



Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Rui (Henriquez Partners), Zoe (Pottinger Bird), Alix, Brooke, Bruce C, Bruce R, Christina, Clark, Dan, David F, Devo, Donal, Ece, Enzo, Eric S, Ivan, Karole, Kay, Keith, Kristin, Lisa, Margaret, Michael M, Mike T, Mike V, Molly H, Navdeep, Philippe, Ron R, Sam, Shaun, Stan F, Suzanne, Tassillie, Tim, Nels, Stan F, Eric W (40)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from April: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing
2	Stan/Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule meeting with Arbutus Greenway project team for an update - Complete

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords. When we can resume face to face meetings, we are considering holding a portion of them via Zoom, due to higher attendance and more participation.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up-to-date news
- The City of Vancouver is requesting feedback on how the diversions are working on Ontario, Heather, Charles, and two on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12th. These are not permanent diversions, and there is not a formal public engagement program. We encourage all those who ride these streets and have an opinion on the traffic calming to complete the [CoV Survey](#).
- HUB Cycling [Go by Bike Week](#) will run May 31st to June 6th. Also [Bike to School Week](#) to June 4th. Both will include online events promoting cycling, including webinars, classes, videos, and so on. Register to win prizes.
- The CoV has proposed a new bidirectional protected cycle lane on Smithe St, from Richards to Thurlow. [Please complete the survey online](#) and show your support for this much needed improvement to the downtown cycling network. This one has been on our priority list for many years. More details in the meeting notes and presentation.

5. Presentation on Cycling Considerations at the new Oakridge Development (Rui, Henriquez Partners)

- Major development, abutting cycling routes on 41st, 45th, Cambie, and Heather.
- Cycle routes will be protected and bidirectional on Cambie, and 41st. Protected lane on the new Choy Yuen Crescent, connecting the Heather Bikeway to 45th to continue south
- Cycle parking silos (17) with automated retrieval for residents and employees
- Bike rooms to supplement the bike storage silos, and accommodate non-traditional bikes, plus surface bike parking for short stays. Dedicated bike elevators to the bike rooms. A desire was expressed for covered surface bike parking.
- Outdoor garden wrapping over the shopping centre is for walking, not for cycling

- Underground vehicle parking with entrances at cross streets (eg 42nd). Vehicle traffic accessing the parking ramps will cross the cycle lanes and will be signalized.
- A copy of the presentation slides has been requested. Follow up questions can be sent to vancouver@bikehub.ca
- Thanks to Rui and Zoe for attending our meeting and presenting tonight.

6. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff (vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Anthony, Philippe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. • Kent Ave Bikeway proposal update is underway. Two other reports (UBC and Dumfries) now with Jeff. • Additional rides are on hold pending improvements in the public health situation. Philippe has a list of names of those interested and will contact people when things improve. 	<p>Philippe: organize upcoming rides after changes to PH orders.</p> <p>Jeff: update Kent Ave report, and submit finalized reports</p>
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great success with recent Park Board implementations • Interim protected lane in Kits Beach Park parking lot will be maintained until a permanent solution is decided. • Public engagement planned for summer 2021 on a long-term solution (from Ogden to Ash) through the park. Decision expected late 2021 or early 2022. We are very pleased to see the structured formal engagement program launched, as we have been requesting this for some time. • Stanley Park temporary protected lane implemented on Park Drive (Phase 1), Pipeline Rd to 2nd Beach. No improvements at parking lot entrances yet. • Phase 2 (looking at the rest of Park Drive) expected in mid June • Phase 3 (concrete to replace cones, the full length of Park Drive) expected in mid July • Mention was made of a recent public survey showing high support for protected bike lanes in Vancouver (2/3 for). • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • PB staff report to commissioners on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term expected in the fall of 2021. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. • A meeting was held this month with the CoV project team • The plan was to award design contracts for two sections of the permanent path. Due to the pandemic, and financial constraints, this work has been deferred. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu of the external design work, the City is proceeding with short term fixes for critical intersections. King Edward is at the top of the list. 41st and 16th were also discussed. At King Edward, we have requested signal light changes to protect people in the crossing, and restriction of right turns on red. More than this, the crossing requires realignment so that people are not detoured over to the Arbutus St crosswalk alignment. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. Removal of PST on ebikes applies to electric assist cargo bikes as well. Pushing for new micro logistic hubs for distribution 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. Construction work for the Arbutus subway station will result in a detour on the Arbutus Greenway from 10th to 7th and Cypress, to be implemented shortly. Construction work for the Great Northern Way station will result in a detour on GNW and Scotia, now under construction. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential north/south route from around the PNE, towards the Fraser river The CoV is doing some internal work to evaluate options and continues to monitor the Slow Street on Lillooet. 	

