

HUB making cycling safer in Delta

Volunteer committee looks to make inroads now that it has the lay of the land

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Delta HUB's Patrick Thompson (left), Sandra Jones and Liz Gooding talk cycling at the Ladner Village Market.
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With summer now upon us, it's great to see more people out cycling. At Delta HUB, we're always looking to hear about your ride.

As a volunteer cycling committee, we try to put a voice to the concerns and goals of the community. In so doing, we represent the full spectrum of cyclist - from the curious to the recreational to the daily commuter.

Much like any citizenled initiative, progress requires a combination of patience, collaboration and polite prodding.

As we've discovered, transportation decision making involves many different groups. This includes two local governments (Delta, TFN), the province (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure) and the region (Metro Vancouver, TransLink). It can also involve the private sector - such as developers - who, with vision, can help realize key improvements.

In our committee's first year we focused on understanding the lay-of-theland. Together we assessed the travel corridors and documented the deficiencies, which we continue to track with engineering and operations staff.

During the past year, our focus has grown to include understanding the decision making process and, in particular, how to contribute the "cycling perspective."

Whether for the Highway 17 widening, George Massey Tunnel replacement or local roadway improvements, we've gained insight into priority setting, coordinated planning and the road standards that govern most decisions.

We've also tried to share these learnings by encouraging community members to attend our monthly meetings, sign up for our distribution list or check out our findings (at <https://bikehub.ca/delta>).