

**Delta HUB
Minutes – November 2, 2017**

1. Attendees

Neil (co-chair), Sandra (co-chair), Bill, Roel, Phil, Hilary, Carol, Karon, Melanie, Greg
Regrets: Patrick (chair), Korine (Fraser Health)

2. New Items included for discussion

- a. Surrey/Langley HUB Nov. 2 Infrastructure Tour. This was cancelled.
- b. Tsawwassen Town Centre Redevelopment Open House Oct 19th
- Block A Tsawwassen (this wording looked odd on signs where punctuation was missing). Neil and Carol reported on meeting.
 - Design and density was an issue. The need for rental is recognized.
 - Lack of adequate public access walking, biking and congregating was a concern.
 - In agreement that the project has gone back to the developer to detail how Block A fits in an overall plan for the whole development.
 - Need adequate space on 56th Street for walking and biking, and bike allowance that connects through between neighbourhood destinations (e.g. Winskill, shopping, schools, recreation centre and 12th Ave crosstown bike route).
 - Need for a relevant Tsawwassen Area Plan. The current Tsawwassen Area Plan can be found here: <https://delta.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/37999> Schedule D — Tsawwassen 2016-12-30.

A motion for 'smart city' to be investigated by the City of Delta was postponed until this article could be read and further discussion could be had.

Action: share Globe and Mail web link. (as below) Google's Sidewalk Labs signs deal for 'smart city' makeover of Toronto's waterfront.

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/google-sidewalk-toronto-waterfront/article36612387/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

3. Discussion of Delta Cycling Priorities for 2018

- Wayfinding & Signage, and the use of green Caution Paint emerged as the top priority. A pilot project green paint site had been agreed to by Delta, need to find out its status.
- 12th Ave at Beach Grove requires safety improvements to access Boundary Bay dike trail. Driver awareness and crossings for walking and biking could involve signage, green caution paint, upgraded crosswalk and 'elephant feet' bike crossing.
- 53A Street with awareness and upgraded bike infrastructure is a suitable alternative to 56th Street as it goes all the way to the BC Hydro right-of-way where there are improved curb cut-outs (and the route was utilized when 52 St was under construction).
- 53A St at 16 Ave, River Road West and Westham Island Bridge remain high priority.
- Double yellow lines do exist through the River Road West s-curve, upgraded grass verge space in s-curve could be made for trail (dike top) cyclists to reach Wellington Point Park from beyond Marina. On-road cyclists require safety measures from 46A St to Westham Island Bridge. (and law changes to enable enforcement – see Safe Passing Law).
- 72nd Street both north and south of Churchill is a significant bike route, north of Churchill needs easement upgrade for cyclists to travel safely by trucks, and south of Churchill has ditch space that is no longer used for water control so potentially could be repurposed for bike lanes.
- More discussion to be had.

Action: convene a sub-group meeting to update Delta HUB – Top Cycling Priorities List

4. Working group updates

Safety/Routes

- Many were in support of HUB's advocating for an Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) to Delta Mayor & Council.
Action: Will bring up again at the December TTC meeting (invite and date yet to be confirmed).
- Safe Passing Law proposal is being shared with partners <https://bikehub.ca/about-us/cycling-priorities/bc-motor-vehicle-act-improvements>

- Westham Island repairs will continue to be monitored. The bridge has structural repairs underway but no surface improvement for cyclists has been observed. Possibly happening in spring 2018.

Education

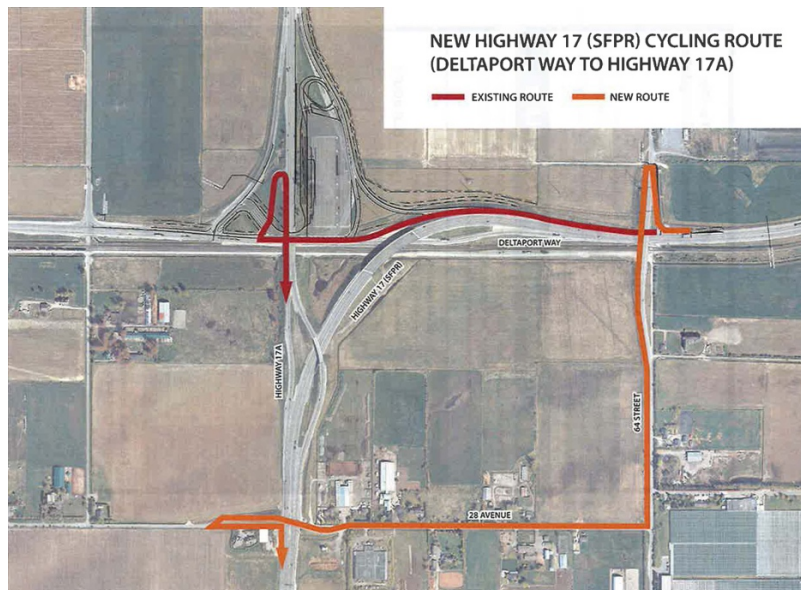
- Outreach to Delta seniors on pedestrian safety. ICBC senior open houses in North Delta Nov 14 and Tsawwassen Nov 9. Karon of ICBC provided details. <http://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/newsroom/Pages/2017-Oct11.aspx>
- E-Bike Speaker could be of future interest for the attendees, at this meeting or at other events members are part of and can be advertised to everyone in Delta HUB.

5. Other

- Mode Sharing should continue to be a main focus of the advocacy of HUB in Delta, suggestions were made that the City of New Westminister has actively pursued such strategies with great success where a new OCP was adopted Oct 2, 2018.

Follow-up

- Support Bill C-312 tabled by Gord Johns on October 4th, 2016, and enact a National Cycling Strategy Act
EN: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1344>
- Editorial by bicycle advocate and researcher John Pucher:
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/01441647.2017.1340234?needAccess=true&>
- For cyclists who travel Highway 17.
Nov 14, 2017 correspondence to Delta HUB. Deltaport truck staging facility construction - new cycling connection now open. The old bike route is closed (red line through truck staging area at Hwy 17 and 17A). See map below and **follow the orange route on 64th St and 28th Avenue** to avoid the Deltaport Truck staging facility.



Next Delta HUB Meeting: December 7, 2017 — Tsawwassen Library, 7 pm