

Parks + Recreation + Cycling



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Agenda



1. Introductions
2. HUB Cycling
3. Cycling in Cities – Dr. Teschke
4. Transportation and Recreation Cycling
5. Park Board Strategic Plan
6. Benefits of Cycling in support of the Strategy
7. Challenges and Opportunities
8. Takeaways
9. Discussion



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LOCAL COMMITTEES



HUB Bike to Work Week

Fabulous Prizes
Free Bike Repairs
Celebration Stations
Coffee & Giveaways

Register May 1st
@ btww.ca

Bike to School



More people cycling creates healthier, happier, more connected communities.

Research Program ...

cyclingincities



Route preferences: off-street bike paths & multi-use paths are residents' top choices – men, women, people with children

Route safety: multi-use paths, poor safety

bike-only paths better, but room for improvement

Research: can help with evidence-based choices, including

comparisons to other city bike routes



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Transportation and Recreation Cycling

- Two different types of cycling
- Both relate to Vancouver Parks
 - Transportation, e.g. along the Stanley Park Causeway, or access to parks and facilities throughout the city
 - Recreation, e.g. on the Stanley Park seawall
 - Combined use, e.g. much of the Seaside Greenway along the south side of False Creek
- Two connected themes: people accessing parks by bicycle, and people using bicycles within parks



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Park Board Strategic Plan (and Cycling) (June 27, 2012)

- Vision: To be leaders in parks and recreation by connecting people to green space, active living and community
- Some key phrases:
 - “We facilitate healthy lifestyles and enrich communities”
 - “Active Living is helping people to find ways to move more and be physically active on a regular basis”
 - “...meet current and future needs”
 - “...advocating for healthy and sustainable environments”
 - “Provide parks and recreation facilities that are inclusive and universally accessible”
 - “Recreation is widely defined to include Community and fitness centres, arts and culture, sports, golf courses, rinks and pools, playing fields and courts”



Benefits of Cycling in Support of the Strategy



- Cycling connects people to green space in an active way
- Future needs – cost and space requirements of motor vehicles are not tenable. We need alternatives
- Greening - refers to “sustainable environments” and supporting....”breathable air...a liveable climate”
- Improved Inclusivity and Accessibility
- Expand the definition of recreation



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Challenges and Opportunities

- Opportunity to help meet numerous Strategic Plan goals
- Challenges of building new bicycle paths
- Opportunity to include HUB Cycling as a stakeholder representing cycling
- Opportunity to use HUB Cycling as a resource
- Opportunity to use Cycling in Cities research as a resource
- Opportunity to expand programming utilizing HUB Cycling



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Challenges and Opportunities

- Usage conflicts on congested paths
 - Separated paths (e.g. near David Lam Park) show the way forward, as compared with shared paths near Charleson Park
 - Clearly identify conflict area such as pedestrian crossings of cycle paths. For example, this could be done with raised tiles with white tiles forming zebra pattern.
 - Clear and consistent way finding signage, for tourists and residents
 - Establish alternate routes for faster cyclists
- Bike Parking facilities
 - Importance of rack quality and placement near building entrances. Consider adding secure bike parking.
 - 10 bikes in the space of one car parking space



Today's Takeaways

- How promoting cycling helps meet Parks & Recreation goals
- How HUB Cycling and Cycling in Cities can be helpful resources to commissioners and staff and how to foster an ongoing relationship



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Appendices



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Kid's Cycling Programs



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Kid's Bicycle Traffic Training in Germany



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Stanley Park Traffic School

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2008

Consider bringing this back, but with bicycles?



