



HUB - New Westminster  
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room  
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)  
Wednesday January 18, 2023

Present: BJ (online), Brad Barber, Jeremy Braacx (online) Jaqueline Brower, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa, Patrick Parkes, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Karon Trenaman, Robert Wong, whereiscolin (online)

Call to order: 6:10 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add High School Connector, Queensborough Transportation Plan, Go by Bike Week, Bike Awards to the agenda. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (November 16, 2022) – Approved.
- c) Changes in Co-Chairs – Garey Carlson stepped down as HUB-NW co-chair. Heidi was the only nominee and was acclaimed co-chair. Andrew continues to serve as the other co-chair.

2. Advocacy

a) 2023 Priorities – The All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan (see <https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12383>) is the most comprehensive cycling plan that the City of New Westminster has put forth. Year 1 projects, those that can be implemented quickly with little design and consultation required, consist of Boyd Street, 7th Street from Downtown to Uptown, the Rotary Crosstown Greenway (7th Avenue) including Fader Street to the Central Valley Greenway, and connections to Burnaby's priority network (namely, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Street between London Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The BC Parkway including the portion on Stewardson Way is the authority of TransLink and is not part of the plan. The portion of Carnarvon Street west of Eighth Street should be included in the City's official bicycle network.

b) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – Andrew reminded Tim Welsh to contact the School Board to champion the report's recommendations. Gavin Davidson, who co-wrote the report, is no longer with HUB.

c) Partnership/ Relationship Potential Conflicts – Before stepping down as HUB-NW co-chair, Garey had volunteered to investigate the issue with HUB Central.

Action: Heidi will contact Garey for an update.

d) Volunteer Opportunity: Council Watcher(s) – Shane volunteered to monitor Council's agendas and identify items of direct interest to HUB-NW (eg bicycling projects and budgetary items).

e) Discussion around Recent Weather Events – There were many complaints (including on See, Click, Fix) about bike routes and sidewalks not being cleared of snow. Some cities such as Mississauga have snow clearing programs for sidewalks.

Action: Brad will raise the issue of snow clearing with Mike Anderson and Shane will draft an email with Heidi's assistance regarding the issue to the City.

f) High School Connector – The route is nearly complete and is open for cyclists to use. Some painting is still forthcoming. While cycling on the bike lane (between the sidewalk and parked motor vehicles), Brad had a near collision with a person exiting their car. Motor vehicles have also been parking on the bike lane.

g) Queensborough Transportation Plan – The City will hold a group consultation session. Andrew and Heidi expect to attend.

### 3. Activities

a) Social Event with City Councilors Update/Planning – Patrick sent a letter to Mayor and Council inviting them to a bike ride and social get-together.

b) Participaction Community Challenge – The City will apply for a grant in conjunction with the challenge to increase physical activity. Several HUB-NW members met with the City's representative, Shelley Schnee, and Gordon Hobbs of Cap's Bicycle Shop to discuss cycling events for the challenge.

c) Go by Bike Week – GobyBikeBC holds a Winter GobyBike Week from February 6 to 12 (see <https://gobybikebc.ca/event-info/>) that is separate from HUB's Go by Bike Week. HUB-NW expects to organize a community station for HUB's Spring Go by Bike Week.

Action: Fulton will suggest to HUB that Fraser Health hold its Royal Columbian Hospital Go by Bike Week station at a different time than noon to 2 pm to get more visitors.

d) Bike Awards (Thursday February 23) – With short notice in December, Fulton nominated the Sixth Street Bike Lanes (aka NWSS or High School Connector) as HUB-NW's submission for HUB's Infrastructure Improvement Award. However, it is unclear if the project, which was not completed in 2022, qualifies.

To attend the free virtual event, registration on HUB's website is required.

Adjourned: 7:20 pm

Following the meeting, Shane gave a brief overview of Discord including channels under the HUB-NW server and roles (either HUB or Family Cargo Bike group).

To join HUB-NW meetings online, attendees must log into their Discord account, click the HUB logo on Discord and then click Meetings under Voice Channels.

Next Hybrid Meeting: Wednesday February 15 at 6 pm virtually on Discord and in the Ash Street Room of the New Westminster Public Library