

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Feb. 11, 2016

In attendance: Don Smith, Peter, Dave, Barry, Geoff, Ivan, Jackie
Regrets:

Notes

Upcoming events:

- April 23, 2016: Earth Day Cycle Recycle (Dave, Barry). Barry attended Earth Day meeting. We'll be in the same central location again this year. The ED organizers will donate \$100 to be used for parts, if we need any. Barry has 2 chairs and a table. He will ask for two tents from the ED organizers. Dave will arrange for the bike stands and tools to be reserved. E-mails to be sent out to Mailchimp list + facebook posts and column in The News to ask for bike donations. Barry will ask Michael of Ohn Bikes (e-bikes) if he would like to have a rep at ED this year.
- May 8 (Mother's Day): Art Studio Bike Tour. Barry has spoken with Kerry MacLaren, Art Studio Tour organizer. This year's ride will have to be an "un-organized" ride, in order to avoid the many bureaucratic hoops and hurdles that have to be dealt with when dealing with the City. Once a list of participating artists is available, a route can be planned and a map produced. A reference to a casual group ride with a link to the map could be posted on the Art Studio Tour website. Barry to get the brochure/list of participants + map from Kerry.

Other:

- Harris Road underpass. See [report](#) and [presentation slides](#) (Peter). Peter explained the proposed layout: bikes would stay on the road with 4.3 meter wide outside shared lanes, with 7% gradient, beside a wall. Sidewalk would be raised. Peter said the Active Transportation Advisory Committee would be proposing to have shared raised sidewalks instead, with less of a gradient. By taking one meter from the outside lanes and adding it to the sidewalks, the sidewalk width would be a little over 3 meters, which should be sufficient for a shared facility. This would not only be safer for AAA cyclists, but it also makes more sense to build in separation, as according to the Pedestrian and Cycling Plan in the future cycling tracks are proposed all along Harris. Would be good for HUB to send a letter of support to the City of PM for this proposal.
- 117th/Selkirk proposal (Dave). Dave organized a meeting on Tues. Jan. 26 with Engineering (Salar Zulfiquar, Michael Eng and Ryan ...?) to discuss our proposal. Barry, Ivan and Jackie attended as well. The suggestion to reverse/add stop signs on 117th (and especially at 223rd) was firmly rejected by David Pollock. The existing stop signs have been in place for many years and are warranted by the numbers of cars in east-west and north-south direction at each intersection, and the need to prevent 117th from becoming a rat-run. Michael Eng suggested that he might be able to suggest buttons for the intersections at Graves and 210th Streets, which would actually be a better solution than stop signs, but which we didn't suggest because of the higher cost and presumed unlikelihood that it would find acceptance with Engineering. Salar would look at the signage again and possibly make some improvements, including some stickers with distance to destinations.
- Strategy for 2016; redistribution of Jackie's tasks to other committee members. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- Peter and Helen have spoken with Cindy Fong with regard to the [Vancouver Bicycle Meet-up group](#). They will join as members and try out some of the rides, in order to be approved as leaders for rides. Members join by donation. This should be a much easier way to organize group rides than the way we've done it before. No more permits, insurance, etc.!
- Widening Haney Bypass: Mayor Read has really been pushing hard for widening of Haney Bypass to 4 lanes. Need for AAA cycling infra has so far not been part of the discussion. HUB will need to talk to the Mayor and DOT to impress the need to accommodate all cyclists. Ivan will talk to Colin to see how the HUB office could be of help. Barry wants to send e-mails in due course.
- Hammond-Pitt Meadows pathway (Peter): Construction on the path should be starting soon (before the end of March?), which is a requirement for the provincial (Bike BC) funding.
- Peter gave an update on the Port Mann connections on the Coquitlam side.

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 (Helmet cam \$90.04)

Received in donations at our Pizza-in-the-Park meeting in August \$22.30