



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20th, 2020
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Michael M, Sam, Emma, Dan, Trey, Kristen, Enzo, Shaun, Tassillie, Mike T, Suzanne, Geoff, DeeDee, Tim, Stan, Kay, Clark, Mike V, Lisa, Lucy, David F, Ivan, Tomer, Geneviève (26)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Sept: 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, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, 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	Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize assessment ride at UBC - pending
3	Philippe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize assessment ride on Balaclava (45th to Point Grey Road) - pending
4	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Beach Ave Bikeway Survey by Oct 12 – Survey is now closed

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
- The Granville Connector and Drake St upgrade projects went to council Sept 16. The motion passed, with all councillors except Councillor Hardwick supporting the combined project
- A group of supporters of cycling in Stanley Park held a leisurely People Protected ride together on Sunday October 18th, on the roadway, to Brockton Point and then back on Pipeline Road. This is not a sanctioned HUB event, but it is a great way to show your support for cycling infrastructure in Stanley Park. John Irwin, Park Board commissioner, attended and spoke. The next ride is planned for late November, and details will be forwarded. A good video of the October 18th ride is [here](#)

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 and Anthony)	<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 reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Two assessment rides are being organized. Those who put their name in the text chat expressing interest will get an email with details from Anthony or Philippe. 	<p>Anthony: organize ride at UBC.</p> <p>Philippe: organize ride on Balaclava (45th to Point Grey Road)</p>

Cycling in Parks (Lisa and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • Park Board staff have now removed the temporary lane in Stanley Park on all except Park Drive from Lagoon Drive to Beach Ave. • PB staff are due to report back on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term; this initiative will come back to commissioners for debate and include public consultation. We would like to see the protected lane reinstated in the spring. • The Kits Beach Park path and parking lot continues to be a challenge, with no progress this past summer. Discussions have been held with supportive groups in the community on moving this ahead. A related issue is the upcoming Senakw development at the south end of the Burrard St Bridge, which will bring many more people to the neighbourhood, and will include a focus on Active Transportation 	
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. • Delays with the City on a contract for detailed design of the section near 57th due to the pandemic. Pine St. from the AG to 1st is being improved and will form a link to False Creek for people cycling, with the closure of Pine at 6th to motor vehicles to reduce vehicle traffic volumes on Pine. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. Discussion on recent progress, food delivery, etc. 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little progress on a proposed N-S greenway in the NE quadrant, primarily due to the pandemic. 	

6. Deep Dive Topic – Vancouver Climate Emergency Action Plan

- A meeting was held with HUB Cycling and CoV staff to provide stakeholder input to the report going to council on Nov 3rd. Several of the items in the Action Plan relate to transportation, and to Active Transportation in particular. The report will be posted online the week prior to the Council meeting.
- There will be opportunities to send messages of support to council, encouraging them to act.
- We discussed the importance of connecting the various CoV initiatives such as the Climate Emergency Action Plan, the COVID Community Response and Recovery plan, the City Plan, and so on. Many Active Transportation projects tick the boxes on several of these, and we should consider the alignment of any project we are advocating for with all the City initiatives that relate to it.
- Details on the Climate Emergency Action Plan are included in the meeting presentation, [here](#).

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- We met with CoV staff on their draft Transportation Demand Management Plan. The plan covers all modes, and is the flip side to the supply response of building more infrastructure, eg how to influence demand through promotion, education, incentives, etc. The plan discusses a range of promotion and encouragement activities, including school transportation planning, the connection to

recreational routes and routes in CoV Parks, etc. We were encouraged by the direction staff are taking, and requested that specific actions be included to address the alignment with Park Board.

- A group of our committee members attended a tour and meeting at the development site for the Broadway and Commercial block (the Safeway site). This is a major development of the full block, with residential, retail, a transit station, and bikeways on the south and east perimeters. We have worked with the developer over the past few years to improve service access (delivery truck access is now planned to be on Broadway and not on 10th); integrate cycling access from 10th, and generally fully consider active transportation in the design. The committee members were happy to see the focus on active transportation in the current design and found the meeting worthwhile.
- There is an opportunity to engage with the same developer for a proposed rental building at 10th and Alma, planned to include cycling-friendly features. If any LC members are interested, particularly if you live in the area, contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca and we can arrange a discussion with the developer's engagement team.
- The Richard St Bikeway construction continues towards Smithe, and will then shift to the section from Smithe to Pacific.
- Following the 5th wave of [Slow Streets](#) being implemented, the CoV has identified opportunities to improve these routes by reducing vehicle traffic. Vehicle diversions have been implemented at Wall (Portside Greenway route) and on Ontario near Riley Park, where vehicle counts were 3 to 6 times the maximum expected for a local street bikeway. These diversions have been seen to have a positive effect. More are expected in the coming months. The CoV has two surveys open. One is on your experience with [Slow Streets in general](#) (open until Oct 30). The second is on the new [traffic calming upgrades](#). You can also provide feedback to the CoV via slowstreets@vancouver.ca. Discussion was held on the opportunity of calming 37th (Ridgeway/Midtown bikeway) near Arbutus, where vehicle counts are observed to be very high.
- Translink has released their web access tool for HUB Cycling's State of Cycling data. This tool allows users to view all of Metro or select municipalities; to see all designated cycling routes by type (eg separated, painted, shared) as well as by assessed level of comfort (comfortable for most, some few, or very few); and to see mode share data geographically. The web tool is [here](#). We expect to merge our HUB Cycling priority gap list and our map of gaps with this same database, so that we can see identified gaps in the context of assessed existing infrastructure.
- The CoV has done a major update to their cycling map, with new routes added, and additional information useful for route planning. The map is [here](#). Note that several former routes have been removed from the new map, including sections of Main St and Pender St, which were shared lanes on major roads, and which are both included in our priority gap list.
- There is a UBC study running on user experiences on CoV multi use paths. They are looking at specific paths, and so ask that you complete the survey if you come across a sign on a path being reviewed. The survey info is [here](#).

8. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- The HUB Cycling RAC is currently considering the issue of flashing bike lights. Currently, headlights must be solid, and flashing rear lights are permitted instead of solid rear lights. Issues relate to whether flashing lights provide a benefit in being seen; potential inability of others to perceive depth with flashing lights; the potential of triggering seizures or migraines with flashing strobes, and whether HUB Cycling should take a position on this issue, either as part of an education campaign, or advocacy with the provincial authorities. If you have thoughts you would like to share on this issue, send them to vancouver@bikehub.ca and we will review them as part of our investigation.

9. Board Update (Jeff)

- The HUB Cycling AGM was held on September 17th via Zoom. We have four new directors. We had good member participation, possibly because of the web meeting format.

20:05 Meeting adjourned

Next meeting November 17th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)