

2020 Action Plan

HUB Cycling Vancouver UBC Local Committee

HUB Mission: Get more people cycling, more often

Strategic Priorities: (from 2015-2020 HUB Cycling Strategic Plan)

Strengthen public engagement

Membership, programming, brand

Better engage all transportation stakeholders and create positive change

Strengthen committees; be the region's cycling resource

Improve financial performance

Diversify revenues, increase organizational capacity

Additional Themes: (from draft 2020-2025 HUB Cycling Strategic Plan)

Diversity, inclusion, social equity

More use of data, evidenced based decisions

Leverage Feb 2020 State of Cycling report & associated GIS data

Key Local Committee Actions & Successes from 2019

- *Assessment Ride Reports completed and submitted for the Pandora Bikeway and Powell Connector; the Midtown Ridgeway Bikeway; The NE Quadrant Greenway Route Proposal; Nanaimo St improvements.*
- *Ongoing involvement with CoV Engineering and Planning and consultations on the Arbutus Greenway; Kits Beach Park; NE False Creek; the Granville Connector; Richards Street; Drake St; Haro St, the Broadway subway; 10th Ave; Georgia Gateway planning; the Powell Corridor and bypass; SW Marine Drive bike lanes In Service Review; and the Adanac bikeway*
- *Ongoing involvement with the Park Board on Kits Beach path improvements; proposed Cooper Park improvements; John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) bikeway improvements; the Stanley Park Cycling Plan; and a long-term Park Development strategic Planning process (VanPlay).*
- *Consultation and recommendations submitted on proposed changes to the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) program, to allow CAC funds to be applied outside the immediate neighbourhood of the proposed development if the project is recognized as having city-wide benefits (approved by council).*
- *Consultation on a proposed pilot project to implement neighbourhood 30 km/hr speed limits*
- *Work with the Force of Nature coalition on the Granville Connector*
- *Committee Infrastructure Priorities List- shared with CoV staff and Councillors*
- *Regular meetings held with CoV Transportation officials.*
- *Participation via the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) with both MoTI and Translink*
- *Improved committee meetings with presentations and Deep Dive topics to promote discussion and attendee engagement.*
- *Strong engagement conducted with the State of Cycling project team, including reviewing Vancouver and UBC infrastructure, and coordinating with City staff to build support for the project.*
- *Achieved adoption of an improved CoV bylaw banning vehicles stopping in bike lanes, following a campaign with the City..*

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Continuously improve committee functioning

Work continuously to make LC meetings relevant for all attendees. Post documents promptly and provide links to more information. Use the Current Consultations list to encourage participation in City consultations, particularly those requiring expressions of public support in order to be approved by staff and council. Agendas will be distributed the week prior to meetings; minutes will be distributed promptly. Committee email responses will be timely. Ensure agendas don't get too bloated, focus on working groups that are functioning as independent teams. Respond to all new committee attendee email enquiries and expressions of interest; invite members to attend a meeting, and follow up with them at meetings to improve onboarding.

Strengthen working groups

Focus on those working groups with identified leaders and regular team activity, especially those active between monthly LC meetings. Continue to encourage people to step forward for work on specific issues, spreading the load among more committee members. Utilize the working group structure to balance the workload between the chair and other LC members.

Working Groups – Assessment Rides

Plan to hold four assessment rides this year, with reports completed and submitted on each one. Focus on current LC top infrastructure priorities, as well as identified City projects as they come up, and ensure that there is a committee position developed for each one. Look back at completed projects and do follow up assessment rides where appropriate. Following submission of assessment ride reports, meet with City staff to review in person and discuss the next steps.

Working Group- Cycling in Parks

Engage with city staff and park commissioners while pushing for improvements on the Seaside South Greenway(seawall) from Vanier Park through the Kits Beach area. Promote the completion of this with the public, the City, and Commissioners on the Board of Parks. Follow up on other Park Board cycling initiatives, such as the 2012 Stanley Park Cycling Plan. Promote the new Park Board concept of “To, And Through” as a guiding principle for Park Board.

Working Group- Arbutus Greenway

Engage with the City and the public in the planning for permanent Greenway facilities, as design contracts are let for the first sections. Promote improved connections at either end of this route, to the Seaside Greenway, Granville Bridge Connector project, and Kent Ave Bikeway. Identify safety issues with the current temporary path and follow up with City staff, particularly with intersections.

