



## Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jul 19, 2016

18:30-20:00

HUB Office

1-828 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Attendees (21):** Jeff (Chair), Jill, Tim, Lisa, Meg, Cam, Clark, Daniel, Anthony, Laura, Amy, David, Jordon, Jan, Stan, Kay, Odessa (minutes), Sean, Stuart, Jens, Nick

1. Introductions and welcome to new members. The meeting was called to order at 18:35.
2. Agenda: Approved.
3. Minutes from June 2016 meeting: Approved.

<b><i>Key Action Items outstanding from June meeting</i></b>		
1	<i>Everyone</i>	<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 <a href="#">311</a> to have them addressed by the City. <b>Ongoing</b></li></ul>
2	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Think about which of the prioritized infrastructure improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our <a href="#">committee webpage</a>. <b>Ongoing</b></li></ul>
3	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee needs more people in leadership roles in volunteer engagement, communications, working group leadership and committee leadership. Please talk to Jeff or email us at <a href="mailto:Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca">Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca</a> <b>Ongoing</b></li></ul>

4. Announcements
  - If you can help out with any of the items listed below, please contact 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
  - 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
  - Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
  - Bike to Shop Day is coming up August 13. There will be themed rides, and we are still looking for volunteers.
  - Bike the Night is happening on September 16. A circular route starting and ending in Kitsilano is being finalized. The event is now live and tickets are on sale. Also, volunteers will be required. It would be great to have local Vancouver-UBC committee members out as this is a Vancouver-specific event.
  - Kids On Wheels is a cycling education program for toddlers. There is a session running Aug 15-19. HUB is looking for people to help, please let Lisa know if you are interested.
  - There will be no committee meeting in August.
5. Updates from Working Groups.
  - Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV).</li> <li>The group rides the length of the route, films it, takes notes, and then writes a summary report.</li> <li>King Edward Ave ride notes are complete. The letter for the City still needs to be drafted.</li> <li>On the list: Pender Corridor, Portside Greenway (Water St along Wall St to Ironworkers Memorial Bridge)</li> </ul>	<p>There was interest in the Portside Greenway ride. This may be scheduled soon.</p> <p>Complete King Edward report (Jeff)</p>
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar.</li> <li>Anthony led an assessment ride from Burrard Bridge to Trafalgar St in the spring. Major points: obstructions through Kits Beach park, parking lots at Burrard marina, shared path issues. A summary report has now been done.</li> <li>Meeting to be scheduled with active transportation City councilors.</li> <li>Lisa learned at the last ATPC meeting that the conflict zone at the corner near Balsam and Cornwall is being addressed between City and Park Board.</li> <li>We also understand that the marina parking lot is on the Park Board's radar. No further details.</li> <li>The seawall along north False Creek between Creekside Park and Plaza of Nations is getting full separation of bikes and pedestrians.</li> </ul>	Finalize Vanier-Kits Beach ride report (Anthony)
Destination Streets (Jordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This working group is advocating for cycle-friendly infrastructure along destination streets with a high concentration of businesses and shops, and working with businesses and BIAs who often have concerns about bike lanes without knowing all the facts.</li> <li>Did an assessment ride on Main St from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 27<sup>th</sup> Ave in April. Report is still being drafted.</li> <li>Currently there is opposition from Commercial Drive BIA to active transportation improvements on Commercial Dr.</li> <li>We sent in a response to an Op Ed in Daily Hive: <a href="http://dailyhive.com/vancouver/commercial-drive-bike-lanes-opinion">http://dailyhive.com/vancouver/commercial-drive-bike-lanes-opinion</a></li> <li>HUB did an assessment ride and report on</li> </ul>	Complete the Main St ride report (Anthony)