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Surface
Treatment

Bike Parking



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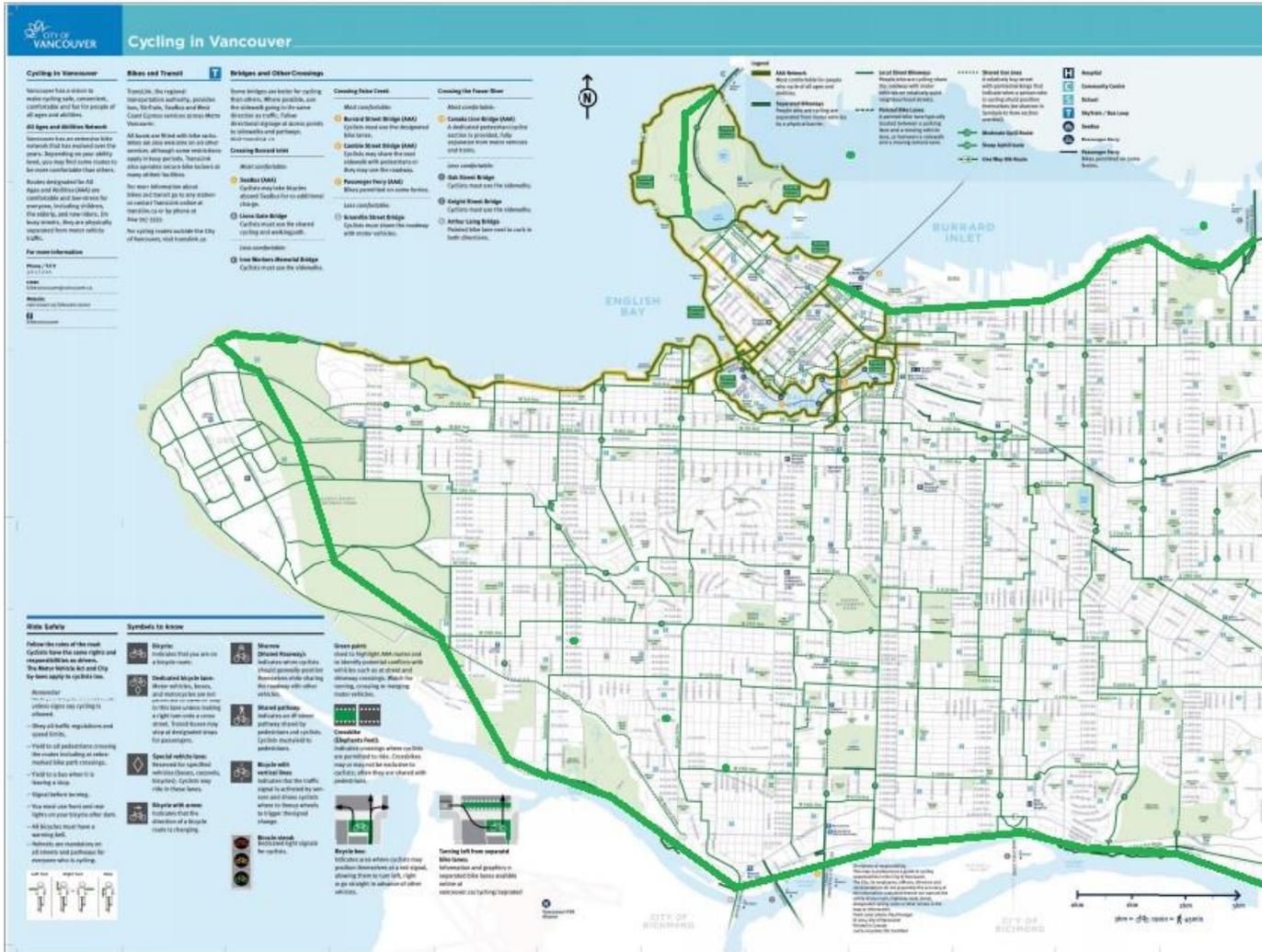
Cycling Programming



Current Community Centre & Park Plans



Imagine a complete Seaside Greenway



Interested Parties

- Trans Canada Trail
- Great Blue Heron Way
- Experience the Fraser
- HUB

Benefits

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tourism



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