Working Group- Cargo Bikes and Freight

Promote and encourage the use of cargo bikes for “last km” delivery through a focus on appropriate infrastructure, and new policy development. Act as a voice for bike delivery issues with other HUB Cycling initiatives (eg ensuring planned bike lanes are designed appropriately for use by cargo bikes).

Potential Working Group- Bike Parking

Increase our efforts on advocacy for improved bicycle parking, especially in the downtown Central Business District and near Waterfront Station. Consider forming a new working group, subject to volunteer availability. Liaise with Translink, CoV, the DVBlA and other BlAs, developers, HUB Cycling’s staff team (Bike Friendly Business), and parking companies.

Ongoing City Bikeway Improvement Plans

Continue to engage with the public and the City consultation processes on improvements planned throughout 2020, including Richards, Drake, the Granville Connector, Ontario, Ridgeway/Midtown, Adanac, Haro, Bute, 14th Ave, and the Portside Greenway, as well as other routes identified by the City from time to time. Meet with the CoV Safe Routes to Schools team, and seek opportunities to specifically integrate school routes into our advocacy.

Kent Avenue

Determine how to increase the CoV focus on addressing Kent Ave issues during the capital investment cycle ending in 2022 (these improvements are currently on that capital plan but are not being advanced due to CoV workload issues).

NE False Creek

Continue to engage with the City consultation processes on the transportation design for NE False Creek, including removal of the Dunsmuir and Georgia viaducts, the new complete street network, transportation planning, and planning for the Creekside Park extension. Recognizer this initiative as a city changing project, with significant long-term impacts, and assign resources appropriately. Participate in consultations and planning for the new arterial connector along Prior Street. Engage in consultations for the new Dunsmuir Connector active ramp from Creekside Park to Dunsmuir at Citadel Parade.

10th Ave Bikeway Improvements

Continue to engage with the public and the City consultation processes on walking and cycling improvements to 10th Ave (Trafalgar to Victoria). Push for AAA standards along this full route. Encourage completion of the sections from Willow to Cambie, around Main/Kingsway, and near Commercial/Victoria; continue to monitor the interim improvements for the section from Burrard to Trafalgar. Push for improvements of the Granville and 10th section, particularly with the Granville Subway station construction upcoming.

State of Cycling Benchmarking Report

Leverage the HUB Cycling State of Cycling (SoC) benchmarking report, identifying issues raised in that report specific to Vancouver and UBC and advocating for resolution of them. Incorporate the Vancouver UBC Gap Priority List and associated map into the SoC GIS database.

Top Infrastructure Improvement Opportunities

Maintain our Gap Priority List process (portfolio management) and enter all Vancouver/UBC gaps brought forward, adding items as the year progresses and new issues arise. Update the Gap Priority List quarterly as action is taken by the City and other agencies on various items. Determine how to incorporate our Gap Priority List as a layer in the SoC GIS database and explore use of the SoC maps to further identify priority gaps. Participate in expanding and supporting the Gap List with all other Metro local committees. Identify quick fix opportunities and encourage the CoV to participate in the HUB Cycling 20 in 20 challenge this year.

RAC Liaison

Ensure coordination with the HUB Board Regional Advisory Committee. Participate in RAC region-wide initiatives such as #ungapthemap and represent the Vancouver UBC Local Committee. Provide an RAC update at each local committee meeting.

Liaison with other Local Committees

Maintain communications with other Local Committees. Participate in workshops and regular teleconferences held by HUB staff to share best practices across all local committees.

Relationship Management (City Council & staff, UBC, MoTI, Translink)

Build and maintain strong relationships with relevant government departments and elected officials to present HUB Cycling positions and improve alignment. This includes CoV staff in Engineering, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Greenest City/Smart City teams, and special projects teams such as NE False Creek and the Broadway Subway. The relationship with City staff remains positive, with CoV teams reaching out regularly for LC input and seeking opportunities to present at LC meetings. Build relationships with key councillors and Park Board commissioners. Engage with authorities at UBC, including UBC planning, UEL, and MoTI to address identified gaps in the bikeway network. Overall, relationships with MoTI have not shown improvement in 2019 but will be a focus of additional effort in 2020.