

HUB Vancouver/UBC Committee Meeting Minutes
July 15th, 2014

Location: HUB Office
1-828 W 8th, Vancouver

Attendees: Lisa (co-chair), Jeff (co-chair and minutes), Neal, Francois, Jean-Francois (JF), Rebecca, Richard, Stephen, Jen, Clark, Arno, Mary, Dale (CoV), Camille (CoV), Michel (CoV)

Key Action Items

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| 1 | Everyone | Continue to test out the bike network questionnaire: Tinyurl.com/cyclingconcerns |
| 2 | Jens/Arno | Continue to follow up with MOTI regarding NW Marine Drive |
| 3 | Jens/JF | Determine if prior year BTWW data is available to the local committee |

Call to Order: 18:40

1. Quick Introductions and new member welcome.
2. Review of Agenda: Approved
3. Review of Previous Minutes (June 17th, 2014): Approved.

Follow up to action items:

- a. New shorter URL for the bike network questionnaire: Tinyurl.com/cyclingconcerns
- b. The Car Free Zones working group is looking for a lead.

4. City of Vancouver Capital Plan Presentation

The committee had a presentation from CoV staff, with time for questions and discussion.

Presenters: Dale – Manager, Active Transportation
Michel – Financial Planning, Capital
Camille – Intern, currently working on bike parking

The city has one budget, with two components; operating and capital
Split into City of Today, City of Tomorrow (what we have, what are the future needs)
Bikeways – most spending is in the City of Tomorrow bucket
Usually, the city doesn't tend to replace like with like (new standards and expectations)
Reviewed public engagement feedback about what is perceived as important for spending
Active Transportation, roughly \$45m over the next 4 years, potential projects were listed: PGR phase 2, Helmcken Greenway, Burrard Bridge permanent improvements, Ontario/Adanac/10th upgrades to AAA standard. This is not necessarily everything, but is representative.

Discussed Active Transportation budget vs other dept budgets, ie pavement restoration following street work. Dept doing the work has responsibility to return the street to former condition. Reminder that important to call 311 with pavement concerns post-construction so that the City knows this is important to people on bikes using the route
Discussed Councillor Influence – they vote on it at the end of the day

Discussed adding bike infrastructure automatically when other road work is being done on a street. Should bike infrastructure be included as a matter of course? Discussion followed on whether the specific route is part of a network connection or planned grid, or is this just for the sake of having a bike lane there. Given budget constraints, prioritization is applied. Going forward, should link proposals to the 2040 bike network vision. Just because something was in a cycling plan from 1999 it won't necessarily be on the current priority list, as priorities change over time.

A long range bike network vision/plan is planned to be completed next year (2015). Additional things can come onto the radar on the instruction of council. It is important to have the ongoing support of council for specific initiatives.

Suggest to meet with and discuss with Parks Board separately wrt Seawall, Kits Park.

Discussion on the theme that the total bike lane budget isn't necessarily the issue. More was accomplished in 2012 than the original budget planned for, due to reallocations for priority projects. We need to keep the momentum going, go through the public processes, collect input, and present plans that make sense.

Thanks were expressed to the CoV staff for taking the time to come out and discuss.

5. **Announcements** (see also <https://bikehub.ca/>): no additional announcements
6. **Top Ten Cycling Concerns** (Jeff) – we are creating a list of the Top Ten larger items for our committee to focus on in the medium term. This supplements the Top Ten spot improvements recently submitted to the City. Input has been received and collated. A one evening workshop is planned for early Sept. to refine the list. Documents are stored on the committee Google Drive.
7. **Yukon and 10th** – Issue raised by local residents about the danger of crossing Yukon. Discussed – this is not currently on our priority list. This is a crossing of two bike routes. JCL will follow up with the resident who contacted us and express support, ask what we can do to help.
8. **Working Group Updates:** Listed below are updates from the groups that have been working offline. Updates were kept short this month due to the Capital Plan presentation (above).
 - a. **Assessment Rides** (Jeff): Assessment rides review existing or potential new bike routes. Note that after consultation with our insurers, we are now required to have participants sign a waiver.

Bute St – approved, and now submitted to CoV. Thanks to Gili.

Kent Ave – ride comments collected from participants. A report will be drafted.
 - b. **Complete Network Committee - CNC** (Clark): No update this month
 - c. **Elections** (Lisa): Working group met and is coming up with a list of what we think we can accomplish in the short term. Will be looking for additional workers.
 - d. **Future Bike Friendly Car Free Zones** (Lisa): No update this month
 - e. **Kent Avenue** (Jeff): covered above
 - f. **Bike Share** (Neal): No update since last meeting.
 - g. **Early Childhood Cycling Education** (Lisa for Maya): Looking for a letter of support for the project and pilot.

General Updates

9. **ATPC (Active Transportation Policy Council)** (Lisa): Nothing major to report now
10. **HUB Board Meeting Summary** (Jeff): New board in place. 4 new board members.
11. **Stanley Park Causeway** (Richard and Arno): Met with Provincial staff to review preliminary plan. Comments in response have been formally submitted.
12. **IWMB** No update this month.
13. **Transit Referendum** (Richard): Opportunity for participation in the Get On Board group.
14. **UBC Update** (JF): No update this month.
15. **Commercial Drive for Everyone Group Liaison** (Lisa): The group is looking for more HUB support which is currently being discussed with HUB. People are encouraged to find out more to get involved with the work this group is doing; please contact Lisa at lslavkov@telus.net if you'd like to be connected with the group.
16. **Other Business - Seaside Greenway Celebration:** Event was held and enjoyed by all. Hampered by the rain.

The structured meeting was adjourned at: 20:30. Small group (working groups and other) conversations followed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 16th at 18:30