

MINUTES - Delta HUB Meeting - March 1, 2018

Ladner Pioneer Library, 4683 51 Street, Ladner

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees: Patrick (Chair), Melanie, Hilary, John, Sandra, Phil, Bill, Neil

Regrets: Roel, Barbara, Carol

2. NEW ITEMS: New items included for discussion

→ Safety Strategy for 56th Street, Tsawwassen (Delta Police/ICBC)

- Delta Police and ICBC will be collaborating on a Safety Strategy for 56 St in Tsawwassen. Since 2014, a total of 4 pedestrians have been killed on 56th St (all seniors), along with 34 pedestrian-vehicle collisions.
- Delta HUB has made suggestions to the City of Delta about the intersection of 56 St and 12 Ave, and understand that some improvements are forthcoming. As the existing right-hand turns can be dangerous, heightened awareness of active users is recommended – i.e. caution paint on the pavement, a bike box, “elephant feet” throughout the crossing.
- Patrick will connect with Cst. Leisa Schaefer from the Tsawwassen COPS office and Karon Trenamon (ICBC) about ways to provide input. We will also invite both to a future Delta HUB meeting for a discussion.
- Delta HUB will also connect with Carol Vignale about the work of the “SafeRoute Tsawwassen” group (which was active in Tsawwassen prior to Delta HUB). In addition to specific safety measures, the group was focused on making 56th a more attractive place for the most vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, and persons with disability).
- **Action** – Delta HUB to follow-up with Delta Police/ICBC about future input and invitation to Committee meeting. Carol V. will also be invited to share the SafeRoute history/focus.

3. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

→ Assessment of River Road West (Safety enhancements)

- This spring, Delta HUB will be organizing an assessment bike ride with Delta Engineering.
- In advance of this ride, Delta HUB will review the existing Assessment Report for River Road West and conduct a site visit to identify smaller-scale enhancements that could be introduced ahead of the OCP/transportation review that needs to take place for the area.
- **Action** - Patrick will share the Assessment Report with Delta HUB members and suggest a time for an initial site visit/ride with Delta HUB members (~early April).

→ Wayfinding Report (Draft recommendations from Delta HUB)

- Draft Wayfinding Recommendations were reviewed, highlighting three sample locations where specific wayfinding signage could be implemented in Delta:
 - o Tsawwassen (17A Ave/Beach Grove Rd., at the end of the Boundary Bay dike trail)
 - o Ladner (Arthur Drive/44 Ave, at the cross-road of three community travel routes)
 - o North Delta (84 Ave/110th St, at the beginning of the Sunstone development)
- The recommendations highlight signage ideas that would benefit a range of stakeholders, including residents, visitors, local business districts, and regional destinations.
- Additional digital/app resources will be identified by Delta HUB members to highlight complementary/alternative navigation systems (i.e. HERE WeGo app).

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Local/Regional Infrastructure

→ Recap: Delta HUB discussions with Ministry of Transportation (MoTI)

- Patrick had a discussion with Dustin Bergstrom, MoTI's Area Manager (South of the Fraser/UBC), about Delta HUB's December 2017 letter outlining our Provincial priorities. The following updates and follow-ups were the results of that conversation:
 - CONCRETE BARRICADE (Northbound Hwy 17/SFPR at 72nd St, Delta) – Proposed removal of the concrete barricade at the cycling exit on the northbound SFPR, leading to 72nd St in east Delta. A similar request was made by Delta HUB for the 64th St exit (which was later removed and the path paved by MoTI).
 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - MoTI will adjust the sensitivity of the magnet embedded in the loop detector of the roadway at the Ladner Trunk/Hornby Drive intersection. Their Electrical Systems Manager will send information to share with area cyclists about how to best “trigger” a green light using the metal on a bicycle.
Action – Cyclists who use the Hornby/Ladner Trunk intersection can provide feedback to Patrick about any improvement. If bikes do not trigger the green light, as intended, MoTI can consider installation of a cyclist-activated push button (however, without a curb at this intersection, this may be difficult/expensive, and would be subject to other priorities).
 - METAL GRATES - MoTI will plan to replace the metal grates on Hwy 10 at the Hwy 91 overpass with perpendicular grates, and level them to be flush with the roadway.
 - DEBRIS CLEARANCE – MoTI is currently in the bid stage for new debris clearance contracts (Mainroad is the current contractor). These are expected to be completed in May 2018. The bids (and subsequent contracts) will include new specifications for road sweeping, which should be favourable to cyclists. The new specifications will be shared with Delta HUB when the bid process allows. Our recommendation is for increased quantity of sweeping (up from current 120-day cycle) and improved quality of sweeping (ideally, mirroring the debris suction method used by Delta and others, rather than having debris swept into bike lanes).
 - BIKE SHUTTLE/SIGNAGE - In connection with the Gateway Casino proposal at Hwy 99 and River Road – and the associated shuttle service for cyclists traveling through the Massey Tunnel – Delta HUB will consider design for an appropriate wayfinding sign to be submitted to MoTI for review/permitting at the location (*including dimensions, installation plan, funding, and maintenance plan). In their future review of the Gateway Casino proposal, MoTI can include a suggestion that adequate wayfinding be included for the shuttle service pick-up/drop-off point.
Action – If the Casino project moves forward, Delta HUB to recommend features for new signage at the bike shuttle drop-off. This should include coordinated “Bike Route” signs align each identified route, to help new visitors navigate towards destinations. It could also include links to digital information about routes (and possibly “QR-codes” to scan with cell phone).
 - TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SIGNS - If area cyclists note any construction advisory signs placed in a bike lane – and where there is a reasonable alternative location within the sightline – they should notify MoTI. Delta HUB can submit photographs/location information to the Area Manager at MoTI.

