



## Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jun 21, 2016

18:30-20:00

HUB Office

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

**Attendees:** Jeff (Chair), Odessa (minutes), Tim, Jessica (HUB Bike to Shop Day Coordinator), Ellie (HUB Director of Communications), Daniel, Clark, Gary, Lisa, Jordon, Sean, Colin, Srin, Stuart, Ira, Eric

- If you are interested in helping 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](http://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

### 1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM.

### 2. Agenda: Approved.

### 3. Minutes from May 2016 meeting: Approved.

<b><i>Key Action Items outstanding from May meeting</i></b>		
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 311 to have them addressed by the City. <b>Ongoing</b>.</li></ul>
2	Everyone	<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	Everyone	<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 Lisa or Jeff or email us at <a href="mailto:Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca">Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca</a>. <b>Ongoing</b>.</li></ul>

### 4. Announcements (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly)

- Thanks to everyone who volunteered at Bike to Work. New records were set for participants and memberships!
- Bike to Shop coming up August 13<sup>th</sup>. See agenda item 5.
- TransLink funding announced for cost-sharing with municipalities. CoV received funding for the Burrard/Pacific intersection upgrades. The City will now be able to invest some of those municipal funds in other projects.

- Mayor's Council Phase 1 funding announced: includes commitment to secure bike parking at certain transit stations. Focus will be Evergreen extension and Canada Line. We expect it to be similar to the bike parking at Main and Terminal Stn.
- Velopalooza festival is underway ([velopalooza.ca](http://velopalooza.ca)).
- Cyclehack is this weekend. Stuart attended last year and shared his positive experience. ([cyclehackvan.tumblr.com](http://cyclehackvan.tumblr.com))

## 5. Bike to Shop Day Presentation (Jessica)

- When: Saturday, August 13, 11am to 3pm.
- Goal: encouraging the use of bikes as transportation and also for running errands.
- Inspired by San Francisco Bike to Shop Day. In San Francisco, businesses seemed to believe that biking to shop was inconvenient and uncommon. The event was able to prove this assumption wrong.
- HUB will be hosting Celebration Stations in the Downtown area, on a similar model to BTWW. The Downtown BIA, Gastown BIA, and Hastings Cross BIA have sponsored the event.
- Working to get a pop-up bike lane along Hastings from Victory Square to Hornby.
- Activities include free bike mechanic services and education demonstrations.
- On Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a media event including a bike to shop 'scavenger hunt' around Gastown shops.
- Themes: Sweet Tooth Ride (family friendly), Pet Parent Ride (please let Jessica know if you know any one who rides with their pet), and Picnic Lover Ride, which will end with a picnic.
- Aiming to have 20-30 participants on each ride. HUB needs people to volunteer to support instructors on the ride, as well as one more primary instructor. Email [jessica@bikehub.ca](mailto:jessica@bikehub.ca) if you're interested.
- HUB is still looking for contacts at businesses that fit in with the themes. Let Jessica know if you have any.
- North-South extent will be from Downtown to Broadway.
- Working on creating a Discount Map: a passport for riders to explore businesses offering discounts on Bike to Shop Day.
- Jeff mentioned rewarding shops such as Bandidas Taqueria for their support of creating better cycling infrastructure on the Drive.
- Discussion followed on the economic potential of making it easy for cyclists to access businesses.
- There was discussion about educating people on ways to transport things by bike.
- Jeff encouraged committee members to volunteer for this event, as it is all within the City of Vancouver

## 6. 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>• Under consideration: Powell St, Causeway, Pender corridor, Commercial Drive. Let Jeff know if you are interested in organizing and leading any of these.</li> <li>• Clark would like to organize a ride down Gore St.</li> <li>• The group just completed the King Edward Ave</li> </ul>	The working group is deciding which rides to schedule next.

