



Vancouver-UBC Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

18:30-20:00

Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Stan, Stephanie, Jacob, Dominco, Keith, Philippe, Lorena, Rachel, Matthew, Dan, Navdeep, Kieran, Stan, Eric, Tim, Tassillie, Sean, James, Bob, Chuck, Lisa, Brad, Clark.

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
2. **Agenda:** Add topics regarding follow up to the Civic elections, and future meeting venue.
3. **Minutes from October 2018 meeting:** Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	<i>Everyone</i>	<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	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule and lead Ridgeway Bikeway (Ontario east to Boundary Rd) assessment ride. Ride held and report drafted.
3	<i>Jeff and Clark</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule next assessment ride along the Ridgeway Bikeway west, and in East Vancouver, respectively.
4	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send welcome letters to new City Council members.
5	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out who to contact regarding the lighting issues between 33rd and 37th Avenues on the Arbutus Greenway.
6	<i>Ridgeway Assessment riders</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send comments to Jeff ASAP!
7	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you come across cars stopped in bike lanes, take photo(s) and send to Jeff for our letter to the City on traffic bylaw changes.

4. **Announcements** (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - Upcoming All-Committee meeting November 29th – opportunity for Vancouver representative to attend. Please contact Jeff if you are interested.
 - We are now posting our presentations from our meetings on our wiki. They are available [HERE](#)
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. Ridgeway Bikeway (Ontario to Boundary Rd) completed, and report is being drafted. Ontario to Camosun portion may be scheduled in the next few weeks, dependent on weather. 	<p>Jeff and Clark schedule next ride, weather dependent</p>
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, who have not been supportive of improving cycling in that area. Post-election evaluation: opportunity to engage new Park Board commissioners on this and other issues. Park Board questions in advance of the election were very helpful. Suggestions for how to follow up with these individuals post-election? One is through VanPlay (Master Plan for Parks and Recreation in Vancouver.) Only one of the goals on VanPlay relates to cycling, and is specific to connecting parks, not cycling <u>in</u> parks. Further details at 20:00. The level of support from the new Council and Park Board officials is unknown. Active transportation roles have not yet been identified. Meetings are planned with newly elected officials. 	<p>Jeff draft and send welcome letters to new council members. Lisa draft welcome letters to new Park Board commissioners</p>
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<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. Temporary pathway has become extremely popular, and the City has addressed issues with crossings at Broadway, 12th and Marine Dr. King Edward light still problematic. Jeff, Sam, and Kay met with City engineers – easy safety improvements for the short term include: no right turns on red, push stop line back, separate phase controlling for left turns. These changes may be considered if the costs are minimal. Arbutus Greenway team and traffic engineers: need to keep both sides of team engaged. All lighting poles between 33rd and 37th are set up, however inconsistent lighting. 	<p>Jeff follow up with City staff on who to contact for Arbutus Greenway in Engineering to fix the lights between 33rd and 37th. Jeff and Stan draft letter to the City on safety issues at the King Edward and Arbutus bike and pedestrian crossing</p>
Broadway Subway (Jeff for Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUB has been meeting with City of Vancouver and TransLink for planning updates and planning impacts. Project will be handed over to provincial project delivery team shortly. (Not TransLink) 	<p>Jeff draft letter to the City on safety issues on the 7th Ave Bikeway between Fir and Granville (expected to be worse with</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four to five years of construction likely, but expected to be done in phases. • Conversation ongoing with City re plans for Broadway after Broadway subway “goes live”. • How to prevent “rat running” of local bike routes? HUB needs to highlight worst points for the City to address. 7th at Fir is on our gap list for this issue; raised with City staff, and a follow up letter will be sent. 	<p>upcoming Subway construction)</p>
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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. We will need people to attend open houses when they occur; if you are not able to attend, there will be info boards available on line and an opportunity to send your comments in electronically.
- Jeff, Sam, and Kay met with City of Vancouver recently and covered these topics:
 - Nanaimo St (4th to McGill) – sewer to be replaced; scope of project is similar to Burrard. Planned for painted bike lane on each side with buffer, next to parking door zone. Concrete section for parking will not be torn up, so not planning for separated bike lane, except near high volume streets e.g. Hastings St. Consultations are ongoing, and you are asked to provide input.
 - Richards St (Pacific to Cordova) – bidirectional protected lanes – expect to see potential pushback due to loading zones and driveways. Protected at key intersections. We should be ready to attend the open house on December 6th. (Think of Hornby with permanent landscaping.) We don’t know yet what support the project will see on Council.
 - 10th Ave Bikeway – Health Precinct (Oak to Willow) completed. Second phase (Willow to Cambie) is expected to be completed by summer 2020. Main to Prince Edward completion by Q1 2019. Commercial to Victoria completed by Q2 2019.
 - Granville Bridge Walking and Cycling improvements included potential elevator from Granville St to Granville Island – Public engagement planned Q1 2019. No designs yet. North end – connect to Drake St. South End – may be some pushback from the South Granville Business Improvement Association. We don’t know yet what support the project will see on Council.
 - Drake St Bikeway (Burrard to Richards St) – protected lanes; less grade than Helmcken St. Plan to have fully constructed in 2019. HUB will push for the Bikeway be extended to Pacific. Consultation in Q1 2019.
 - Other items on our list including
 - Pender Corridor: CoV interested in improved connectivity here, in advance of the Georgia Gateway project. Awaiting HUB assessment ride report.
 - Ridgeway: CoV interested in spot improvements; also awaiting HUB report. If you came on the ride, please get your comments to Jeff ASAP!
 - 14th Ave: CoV interested in improvements near Cambie. Awaiting HUB assessment ride report.
 - Powell: Bypass route from Clark to Semlin. New signal in place at McLean, awaiting power connection by BC Hydro. Timing for bypass route not yet determined.
 - 7th near Granville: CoV interested in traffic calming related to Broadway Subway construction. HUB has asked CoV to consider traffic calming at 7th and Pine too.
 - Pine St: Arbutus Greenway to 1st Ave. – planned interim AAA facility. Public engagement planned in mid-2019.
 - SW Marine Dr: City reviewing report by Kay on numerous safety issues. Alternate plastic pylons with continuous base (similar to Cambie Bridge) being investigated. HUB

