), Michelle, Mike, Anthony, Clark, Dan, Jens, Jordon, Valery, Colin, Arno, Mike, Odessa (recording secretary)

- If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Lisa or Jeff at [vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca)
- See issues on your bike route? Call 311 or email [cycling@vancouver.ca](mailto:cycling@vancouver.ca). You can also add to [bikemaps.org](http://bikemaps.org)
- Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents
- For letters to Mayor & Council, email [mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members

2. Agenda

Richard asked about adding activities around Joyce-Collingwood to the agenda. To be added to March agenda.

Mike raised a question about City of Vancouver’s Safe Routes to Schools program. Lisa offered to follow-up with him after the meeting; may add to March agenda.

3. Minutes from January 2016 meeting: Approved.

<b>Key Action Items outstanding from October meeting</b>		
1	Everyone	Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, and bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to <b>311</b> to have them addressed by the City. Status: <b>Ongoing</b> .
2	Clark and others	Complete Granville Bridge assessment ride report. Status: Clark put together the report for approvals, which are now in progress.
3	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule workshop for review of gap list. Status: workshop held prior to this meeting. Updated numbers will be ready for March meeting.</li><li>• Think about which of prioritized infrastructure improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can’t move forward on it. These are listed on our Committee webpage. Consider if any priorities not there. Status: discussed at workshop prior to meeting.</li><li>• Think about what the overall committee priorities should be for 2016.</li></ul>

4. Bikemaps.org presentation.

Moreno Zanotto from bikemaps.org explained how to use the bikemaps.org website and app, how to receive incident report notifications; demonstrated some interactive visualization tools and how bikemaps.org can be used for analysis in considering design improvements. He then took questions from the floor.

Moreno can be reached at [moreno.zanotto@gmail.com](mailto:moreno.zanotto@gmail.com).

## 5. Announcements

- Refer to [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) regularly. There are often news and action items.
- HUB is hiring an Office Manager and Cycling Education Instructors: <https://bikehub.ca/get-involved/work-hub-cycling>
- Please [add your voice](#) to tell Commercial Drive businesses that we would like bike lanes to bring business to the Drive. There is more information on how to take action on [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca).
- Watch the HUB website for opportunity to consult on proposed new downtown bike infrastructure.
- The committee needs more volunteers in **leadership roles** in communications (committee newsletter/social media/emails) and other areas. Please talk to Lisa or Jeff or email us at HUB Vancouver/UBC <[vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca)> if there is a cause you want to champion or if you would like to form a working group. Visit the committee's [webpage](#) for info.
- Professor Kay Teschke gave a talk on February 24 at SFU Harbour Centre on the intersections of health and city building. [More info.](#)
- Richard invited members to attend "Last Friday" get-togethers with BCCC. [More info.](#)

## 6. Updates from Working Groups.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder: assessment rides are along a predetermined route that a group rides, documents with photos, and then creates a report on to influence action and advocacy efforts.</li> <li>• Last year, we did SW Marine, Granville St Bridge, a section of the central Valley Greenway, and South False Creek Seawall.</li> <li>• There is a ride on Feb 20 along 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from Victoria to Trafalgar. See Jeff to register. The City has already done their first round of consultation on this route, and we would like the input from this assessment ride to go to a stakeholder meeting on their preliminary designs.</li> <li>• More assessment rides are coming up, including the Seaside Greenway west of Granville Bridge. There was a request for King Edward Ave, and Gore Ave.</li> <li>• A significant number of ride attendees need to collaborate on writing the report.</li> </ul>	
Kent Ave (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent Ave improvements have been put back on the list as part of CoV's 5-year plan. This is a success for HUB and the</li> </ul>	