	ride and is finishing the ride notes now.	
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Group focus is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd.</li> <li>Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar.</li> <li>The Seaside greenway is meant to be AAA (All Ages and Abilities).</li> <li>The working group has been in communication with Park Board for about a year.</li> <li>Report of this assessment ride is nearing completion.</li> <li>ATPC put through a motion to Council on the need for improvements on the Vanier/Kits sections.</li> <li>The path under the Bridge is First Nations land. There is a conflict because of the limited width.</li> <li>Improvement is necessarily incremental.</li> <li>Concerned Kitsilano Residents facebook group has threatened legal action to prevent improvements to the sidewalks along Point Grey Road from Macdonald to Alma. The sidewalks are currently difficult to use because of all the driveways with curb cuts, and the overgrown vegetation in places.</li> </ul>	<p>Ellie will be helping with a public campaign.</p> <p>Please write an email or letter to <a href="mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca">mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</a> if you support the public realm and pedestrian improvements to Point Grey road, cc to <a href="mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca">vancouver@bikehub.ca</a>.</p>
Destination Streets (Jordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This working group is advocating for infrastructure along destination streets with a high concentration of businesses and shops, and working with businesses &amp; BIAs who often have concerns about bike lanes without knowing all the facts.</li> <li>Ride notes and video have been prepared following the Main St assessment ride. The report is in progress.</li> <li>Looking to make the report more accessible and reference some community plans relevant to the suggestions.</li> <li>The group is thinking of doing a ride on Commercial Drive next.</li> </ul>	<p>See Jordon or Jeff if you are interested in participating in this group or would like a link to the video.</p> <p>Let Jordon know if you want to help complete the report or provide input.</p>
Arbutus Greenway (Jeff for Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old 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>There was a document drafted by the group recently on project values and principles. The draft was circulated at the meeting.</li> <li>It is anticipated that there will be a conflict of</li> </ul>	

	space as the City tries to keep the options open for a future tramway on the corridor.	
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## **7. City Consultations (Jeff)**

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

Highlights:

- St. Paul's Hospital development (guiding principles).
- Cambie Corridor including a complete streets approach. There is more opportunity to create a complete street than elsewhere because of the scale of the changes.
- Pacific Blvd. Follow up planned to our previous submission.
- Knight and SE Marine intersection and pedestrian/bicycle access to Knight St Bridge.

## **8. Bike Share**

No report this month. See [www.vancouverbikeshare.ca](http://www.vancouverbikeshare.ca).

## **9. Communications (Jeff)**

No update this month.

## **10. Car Free Spaces (Lisa)**

No update this month.

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

- The ATPC's main way of communicating with City Council is by passing motions as select meetings throughout the year.
- <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/active-transportation-policy-council.aspx>

Motions at June meeting (<http://vancouver.ca/docs/council/atpc20160601min.pdf>):

- On-street parking
- Intersection safety
- Bike parking
- Seaside Greenway
- SE Marine Drive / Knight St
- Complete Streets policy
- Bike-friendly business assessment
- Adult cycling education

## **12. HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)**

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

## **13. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)**

- Focus on broader connectivity between areas
- Current focuses: Port Mann Bridge, Massey Tunnel replacement
- Ministry of Transportation has formed a working group to focus on a bike lane and bike access on Massey Tunnel Replacement Project bridge.

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

No report.

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

- Focus has been on Car Free Day, which happened last weekend
- Not a lot of activity at this time.

**16. Other Business**

- We attended the Transportation 2040 Stakeholder Update meeting: parking in West End, Knight St bridge. Meeting is held quarterly.
- Meetings with VPD re: ticketing riders during BTWW for not wearing helmets. VPD did not have a campaign to target people not wearing helmets at this time. The meeting was a positive step. The VPD is given regular priorities from the City based on complaints. Colin brought up a report that another city's cycling group did for police officers to educate them on what to watch for.
- Widened Seawall under construction near Creekside Park.
- Park Board working group for Dogs in Parks: coming up with a strategy of dogs and people sharing parks space, including people using active transportation. Anthony has agreed to be our rep on this working group.

Meeting adjourned at 20:07.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, July 17 6:30pm to 8pm.**

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