7. Consultations (Jeff) - Note: many more details on these items are in our [meeting presentation on our wiki](#)

- Discussion on the Stanley Park Protected Lane. The temporary cone protected lane has been implemented from the north end of Pipeline Rd, to 2nd Beach, apart from the parking lot entrances. Phase 2 in mid June will address the remainder of Park Drive. Phase 3 in mid July will include concrete barriers the full length of Park Drive, replacing the cones. The seawall remains open for people on bikes. A return route has been requested along Pipeline Road. A reminder that the left lane is not just a car lane, but rather a general travel lane, for vehicles, horse drawn carriages, and people on bikes overtaking slower riders. We are preparing for a fall debate when staff present longer term recommendations for reducing vehicle volumes in the park.
- Kits Beach Park temporary protected lane implemented through the parking lot. The desire line path at Cornwall and Balsam has been improved. These improvements are intended to remain until a longer-term solution is implemented. Public engagement has been announced for this summer, in two phases, to gather input and determine a path alignment for the full length of the park, from Ogden to Balsam. A decision from commissioners is expected in early 2022, prior to the election.
- The City has proposed a new bidirectional protected bikeway on [Smithe St](#), from Richards to Thurlow. This will fill a critical gap in the network, connecting the Cambie Bridge to the West End. It will provide a safe route from False Creek right through to the Stanley Park Causeway, as the lane will connect to the improved bikeway on Haro St. See the link for more details, and make sure to complete the online survey.
- School Streets Pilot Program has wrapped up. Three schools participated (Lord Roberts, Hastings, Van Horne) in a four-week pilot. Evaluation now underway, and discussions with staff and elected officials continue in order to push for September implementations of school streets, building on the learnings from this pilot program.
- Slow Streets – **feedback is required from all of us to the City on how the diversions are working.** The Wall St diversion was removed due to negative public response. Ontario at Riley Park appears to

be working, as does the one on Charles. Two new diversions were announced on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12th. We need feedback to the City on whether these are working, or not, as there is no other public engagement planned, and these are temporary installations. Please complete the [CoV Survey](#) about this question. We are not talking here about the Slow Street implementations where portable barriers are continually shifted off the roadway, but are focused here on the concrete barriers, which are immovable.

- Bicycle Counts. The CoV is planning additional counts to help plan future active transportation route improvements. Details of locations in the presentation.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is creating an MoTI gap list for cycling routes on, crossing, or connecting to routes on, MoTI right of ways. We participated in the Vancouver and Regional workshops, presenting the UBC routes (SW Marine, etc) as well as the south end of the Stanley Park Causeway, and connections at the south end of the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge. For longer distance cycling highways, we submitted the Sea to Sky corridor (Vancouver to Whistler); the Hwy 7 corridor (Maple Ridge to Hope) and the Hwy 99 Corridor (Canada Line Bridge to the US Border)
- More details on these and other current consultations in the [presentation](#).

8. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- Discussions underway with the project team regarding the Massey Crossing Project, and active transportation connections to allow users to reach the Tsawwassen ferries, and the US border.

9. Local Committee Correspondence

- Gap Map updated to show an alternate connection for the Hillcrest Bikeway at Windsor
- Comments received on the design of the Wesbrook bike lane at UBC
- A [study](#) was forwarded on the Comox Helmcken Greenway and the impact it has had on cycling trips (full study available)
- We noted sadly the recent passing of Jack Becker, a long-time champion of active transportation. Jack was instrumental in the creation of the path on the Canada Line Bridge.

10. Board Update (Jeff)

- A presentation was received by the Board from Professor Alex Bigazzi at UBC, on his [cycling studies](#). One study focused on energy efficiency, equipment type, electric assist bikes, and the impact of all of these on route selection. The studies are available at the link above.

11. Other Business (none)

20:00 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting June 15th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)