

TriCities HUB Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Tuesday February 4, 2014 7:00-8:50PM.

Location: Coquitlam Public Library, 1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, B.C.

In attendance: Gord M, George S, Simon W, Josh O, Fiona W, Claude T, Jack T, Sean R, Andrew H, plus guest from City of Port Coquitlam: Dave Currie

1. Updates on cycling infrastructure and initiatives in Port Coquitlam

Dave Currie, Manager of Transportation, Port Coquitlam. Dave gave us a detailed summary of activities relating to cycling:

Updates on proposed MUP along Kingsway. City is working with Fortis and Hydro to secure right of way. This will serve as a key link between CMO and PoC trail and points west. Translink is providing \$200k. Total cost is \$900k. PoCo is still seeking funds from BC gov.

Action item: Write letter of support for the MUP on behalf of HUB. (Now posted on wiki site)

Friendly suggestions re MUP: Please mark industrial driveways with green paint and move stop signs behind bike crossing. Also, consider adding sharrows to Kingsway just east of Broadway for commuter cyclists (very narrow spot here). Update: Dave Currie states that Sharrows and share the road signs will be added.

Other items:

Extensive discussion of new and proposed infrastructure:

Proposed bike path on south side of Pitt River road

Proposed marked bike lane on Shaughnessy (details not worked out yet)

Proposed Shaughnessy underpass (\$2M!). Will benefit both cyclists and peds. Funding still not procured.

2 Sheep's Paddock Trail

Discussion of position document for submission to Metro Van parks Committee

Incorporate Metro Van principles and visions which are very cycling friendly. Support route options 1A plus 2B as most affordable, least intrusive into riparian zone, and most direct for network connectivity. Supported by Trails Southwest and BCCC.

Action item: Submit position paper to Metro Van before Feb 13 (Simon, posted on wiki site)

3. Matters arising from our January 11 assessment ride along Lougheed PMH1 routes

We continue to document deficiencies in the new PMH1 cycling infrastructure. Arno is trying to arrange to see the design drawings. This is somewhat urgent as the leverage will disappear once the contractor is paid.

Some discussion about the dangerous zone at Lougheed and Brunette where the bike lane suddenly ends without warning. only to resume on block away. This is City of Coquitlam's issue. We sketched out a few solutions. Serious road bikers with advanced notice can negotiate fairly safely by taking over the main right lane eastbound, however more signage is need to warn both drivers and cyclists of the situation.

Some options were discussed:

- sharrows in the main right hand through lane of Lougheed (eastbound)
- continuation of dotted bike lane markings through the intersection (eastbound)
- additional signs for Brunette on ramp onto Lougheed eastbound such as "yield to cyclists" etc.
- possible use of a stop light for Brunette as is done on Gaglardi right turn onto Broadway in Burnaby.

It is not clear what can be done for novice riders who find themselves here unexpectedly and are not comfortable entering this busy intersection.

Action item: Prepare a detailed set of recommendations for Coquitlam in terms of signage and road markings

Minutes prepared by Simon Watkins
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