	Committee.	
South False Creek and Seaside Greenway (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder: area that this group wants to see improved is the Seawall and seaside path from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway by Pt Grey Rd</li> <li>• The City has done some very good work in the section fro the Village to Cambie Bridge</li> <li>• Anthony reported on section from Cambie St to Burrard Bridge. The City brought in many stakeholders to consult about conditions in the area. There was an assessment ride/walk, meetings, and discussions. There was a lot of consensus. Recently the City presented a design that divides that section of the Seawall by modes. Pros- many, will be much improved! Cons: the design doesn't yet address the dangerous and uncomfortable flagstones that people using all modes find challenging. Did not focus on the Seaside bypass route, neglecting faster cyclists.</li> <li>• West of Burrard Bridge, the network is not nearly sufficient. This was supposed to be addressed years ago, but "Save Kits Beach" campaign and fears about legal issues with Hadden Park derailed plans there.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are interested in receiving updates about the unimproved area west of Burrard Bridge, please send your name and email to Lisa at <a href="mailto:Islakov@telus.net">Islakov@telus.net</a></li> <li>• Anthony will lead an assessment ride from Granville Bridge to Balsam St in early March. Fill out this doodle poll <a href="http://doodle.com/poll/f4in62ps2i6bgrt2">:http://doodle.com/poll/f4in62ps2i6bgrt2</a>-if you'd like to be involved. The ride can only take a limited number.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
New: Bike Theft (Lisa for Mary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike theft is being addressed as a regional issue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please contact Lisa if you are interested in joining this group.</li> </ul>
Bike Share (Lisa for Neal)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breaking news- Bike share coming to Vancouver! Thanks to Bike Share Group and especially Neal for following up on this over the last year or 2</li> </ul>
UBC Working Group (Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The working group is taking a hiatus while UBC undergoes other developments.</li> </ul>	

## Other

### 7. Committee Infrastructure Priorities (Jeff)

- In the hour before this meeting, a group got together to update scores of HUB Vancouver Committee's priority areas.
- The City has been coming to us for input on areas that are not on our priority list; we have now documented those and assigned scores to them.
- There have been many requests to consider Main St from 37<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. We will try to move ahead with this in 2016.
- There was discussion about where we need to complete assessment rides and reports.
- Actions: tidy infrastructure priorities and schedule new assessment rides. Look at infrastructure priorities through the lens of timing.

### 8. Overall Committee 2016 Priorities/Action Plans (Lisa and Jeff)

- Document circulated with minutes.
- We have many liaisons with other committees, e.g. Active Transportation Policy Council, UBC Bike Co-op.
- Last year, the committee was struggling to keep up with the many consultations with the City.
- This year, we are looking to tighten up working groups and make them as effective as possible. We would also welcome help with "leadership roles" such as communications, working group leadership, etc
- We especially need help with promoting the concept of cycling on "destination streets". Spreading the word about the benefits of adding cycling infrastructure to commercial streets, especially to businesses. There is considerable interest in creating this working group and Jordon is interested in taking the lead. . There is the possibility of a campaign with support of HUB staff.
  - Commercial Drive will be a priority this year.
  - Jordon suggested that Main St is one good place to start. Email Jordon at [jordon@dandylicargo.com](mailto:jordon@dandylicargo.com) if you want to be on this committee. He'd love someone to co-lead!
  - Richard mentioned "Complete Streets Policy" feeding into destination streets working group.
- Seaside Greenway continues as an active group.
- Safety issues: citywide safe passing distance bylaw; truck-side and underrun guards. Action: looking at bylaws that can be affected within the city of Vancouver. Colin B and Arno both interested in this issue. Please contact lisa [lslakov@telus.net](mailto:lslakov@telus.net) if you're interested.
- Ira wrote in to report that she is interested in short, "flash education sessions" on bike routes. This could be the basis on a new working group. Odessa, Valery and Michelle to discuss with Ira. Contact Lisa at [lslakov@telus.net](mailto:lslakov@telus.net) if you're interested

### 9. Consultations. (Jeff)

- [10<sup>th</sup> Ave](#) Bikeway improvements – planning is happening now.
- Final [S False Creek](#) Seawall plan, plus the first draft of a plan for the False Creek Flats.
- Info boards [here](#) and online [survey](#) to provide your feedback on various key directions from this work.
- Let Jeff know if you're interested in following the proposed False Creek Flats improvements and providing input back to the stakeholder group that we are participating in.

### 10. ATPC (Lisa)

- Nothing to report as time was limited.

**11. HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)**

- Nothing to report.

**12. Regional Advisory Committee (Arno)**

- Arno reminded committee of particular areas that the RAC works on. Talk to Arno or Jeff if you are interested in getting involved.

**13. UBC/Bike Co-op Update (Lisa for Mike/Connor)**

- Nothing to report.

**14. “Streets for Everyone” Liaison (Richard)**

- There is a need to urge council to push ahead with Commercial Drive infrastructure improvements.

**15. Other Business**

- No other business.

**Meeting adjourned at 20:00.**

**Next meeting: March 2016.**

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