



Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Mike V, Sam, Stan, Tim, Christina, Dan, Geoff, Tomer, Kay, Alix, Bruce, Karole, Philippe, Mike T, Keith, Clark, Eric, Enzo, Lucy, Michael A, David, +1 (24)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from June: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting

1	Everyone	<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 <b>311</b>, <b>@CityOfVancouver</b> on Twitter, or the <b>VanConnect</b> app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. <b>Ongoing</b></li> </ul>
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4. Announcements (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly and our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- This was our fourth Local Committee meeting by web meeting. We will continue to Zoom for LC meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email, we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs and passwords.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
- HUB Cycling has launched Learn2Ride Online for youth ages 9 to 12. This free web based online course covers basic cycling safety. It is based on HUB Cycling’s Learn2Ride program, a school based in-person course that has been completed by over 25,000 Metro Vancouver students Please encourage friends and family members to take part, and spread the word to your friends and family with kids. Thanks to our sponsors, Translink and MoTI for funding this initiative.
- HUB Cycling’s [Bike to Shop](#) returns August 2020. Stay tuned for details.
- We will not have a local committee meeting in August. We will return on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- HUB Cycling’s AGM will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Details will be announced on the bikehub.ca website, and via email to current members, in August.
- The [Biennale public art festival](#) is coming up July 26-30, and includes self-guided cycling and walking tours. Includes a free Mobi bike share pass for all registered participants

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff ([Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. UBC Assessment Ride report deferred.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All: Ride the Slow Streets, take photos of issues, and send them with your comments to <a href="mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca">vancouver@bikehub.ca</a></b></p>

Cycling in Parks (Anthony for Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff.</li> <li>• Cycling in Stanley Park is getting lots of attention. There are a lot of people on bikes using the temporary lanes. The PB Commissioner motion to return the park to pre-covid transportation was replaced with a motion to support staff in their ongoing work, including continued reallocation of road space, and on a staff report due back in the fall on the potential for a longer term reduction of motor vehicle volumes in the park. Regular fine tuning of the temporary lanes is taking place. Some more signage is required. Some people are riding the wrong direction. Some concerns regarding the speed differential between faster riders and slower groups, often families. We encourage people to use the left lane for overtaking slower riders, after shoulder checking and signalling. Meeting held with Cycling BC (representing many of the sport riding groups) and a joint communication on encouraging respectful riding is planned. The Kits Beach Park parking lot continues to be a challenge.</li> </ul>	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Delays with the City on a contract for detailed design of the section near 57<sup>th</sup>. Pine from the AG to 1<sup>st</sup> is being improved and will form a link to False Creek for people cycling, with the closure of Pine at 6<sup>th</sup> to motor vehicles to reduce traffic volumes</li> <li>• Portable toilets are not in use due to cleaning concerns by the City.</li> <li>• There is overgrowth blocking the path in places, creating dangerous conditions; the City has started trimming back the vegetation this week.</li> </ul>	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues.</li> <li>• Potential for provincial ebike incentives.</li> </ul>	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction updates being received from project office and published through our social media feeds</li> </ul>	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to monitor CoV progress on a proposed N-S greenway in the NE quadrant.</li> </ul>	

## 6. Deep Dive Topic – Recommendations for Routes on Translink’s Regional Cycling Map

- HUB and Translink published the [State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver](#) report in February 2020
- This report produced an inventory of all cycling route infrastructure in Metro Vancouver, and evaluated each segment for comfort and safety
- Translink has contracted HUB Cycling to assist with the production of a new regional cycling map, to be available online and in print. These maps will show routes based on their level of comfort rather than on facility type, using the State of Cycling data.
- Past Translink cycling maps have included “Translink Suggested Routes” which are informal routes that are not part of the designated cycling network. The objective here was to suggest alternate routes that fill gaps within the regional network, are reasonably direct, and which would be

considered comfortable by most users. These routes are generally on local streets, on a 400 – 800 m grid, take advantage of crossing treatments at main roads, are linked to the designated network, connect to popular destinations, and either fill a gap or provide an alternative to an uncomfortable designated facility (eg Main St)

- Each HUB Cycling Local Committee has been asked to validate the selection of those suggested routes, and to suggest additional routes. The meeting presentation includes copies of this map, and our wiki includes a high-resolution PDF.
- The inclusion of “suggested routes” was discussed. There was a consensus within the meeting that routes should not be included unless they have been fully evaluated. It would be better to ask cities to upgrade the ones of interest to real cycling routes for classification in the next published State of Cycling report. While there are lots of routes that may address a gap, let us take that to the authorities for the next round, and not compromise the integrity of this round of the maps. Let the maps emphasize the need for ungapping the map, do not let authorities off the hook.
- A specific example was discussed; Gore St as an alternative to Main St, which is rated comfortable for very few users. Feedback from attendees was that Gore could not be recommended as there is too much potential conflict with vehicles parking and turning.
- The maps are available on our [wiki](#); comments back to [vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca) are open until July 31<sup>st</sup>, at which point a committee recommendation will be returned to the project team.

## 7. Consultations (Jeff)

- More [Slow Streets](#) have been implemented (4<sup>th</sup> wave). Beach Ave is working but needs better signage westbound at Hornby (to turn right up to Beach from the laneway) as people are riding on to the seawall here against the signs. Slow streets are having the barriers shifted out of the roadway to allow more room for cars, presumably by drivers. We would like to see more focus on high streets with access to shopping destinations. Attendees expressed disappointment with the scope of improvements on designated slow streets, and with barriers being moved off roads.
- We would like to have more data on who is using the Beach Ave temporary protected lane, in preparation for public engagement later this year on the future of this and for the West End Beaches Transportation Plan that has been initiated. We are considering having a Celebration Station on an August weekend, with a HUB Cycling tent, table, email signup, a map with coloured dots showing where people have come from, perhaps a tire pump and chain oil, and so on. We will talk to the City about this. Several individuals expressed interest in volunteering and will be contacted. Contact [vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in volunteering for this.
- The Granville Connector is now expected to come to Council in fall. The recommendation from staff will be for a West Side Plus option, with a protected bikeway and widened sidewalk on the west side; a widened sidewalk on the east side; walking improvements on the Hemlock ramp; a bidirectional bike lane along the Fir ramp to 10<sup>th</sup>; signalized crossings at each on and off ramp; a connection via an upgraded Drake St; and consideration of a future elevator to Granville Island. More info will be provided when we know the council date.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ave improvements from Willow to Cambie are now expected to start in Q1 2021. Cycling access will be maintained along 10<sup>th</sup> during construction, but there may be delays so consider alternate routes.
- The City of Vancouver [Transportation Update to Council](#) presentation was on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and is linked here for review. There is a lot of good information in the presentation.
  - Sustainable and active modes reached 54% of trips in 2019
  - Details on Climate Emergency response, COVID recovery, and Active Transportation
  - Plans for neighbourhood low speed zones, and speed management in school zones
  - More detailed [Staff report](#) on these initiatives here
- A [City council motion](#) on enhanced mobility options (shared e scooters and e bikes) scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> was withdrawn without a vote.

- 8. Correspondence** – Multiple emails received on temporary and permanent road space reallocations
- 9. Board Update (Jeff)** – no update this month, but remember the AGM on September 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom
- 10. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)** – no update this month
- 11. Other Business** - none

20:00 Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)**