

**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
18:30-20:00
HUB Office
1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Lisa (Chair), Jeff (Chair), Colin B, Mike, Colin (HUB staff), Arno, Tim, Odessa (recording secretary), Jill, Brenda

- **If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Lisa or Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca**
- **See issues on your bike route? Call 311 or email cycling@vancouver.ca. You can also add to 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
2. Agenda: Approved.
3. Minutes from October 2015 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from October meeting		
1	<i>Everyone</i> <i>Lisa- book</i> <i>Bikemaps speaker</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use 311 or cycling@vancouver.ca to document hazards such as leaves on paths, flooding. We have seen that CoV takes action on these requests. • Also use bikemaps.org to document near misses, collisions, and thefts. If enough people use it, it is a great tool for organizations like HUB and municipalities. Ongoing. • The Committee expressed interest in having a representative from bikemaps.org speak at our January 2016 meeting.
2	<i>Clark and others</i>	Complete Granville Bridge assessment ride report. Clark absent at tonight's meeting.
3	<i>Everyone</i>	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 Committee web page. Ongoing

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - BTWW new record of 6300 riders, 260 000 km logged. Excellent considering the weather.
 - We are looking for **HUB newsletter contributors**. Let Lisa or Jeff know if this interests you.
 - Project 529. The HUB Bike Theft Prevention Committee is aware of this new bike theft app.. Project 529 allows the VPD to look up bikes in database and match stolen bikes with the consumer. It represents a direct connection between the police force and people. But, the Committee's goals are to target bike theft regionally, and includes other activities to move this issue forward such as e.g. writing letters, educating, engaging other municipal police forces. Therefore, they are continuing to work towards a coordinated regional effort. Colin will include the minutes of the committee's October 26th meeting, which contains a list of bike shops in Vancouver where you can get a Project 529 badge. The Committee is looking for volunteers.
 - Next meeting: December 3rd. See Nov minutes here- https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ILQ-nLDjpnrwRVq3gCplWM1IXmdPAPWdp0kGr1_WVA/edit?usp=sharing

- Comments from the floor: Colin B is being trained on Project 529. Discussion about “bike bait” initiatives. It is unclear how this operates. Colin S making enquiries on this.
- Please provide feedback to CoV on proposed bike improvements to make sure your voice is heard.
- HUB Holiday Party for members on Monday, Nov 23rd at Heritage Hall on Main St. Please see Lisa or contact admin@bikehub.ca if you are interested in volunteering at the party.
- Re-Imagine Vancouver consulted HUB on how we would envision future of Downtown Vancouver. The report can be seen at: reimaginedowntown.com/report. many good ideas but we are concerned about the comments regarding car free spaces that preclude considering including people on bikes such as “pedestrian-only, car-free space”. We should encourage people wherever possible to move through spaces actively, whatever mode they choose, rather than seeing it unilaterally as a pedestrian space.
- CoV just voted unanimously to accept the Renewable City Strategy. More info at: renewablecities.ca, under “News” tab.
- An SFU Masters Student is doing a study on consultations on improving cycling infrastructure. If anyone is involved in lobbying or advocating, they are encouraged to meet with him. The routes he is focusing on are Cornwall, Robson St, Commercial Dr, and Davie St. Please contact Jeff if you would like to get in contact with him.

5. Updates from Working Groups.

- Contact Lisa or Jeff 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"> ● Reminder: Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). ● Next ride will be to look at 10th Ave, currently under review by the City ● Many volunteered to work on the document, but not as many to come on the ride. ● CoV has closed current consultations on this, more to come ● VGH is a hot-interest zone, as well as Kingsway and Main St crossings. 	<p>* Assessment ride for 10th Ave will be scheduled soon.</p> <p>Everyone- please check out info on the proposals and get signed up for updates- http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/10th-avenue-corridor-project.aspx</p>
Complete Network Committee (Lisa for Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clark absent. Nothing to report on the last report that this committee will work on as it’s wrapping up now 	
Kent Ave (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report. 	
South False Creek and Seaside Greenway (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The consultation on the section between the Cambie and Burrard bridges has closed but we’re still encouraging people to write to Mayor and Council on this as it hasn’t been voted in yet ● We are not satisfied with the unimproved section from Burrard Bridge through Kits Beach that connects with the improved seaside greenway areas: narrow paths with no separation for people who are walking and cycling, that are completely out of place with the rest of the Seaside greenway. There is now a fenced off path near the corner of Balsam and Cornwall that people were using to avoid unsafe entry and exit points into the intersection there. We believe this is a safety hazard and are in communication with Park Board ● Our attempts to take action on this section of the 	<p>* Determine next steps to be taken in communications with CoV and Parks Board.</p> <p>*</p>

	Seaside Greenway have not been successful so far as Park Board currently isn't interested in looking at that issue in that area	
New: Bike Theft (Lisa for Mary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See announcements. 	
UBC Working Group (Jeff for Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	

