



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19th, 2021
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Lisa (co host), Philippe, Geneviève, Eleni, Stan, Ivan, Mike T, DeeDee, Lucy, Sam, Eric, Mike V, Karole, Michael, Geoff, Kristin, Enzo, Ece, Sarah, Keith, Roan, Tomer, Clark, Ouifaq, Eric +2 (28)

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**

2. **Agenda:** Approved

3. **Minutes from Nov:** 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	Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete assessment ride report for UBC ride – report in draft
3	Philippe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize assessment ride on Dumfries – Planned for Sat Jan 23

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.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up-to-date news
- HUB Cycling [Bike Awards](#) are coming up February 22nd.
- HUB Cycling [Learn2Ride Online](#) is available here. It is free, and is targeted to youth 9-12, and new riders. Share the link with anyone you know that you think could benefit from the course.
- MoTI announced \$16.7 million in 2021 Active Transportation projects in December. \$6.5 million is specifically for projects in the South Coast region. Vancouver/UBC announced projects were discussed in this meeting, under the heading of consultations.
- [Micromobility World](#) (Jan 27-29) Virtual Conference. Free admission to some (general) sessions.

5. **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 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. UBC ride completed, report is now in draft (Anthony). Dumfries ride planned for Sat January 23 (Philippe) Kent Ave report to be updated with new info and photos (Jeff) 	<p>Anthony: complete UBC ride report.</p> <p>Philippe: organize ride on Dumfries.</p> <p>Jeff: submit finalized reports</p>

Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • Planned meeting with PB staff set; we will focus on Stanley Park protected lane proposal, and the Kits Beach Park connections. • Awaiting PB staff report to commissioners on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term. • Recent communications with PB have now been posted on our wiki. 	
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. • No update this month. Stan and Jeff will request a meeting with the CoV project team for an update. 	
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. • No update this month • HUB RAC wrote to the minister of finance requesting the removal of PST on ebikes, and additional support that doesn't require using the Scrap It program for old cars. 	
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. • Prep work for the Arbutus subway station will result in detours from 10th to 7th from time to time (using 10th, and Cypress) • New signal crossing installed on 2nd at Scotia, which is where the CVG cycling route detour will run near the Emily Carr station construction. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update this month. 	

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

- We now have access to the Strava Metro data and tool, which provides volumes and routes for people cycling (only counting those people using the Strava app). While the absolute numbers are not necessarily accurate for all people cycling, the tool could show comparative numbers for parallel routes, or show changes in ridership over time, as examples. Data is available for the use of any of our working groups through Jeff.
- The Beach Ave bikeway construction continues, with poured concrete curbs, and now painted bullnose edges and plastic pylons to fill the gaps (while permitting emergency vehicle access). We expect painted centre lines and edge lines soon, subject to appropriate weather for paint application. Make sure to try it out, but it is still under construction so be aware. Significant interest was expressed in the protected lanes connecting along Pacific from Jervis to Thurlow to access the Burrard Bridge.
- Discussion on the planned Coal Harbour school, and the need to ensure safe bikeway access. The school will be along our proposed Hastings bikeway (at Broughton) and safe crossings will also be required of arterials such as Georgia (many students will be coming from the Lord Roberts catchment in the West End). The Hastings route is being promoted to connect the Dunsmuir bikeway at Hornby, through to the Stanley Park Causeway. The painted sharrows on Pender have now been removed and this is no longer shown as a bike route. Melville remains, but is one way, and ends at Pender.
- The Richard St Bikeway is construction is now on the Nelson to Pacific section and is planned to include a crossing of Pacific (to reach Beach Cres). Details in the meeting presentation.
- Rezoning hearing coming up for a new tower between Beach Cres and Pacific, immediately east of

Vancouver House at Granville. This will impact the Beach Ave bikeway.

- MoTI have proposed a MUP on NW Marine up to UBC from Spanish Banks (map in the presentation). Discussion on whether people cycling will choose the MUP, particularly downhill, over the roadway. We advised the design team that they need to consider some very different groups of riders (families with children, commuters, sport riders) that all move at different speeds and regularly use this route. This accommodation should include signage that people cycling may use the path or roadway, not must use the path.
- MoTI have proposed improvements to the 16th Ave MUP from UBC (no details at this time)
- We have a media report of improvements planned to the Stanley Park Causeway and Lions Gate Bridge cycling path access, but do not have more details at this time. Questions in to MoTI reps.
- SE and SW Marine are being rehabilitated, with no specific AT improvements planned along Marine Drive. There are some crossing improvements planned.
- Interest expressed in more traffic calming on the Ontario bikeway. CoV plans for diversions between 2nd and 16th at multiple locations. Details [here](#). Concerns expressed with vehicle speed from 49th to 57th, will be added to discussion topics with the CoV.
- Concerns with ongoing closures of the seawall path near Siwash Rock, due to maintenance work, and no safe alternate route being provided. A protected lane along Pipeline would address this (on agenda for PB meeting). CoV policies require that when a cycling lane has a detour, the detour should be of the same standard (eg here, it should be protected and not a shared road). Will be discussed with Park Board reps.

7. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- We have built a [prototype](#) to show our gap list overlaid with the State of Cycling assessment routes. The full application will be built using a GIS tool, but this is to demonstrate the concept.
- MoTI active transportation projects announced throughout Metro Vancouver. Consultation meetings held with the design contractor for paths on NW Marine, Mary Hill Bypass, and the Hwy 1 overpass improvements at Lynn Valley Road and Capilano Road.
- Metro Van [Regional Greenways 2050 Plan](#) finalized

8. Board Update (Jeff)

- No update this month

20:00 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting February 16th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)