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→ 52 St Bike Lanes (Follow-up with Delta Engineering)

- Delta HUB confirmed with Delta Engineering that the new north-south bike lanes along 52nd Street will be on both sides of the roadway from 12th Avenue to Spyglass (the entrance to Tsawwassen Springs/Imperial Village); however, the bikes lanes will not continue north of Spyglass to Hwy 17 at this stage.
- There is a multi-use path along the western edge (which may be paved in the future), which connects to the MUP that runs alongside Tsawwassen Mills/Tsawwassen Commons.
- According to Delta, the road cross-section north of Spyglass does not allow for dedicated bike lanes as it would require road widening (with both ditch and hydro implications).

→ 8A Avenue Bike Lanes (Suggested path to Winskill Park via municipal Right-of-Way)

- Delta HUB was contacted by a local community member about an existing right-of-way that could potentially connect 8A Ave to Winskill Park
- The ROW is adjacent to the new 8A townhouse proposal, just west of 53 St, and could potentially be incorporated into any future plans for the area.
- As the town house proposal was not active at the time of the Winskill Park redevelopment plan, the connectivity that this represents was likely not considered by decision-makers.
- Delta HUB has sent an email to Delta's Community Planning department about this idea, and will prepare a formal input letter when/if the project moves ahead.

→ Recap: City of Delta Multi-Committee Meeting for Gateway Casino Proposal

- On February 15th, a City of Delta multi-committee meeting was held at the Harris Barn. Representatives from civic committees and Delta staff were on-hand to meet with the Gateway Casino development team and their consultants.
- Suggestions were made by several attendees for preserved and improved cycling connections along Vasey Road (to/from the Millennium Trail), as well to River Road.
- Dedicated transit to the Casino site was also a suggestion, including restored access to transit (such as the 351) that travels through the tunnel.
- **Action** – Sandra to draft letter to the City of Delta highlighting Delta HUB's feedback.

→ Status: 2018 BikeBC Funding application – City of Delta (Feb. 9th application deadline)

- Delta HUB confirmed that the City of Delta has applied for provincial BikeBC cost-share funding for the 52 St bike lanes in Tsawwassen.

Education/Engagement

→ Delta HUB Letter to the Editor, Delta Optimist (Re: 8A Ave bike lanes):

- A letter to the Editor from Delta HUB was published in the Delta Optimist in support of the 8A bike lanes in Tsawwassen, and the safety/connectivity that these lanes represent:
<http://www.delta-optimist.com/opinion/letters/cycling-group-welcomes-bike-lanes-on-8a-avenue-1.23166277>

→ Seniors Cycling Club (Outreach from White Rock)

- White Rock cyclist Lorene M. connected with Delta HUB to share information about the seniors cycling club that has been very active in White Rock since 2009. The group is called "0-5-0 Cycling Club", and is run through the White Rock Leisure Services.
- It began with a grant to make area citizens healthier (in conjunction with the 2010 Olympics). For a modest fee, there were about 6, 1 ½ hr sessions of learn to bike skills/maintenance, followed by a ride (2 sessions were held, with 12 adults in each).