General Updates

6. Consultations

- Email updates are going out to distribution lists encouraging people to make their voices heard on these consultations. For letters to mayor & Council, send to mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca <mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca>

False Creek Flats (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area between Main St, Clark Dr, Great Northern Way and Venables St. • Stakeholder group formed for planning process, which Jeff sits on. • Update to come at January meeting. • Considering connections from Central Valley Greenway. 	
Viaducts Removal (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viaducts removals approved in principle. • HUB wrote to Council and did a formal presentation on the issue, both of which were well-received. • Issue: the Georgia ramp does not have a protected bike lane planned for it. 	
10 th Ave Bike Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey closed last Sunday. Results being consolidated over next two weeks. 	Consider participating in a 10 th Ave assessment ride and report to happen soon. Email Jeff if interested
Ontario and 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open house hosted by CoV. They are planning to re-align the intersection. • Goals: to make intersection safer and to traffic-calm Ontario St. • Resident concern around street parking. Drivers use the area to circle looking for parking. Greatest agreement was for an option to turn one way. • The parking there is not permit parking (i.e. free). What would happen if the city implemented a fee for residential parking in the area? • consultation is now closed. 	
Seaside South Greenway (Seawall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See working group report. • 	See the display boards and proposed improvements at: http://vancouver.ca/street-s-transportation/south-false-creek-seawall.aspx Our letter on the proposed improvements is here: http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/index.php?title=HUB_letters_to_the_City_of_Vancouver_and_Parks_Board . Please consider writing Council encouraging them to do the best they can here

SW Marine Dr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granville St to Comosun Ave. • The City's proposal is to re-pave, widen, and rely on painted lanes. This is a truck route with a high traffic volume and this does not align with the City's AAA guidelines. • We believe that the city should have protected bike lanes here. Please see action to support this. 	<p>* Jeff to speak at council meeting on Dec 10. Please write Council</p> <p>See the display boards: http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/southwest-marine-drive-bikeway-improvements-oct-2015-open-house-information-displays.pdf</p> <p>Our HUB letter requesting separation on this route is here: http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/index.php?title=HUB_letters_to_the_City_of_Vancouver_and_Parks_Board</p>
SE Marine Dr at Knight St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: connections to Knight St Bridge. • City has put money in budget. • There will be a consultation next year. 	
North Seawall (under Burrard Bridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed. • 	
Seaside South Greenway (between Olympic Village and Cambie Bridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed. • Construction underway. 	
Adanac Bikeway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction underway at Renfrew. 	
Stanley Park Causeway Paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed. • Construction underway 	

7. Car Free Spaces (Lisa)

- Plans are being finalized for Jim Deva plaza, a new car-free space in the West End (Davie at Bute)
- This will be a permanent space, and, in contrast to previous temporary traffic closures there, they will allow cycling through it.
- This is positive, because there often appears to be a general resistance to including bikes in discussions of car-free spaces. E.g., Robson in front of courthouse has been designed so that people can't ever bike through it.
- There is a tendency to forget to consult with HUB on these issues. Our committee's position (and that of the Active Transportation Policy Council as well) is that there should be every effort made to include both biking and walking through car free spaces as much as possible with the allowance for times when pedestrian traffic is so heavy that people on bikes need to dismount/reroute
- Action: Continue to engage City staff on this and encourage them to reach out to HUB as stakeholders

8. Communications (Jeff)

- Nothing to report.

9. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa)

- Meetings are open. If you are interested in participating in sub-committees, contact Lisa.
- Sub-committees:
 - o Policies Sub-Committee: looking at a "Complete Streets" Policy for CoV.
 - In the Renewable City Strategy, complete streets are mentioned.

- Project Committee: City staff bring forward individual projects to the Committee.
- Parking Working Group
- Action: encourage comprehensive complete streets plan going forward.

10. HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)

- Nothing to report.

11. Regional Advisory Committee (Colin for Arno)

- Reminder: Board committee, and has a regional advocacy role. It acts as a coordinator between regional committees.
- Upcoming meetings with Peter Fassbender and Minister Todd Stone on Translink and MoTI support for improved cycling infrastructure

12. UBC/Bike Co-op Update (Lisa for Mike/Connor)

- Nothing to report.

13. “Streets for Everyone” Liaison (Lisa for Neal)

- Reminder: group championing complete streets, with a focus on Commercial Dr.
- They are broadening their scope and looking for people with a vested interest in another street, e.g. Kingsway.
- Contact info@streetsforeveryone.org if you are interested learning more, in spear-heading another complete street project or getting involved in Commercial Dr action.

14. Other Business

- Bike licensing motion: in the Council meeting, Councillor De Genova’s motion calling for bike licensing was met with a counter-motion for staff to report back on best practices
- Included in the look at best practices and influenced by Erin O’Melinn’s presentation- a focus on education.
- This ended up being a success for people who bike.
- There is some bike education sponsored in a few public schools in Vancouver but currently no broad adult cycling education sponsored.

Meeting adjourned at 20:03.

Next meeting: January 2016. (No December meeting)

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