Delta HUB Cycling Committee – July 2018 Update

The following cycling-related items are included for information and/or action:

ACTION: Hwy 91/Hwy17/Deltaport Way Upgrade Project (*Proposed meeting w. MoTI: July 31st)

- Delta HUB has been contacted by the Ministry of Transportation (MoTl). They are proposing to meet with HUB representatives to discuss proposed upgrades to Hwy 91/Hwy 17 and Deltaport Way. More information about the upgrade project can be found here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/highway-91-17-deltaport
- The upgrades are intended to improve local and commercial travel in the area, reduce conflicts between commercial vehicles and other traffic, and complement <u>Alex Fraser Bridge</u> improvements and 72nd Avenue Interchange projects underway.
- A meeting date has been proposed for July 31st. If any HUB members are interested in participating, please email us at delta@bikehub.ca (*we are still confirming the time/location).



OPPORTUNITY: Participation in Summer Outreach (Delta Chamber Visitor Booths)

- Once again, the Delta Chamber of Commerce has generously invited Delta HUB to participate in their summer Visitor booths at select venues around Delta.
- It is a great chance to talk with locals about cycling routes and "gaps" in the network (pictured, earlier engagement by HUB at the Ladner Market).
- The following dates/venues have been identified so far:
 - Sunday, July 22 Ladner Village Market
 - o Sunday, Aug 12 Ladner Village Market
 - o Sunday, Aug 19 Ladner Quilt Walk & Car Show
- If you would like to participate in any of these booths, please let us know (delta@bikehub.ca).



FOR INFORMATION: 56th Street Safety Strategy (Letter from Delta HUB to Delta Police)

- Delta HUB finalized a letter with committee comments on safety concerns and possible design solutions to 56th Street in Tsawwassen. The letter follows an announcement earlier this year from Delta Police, following a series of fatalities and incidents involving vehicles and active travelers (see *PDF* attached).
- In late June, the letter was submitted to Delta Police, Delta Engineering, and ICBC. We have received response from the Chief of Police (Neil Dubord) and the Traffic Section Sergeant (Sukh Sidhu), expressing a willingness to assist HUB and Delta Engineering in any improvements towards cycling safety.
- If any HUB committee members are interested in getting further involved in this initiative, please let us know. There are many stakeholders interested in seeing improvements to conditions on 56th Street, which is positioned to see more traffic (and possible conflicts) with projects such as the Southlands and Town Centre Redevelopment on the horizon.

FOR INFORMATION: TalkDelta App (For reporting road repairs)

- The City of Delta has updated their TalkDelta mobile phone app, which can be used for efficient submission of service requests: http://www.delta.ca/your-government/news-events/news-releases//2018/07/09/talkdelta-app-update
- Many cyclists have found the app to be very useful in reporting road conditions in need of repair (it allows for photos to be included). In many case, responsiveness from the City of Delta's Operations team has also been quick.



FOR INPUT: Delta HUB Community Donation (Bike rack available for location in Delta)

- The Delta HUB committee continues to look for local businesses or organizations that might benefit from the donation of a 6-bike rack. The rack was purchased using the committee's remaining 2017 budget.
- To date committee members have approached local coffee shops (i.e. Petra's) and shopping areas (i.e. Ladner Harbour Centre) but have not yet found an appropriate home.
- Recent suggestions include: Diefenbaker Park (City of Delta), 12th Avenue entrance to Boundary Bay Regional Park (Metro Vancouver), and the bus stops where many of the agricultural workers park their bikes along Arthur Drive and 28th Ave.
- If you have any additional suggestions or ideas, please let us know (at delta@bikehub.ca).



FOR INFORMATION: Joint Active Transportation Committee

(Fraser Health Authority, Delta Seniors, TransLink, Delta HUB, ICBC, City of Delta)

- A new joint committee formed in 2018 to collectively discuss and address topics related to active transportation and healthy community development in Delta. The group is chaired by Korine Deol (Fraser Health), and includes representation from the City of Delta, TransLink, ICBC, Delta Seniors and Delta HUB Cycling.
- Presently, the group is creating an inventory of projects that are being undertaken in Delta to promote active transportation. They have also been discussing a possible intergenerational cycling initiatives that would connect youth with seniors.

FOR INFORMATION: Delta HUB "Top 20" Improvements List (*Updated)

- Delta HUB recently updated our "Top 20" Improvements List, which we will be sharing with Delta Engineering.
- The last update was provided to Delta Engineering in December 2017, summarizing improvements (short- and long-term) that community members have identified.
- The most recent update highlights improvements that have been completed, and includes new items that have been shared (see PDF attached).
- A similar list has been prepared and shared with MoTI relating to priorities and improvements that lie within Provincial jurisdiction.
- Any questions or suggestions for new improvements can be shared with the committee at delta@bikehub.ca.



FOR INFORMATION: Retiring Chair, Delta HUB Committee (Patrick Thompson)

- I have served as the Chair of the Delta HUB committee since we began in 2014. I became an "accidental advocate" for cycling improvements during the past 4 years, and have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships, connections, and improvements that we have seen.
- While I will continue to be involved, our committee will be transitioning to a new Chair this summer/fall. I want to thank everyone for their interest, support, and willingness to work towards safer and better conditions for people who bike in our community. It has made a great difference!