is supporting making the bike lane separation continuous.

- Gastown Complete Streets: 2019 public engagement planned; “car light” street planned.
- Commercial Drive Complete Street – Currently sitting part way down the priority list. Any changes to that will likely be based on political direction. May be requested to send letters of support. As a committee, we may need to galvanize support.
- NE False Creek road network – when the viaducts come down, protected bike lanes will be introduced to most of the streets in the area. E.g. Carrell, Abbott, Quebec. etc. Project is moving ahead quickly.
- Granville Bridge loops closure (Pacific St) – timing subject to rezoning application, so could be years. Discussions continuing on potential interim safety improvements.
- Ash and 6th connection to Moberley via ramp and parking lot. Ongoing.
- Signal lights at King Edward and Arbutus – see Arbutus Greenway above.
- Cassiar overpass on Adanac bikeway: Neighbourhood consultations ongoing on continued vehicle diversions. If they are changed, separation will be planned for the bikeway.
- Vehicles stopping in bike lanes –There is currently a lack of clarity in the bylaw against stopping in bike lanes, however changes are under discussion. If you come across cars stopped in bike lane(s), take a photo and send to Jeff (email address above).

7. **Communications** (Jeff) – covered above

8. **Board Update** (Jeff)

- State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver Project – Mapping and Benchmarking: staff project to determine what is happening in Metro Vancouver; inventory, map, and assess all cycling infrastructure in Metro; write a benchmarking report considering data such as mode share, injury rates, etc, as it relates to that infrastructure. Current plan is to make data available publicly.

9. **Active Transportation and Policy Council** (Lisa)

- Citizen advisory council that advises City staff on active transportation issues. If you are interested, anyone is welcome to attend and be involved on sub committees. Minutes are posted online.
- Awaiting new council appointments.

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

- See board update above.

11. **Other Business:**

- Meeting venue new HUB Cycling Office – 312 Main St at Cordova. We will have a meeting there in January and determine if this is the location for the long term.

Meeting adjourned at 20:13

20:15-20:45—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: January 15 2019, at new HUB Cycling Office, 312 Main St.