



**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
18:30-20:00
Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Sean, Matt, Eleni, Nav, Lisa, Brad, Enzo, Clark, Sam, Stuart, Mike, Anthony, Aidan, Gregg, Stan, Kieran, Lorena, Tassillie, Keith, Kelly, Dave, Paul, +2

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved with addition of Wesbrook Mall lanes at UBC, and Oak and 33rd bike lane plans (added to other business)

3. Minutes from January 2019 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<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	Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold Ridgeway Bikeway assessment ride #2 and draft report. In process
3	Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule next assessment ride along Nanaimo St in East Vancouver. Planned for Jan 19th. Ride held and report forwarded to City of Vancouver
4	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you come across cars stopped or parked in bike lanes, take photo(s) and send to Jeff

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and our wiki at <http://wiki.bikehub.ca>)

- False Creek Flats Arterial – community workshop scheduled for March 6th
- NACTO cycling infrastructure workshop - scheduled for February 24th. Additional attendees identified at meeting. Workshop is now full unless you have already sent in your RSVP. This event will have the same content as the previous workshop.
- HUB Bike Awards – February 28th at the main Vancouver library
- HUB Bike to Shop Days – June 1st and 2nd. We need volunteers to help lead guided rides for the public. Routes to be designed, tied in with sponsor organizations. See Jeff at 8 pm if interested.

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 	Jeff to finalize Ridgeway assessment ride notes and forward prioritized

	<p>reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridgeway Bikeway (Camosun to Boundary Rd) has been consolidated, report has been drafted, and it is open for comments. • A new working group will be formed to look at route options and ideas for the proposed NE quadrant greenway proposed by Council. Clark will lead this, including one or more assessment rides. 	<p>recommendations to the City. Clark to schedule next ride in the NE of the City</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. • In the past, Park Board staff and Commissioners have focused on “bike to the park”, but not “bike IN the park”. • A 25-year vision plan is in progress (VanPlay) and will be presented to the commissioners in April but seems to be lacking in specifics on cycling. • HUB has met with some of the new commissioners to bring them up to speed. • Campaign planning underway. 	
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. • King Edward crossing: We have suggested temporary improvements by putting in traffic signal changes. Meeting held with the CoV; awaiting update on traffic signal timing investigation. 	<p>Stan and Jeff to meet with new engineer assigned to the Arbutus Greenway project office</p>
Cycling Logistics (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This new working group will look at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for delivery servicers, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues (path width, etc). The group has met and has scheduled upcoming meetings. See Sam if you are interested in joining. 	

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, complete surveys, and tell the City that you support these improvements.
- We met again this month with City of Vancouver engineering staff and received several updates:
 - o Drake St: The City is planning to extend bike lanes on Drake St from Burrard to Pacific Blvd (a great improvement over stopping at Richards). Public consultation likely to be held in March (date to be advised). Once public consultations start, we will need support.
 - o Nanaimo St. – meeting held with City re parking protected lanes instead of painted lanes. Decision pending. City advised that transit stops would require islands with this change.
 - o Richards St. consultation closed. City reported generally positive feedback. Going to council.
 - o 10th Ave Bikeway – Segment 1, Burrard to Trafalgar. Design alternatives presented at Open

House. Design boards, and survey available online, [HERE](#); survey is open until February 28th (deep dive topic)

- 10th Ave Bikeway – Segment 3, near Granville St. Expected to be the next segment of 10th Ave looked at after Segment 1 near Arbutus. This section matters because of the traffic volume, and also because of the pending construction of the Broadway Subway station at Broadway and Granville.
- Granville Bridge improvements have been advanced to public consultations by vote of council, but with additional options to be presented (deep dive topic)
- Powell Bypass – awaiting signal activation at McLean. Path built on north side of Powell. Bypass will run up McLean to Franklin to Pandora, then east on Pandora to the PNE. We have requested crossing improvements at Wall/Semlin without having to go to Lakewood (and use the park path) The CoV is not planning an additional signal at this time, but is planning on improving wayfinding and starting a look at Wall St.
- Feedback received from the City on 7th at Granville/Fir (makes sense and fits with Broadway Subway construction mitigation plans) and King Edward/Arbutus traffic signal timing (currently with traffic signal team for investigation and analysis)

7. Communications (Jeff)

- Meetings held with councilors and park board commissioners.

8. Deep Dive Topics (Jeff)

- 10th Ave Segment 1 (Trafalgar to Burrard)
 - Challenges exist with multiple school and health facility drop off/pick up zones.
 - City proposal is for a bidirectional protected bike lane, on the south side west of Arbutus, and the north side east of Arbutus, with a diagonal crossing at Arbutus.
 - This is not a traditional design but combined with making the streets one way for vehicles, allows the drop off and pick up zones to work better, and avoids risks for people cycling by eliminating turns across the bike route at Arbutus. We support the proposal. More details included in the committee presentation [HERE](#)
 - Group discussion on the pros and cons of the proposed design.
 - All attendees were encouraged to fill out the [SURVEY](#) supporting moving forward. There are other groups organizing in opposition to these improvements. Make your voice heard if you support improving 10th Ave.
- Granville Bridge Walking and Cycling Improvements
 - The CoV is planning on a greenway across the Granville Bridge, connecting to the Arbutus Greenway and the water on the south side, and Granville St and the seawall on the north side.
 - There is no design at this point, just a concept plan. The design will be developed through an extensive public consultation process.
 - This is likely to be a contentious project due to the reduction in vehicle lanes, despite the bridge having more lanes than required for vehicle traffic
 - Info on the project is in the committee presentation [HERE](#).
 - Links to the staff report and presentation to Council are [HERE](#).
 - Council has voted to advance this to public consultation. We will advise when open houses and workshops are announced. This project will require support to be advanced and approved for construction. There is a time constraint on the consultation so that construction can be carried out concurrently with seismic upgrades already scheduled.

9. Board Update (Jeff)

- State of Cycling in Vancouver Project – Mapping and benchmarking report to assess the state of cycling in Metro Vancouver, including a detailed inventory of all cycling infrastructure by type and quality. There is an opportunity for volunteers to assist by riding pre-assigned routes and reporting on key items not currently included in the City GIS database (eg path width). Watch for invites that will be sent by email to all Vancouver UBC Local Committee members in the coming weeks.

10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa)

- Awaiting new council appointments, so ATPC is not functioning now.

11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- No update this month.

12. Other Business:

- Wesbrook Mall is getting new bike lanes. Discussion on design.
- 33rd near Oak (Eric Hamber School) bike lanes were discussed. There is a protected bike lane on the south side of 33rd today (to Willow) to access the school. We are not aware of plans for these lanes to be extended.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05

20:05-20:45—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: March 19th, 2019, at Creekside Community Centre, main floor