	<p>Commercial Drive in 2012:  <a href="http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/images/2/29/2012-08-01-CommercialDrAssesment.pdf">http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/images/2/29/2012-08-01-CommercialDrAssesment.pdf</a></p>	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former railway line from the Fraser River near Hudson through to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services.</li> <li>The City is moving rapidly and already building temporary paths.</li> <li>The working group believes we need 5m widths along the temporary path. Potential conflict with streetcars in the future. It looks like 4m is the final decision at this stage.</li> <li>City will start consultations with public and stakeholders in the late summer and early fall of 2016. Design and construction would follow.</li> <li>Identifying all the potential users is going to be a challenge.</li> <li>Issues: commuters will probably need a 'bypass' on neighbouring streets; connectivity with other bike routes; crossing arterials.</li> <li>Some individuals have set up a Twitter account (independent of the City or HUB) called "Ourbutus" with ideas for the project:  <a href="https://twitter.com/ourbutus">https://twitter.com/ourbutus</a></li> </ul>	Need to find out what the timeline is on the project in order to organize the action campaign

## 6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.

Highlights:

- West End Parking survey <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/west-end-parking-strategy.aspx>. This is a large issue. There was discussion about the potential for 'market-rate' parking and its benefits, e.g. Reduces cruising for parking, reduces collisions, reduces cars on the road. There is an open house on Saturday, July 23 from 10am to 2pm at Nelson Park. Lisa discussed the survey. Those taking it might want to mention the benefits for non-driving road users as well.
- Grandview Woodland Community Plan. Online questionnaire open until July 21: <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/grandview-woodland-community-plan.aspx>. Comments needed on Portside Greenway (Powell St 'detour') and Commercial Drive (north of Graveley St). Please take the survey, and use the comments section to provide input on active transportation issues.
- Downtown bike lanes: Richards St improvements have been postponed, due to too many commercial loading areas on north end. Redesign might include two-way bike lane on Richards
- Bikes lanes have been built on Burrard St north of the bridge to W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave (Off Broadway bikeway). We were told this would not happen as part of the rehabilitation of Burrard, but we are pleased that it has.

## 7. Bike Share

- As of this evening, the Mobi bikes are now out on the street. See [www.vancouverbikeshare.ca](http://www.vancouverbikeshare.ca).

## 8. Communications (Jeff)

- 10 support letters were sent to mayor and council re: Point Grey Road public realm improvements after last month's meeting.
- This month, consider sending a thank-you note to [mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca) for something you're happy with, e.g. the downtown bike lanes or Burrard St bike lane.

**9. Car Free Spaces (Lisa)**

No update this month.

**10. Active Transportation and Policy Council – ATPC (Lisa)**

- Advises city council and city staff on active transportation issues. Meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/active-transportation-policy-council.aspx>
- A goal at the next meeting is to identify the top 10 bike routes. Criteria will be set to help determine priorities.
- Kay spoke about a set of maps she created of Vancouver's bike infrastructure. Residential streets provide a comprehensive network, but separated lanes only cover small areas (Downtown, False Creek). Separated lanes are important to help motivate people to get on bikes.
- ATPC is pushing for the City to do research on Car Free Spaces. A researcher from UBC has been engaged to do 'conflict management research' on the 800-block of Robson.
- Discussion about Commercial Drive, and how to reach out to businesses. City staff say they will be doing this in September.

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

- Reminder: HUB Cycling AGM in September – plan now to attend, and think about candidates for Board Positions.

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

- Port Mann connections in Coquitlam, Massey Tunnel project, improvements at the south end of the Lions Gate Bridge
- Progress with Ministry of Transportation re: Massey Tunnel project. Ongoing, useful conversations.
- Lions Gate Bridge: south end has electrical boxes in the path, and improvements have been made.
- MoTI has also commissioned a project for the south coast region to evaluate cycling infrastructure. A consulting team is now in place. HUB is participating on the committee. This will also be relevant to SW Marine around UBC. Discussion followed on MoTI roads around the Province.

**13. UBC/Bike Co-op Update (Anthony/Kay/Connor)**

No report.

**14. "Streets for Everyone" / Complete Streets Liaison (Jordon)**

- Planning a meeting next month

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept 20 6:30pm to 8pm.**

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