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- Following the sessions, the 0-5-0 bike group be formed. It was a small group for several years with members all riding hybrid bikes on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. A local bike shop owner (Barrie from South Surrey Cycles) led the rides.
 - There are currently 70+ registered riders and there will soon be a wait list (there is a limit due to safety and the need for ride leaders). The weekly rides were well attended with the maximum number of riders being 38.
 - Most members are retired, and ride Tuesdays and/or Sundays, starting at the bike store and always stopping for a coffee mid ride at one of the many local coffee shops (which resulted in an increase in participants).
 - From April to September there are usually 2-3 “away” rides to local places within the Lower Mainland, which are always very well attended.
 - Sponsorship is from the White Rock Leisure Services, who provide minimal insurance to club members and this year provided jerseys for the ride leaders. All members must be members of the Leisure Services (which is about \$30/yr, the only cost to join). After one buys a membership, they ask to join the class, “0-5-0 club”. This way the leisure services keeps track of members, and forwards information to the club secretary.
 - Rides are posted on the club Facebook page and emailed to members. If weather is in doubt, the leader will post 1 hour prior that the ride is cancelled on Facebook.
 - According to Lorene, the key to the success of this cycling club has been that:
 - o there have been reliable ride leaders willing to consistently show up and volunteer.
 - o the group is very social and welcoming to new members
 - o there is a level of fitness which members need to be meet. The groups in the summer months are split into a slower and faster group. No members are dropped meaning a sweep will always pick up the slower riders.
 - o the cost to join is minimal.
 - Delta HUB will plan to share this information with Delta’s Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) department, Delta’s Senior’s Advocate (Eva Busich-Veloso), along with PRC Commission Chair (Robert Campbell) and Vice-Chair (Sylvia Bishop).
 - As a next step, Delta HUB will suggest making a brief presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission about the successful initiative in White Rock.
 - **Action** – Patrick to connect Melanie with PRC Commission regarding possible presentation.
- Recap: Delta HUB meeting with MLA Ian Paton (Feb. 23rd)
- Sandra, Neil and Patrick met with MLA Paton and his constituency assistant Dylan Kruger to discuss provincial priorities for cycling. The key topics discussed included:
 - o RIVER ROAD WEST – The condition of River Road West, and the need to improve the safety and usability of the roadway for active road users.
 - o DEBRIS SWEEPING (Provincial Highways) - The methods and frequency of sweeping of the provincial highways, and the upcoming contracts (and bid specifications).
 - o PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (Ladner Harbour Park) - The pedestrian bridge was agreed to be replaced last year by Delta Parks & Recreation and the Province. MLA Paton will follow-up to confirm status/replacement plans.
 - o 56 STREET (North of Hwy 17) - The broken yellow lines on this section of 56 St allow cars to pass in either direction (“if and when safe”). Cars routinely speed and pass other cars along this narrow road, bringing the safety of cyclists into jeopardy. Delta HUB will include MLA Paton in future discussions with Delta Engineering (re: proposed solid yellow line and related signage).
 - o MOTOR VEHICLE ACT - The changes to the provincial MVA to formally recognize cyclists, including the renaming of the MVA to the “Road Safety Act”.

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- Upcoming: Meeting with Fraser Health, ICBC, TransLink, Delta Seniors (March 2nd)
- A meeting will be held at FHA's Surrey offices on March 2nd to discuss joint initiatives for promoting active lifestyles and a healthy built environment.
 - Barbara and Sandra will participate for Delta HUB.
- Upcoming: Meeting with Delta, Metro Vancouver, Delta Farmers Institute (TBA)
- A meeting is being proposed to discuss the Trans Canada Trail initiative to the BC Ferries Terminal, and the concerns/impact to agricultural users of the Boundary Bay dike trail.

4. OTHER

- Delta HUB Committee's annual budget from HUB Cycling (\$400)
- The remaining funds in our annual budget from HUB Cycling (\$400) will need to be spent by March 30th. In the past, the Committee has used these funds to purchase cycling-related items for community donation (including bike bells, lights, etc).
 - Ideas for this year include a CorePlast or vinyl "Delta HUB" banner for local outreach; also, we could purchase a bike rack which we could donate to a local business or organization in need of a rack (or a rack that could accommodate more bikes – at Petra's, for instance).
 - **Action** - Melanie will follow-up with a price quote for a possible bike rack. Other ideas or suggestions should be sent to Patrick before the end of March.
- Cycling-related Surveys (*For immediate input)

1. Mobility Pricing Survey

https://its-time-en-2.ethelo.net/projects/5a4bd68169702d52ad370000/vote/project-user/background?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=engagement-website-visitors-mw-18+&utm_content=image-all-shame&utm_term=post-paid

2. National Cycling Strategy Act

Petition to help enact a National Cycling Strategy Act:

<https://www.facebook.com/wearehub/posts/1693580484019100>

*Next Delta HUB meeting: Thursday, April 5th, 7pm at Tsawwassen Library

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