

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

Date/Time: Thursday, August 8 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: Online via Google Meet

Google Meet Info

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Co-Chairs: Jesse Li, Devyn Cairns

Attendees: Vincent, Jesse, Sheryl, Donna, Derek, Quincy, Ivan, Devyn, Yvonne

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; for new members, what they're interested about in the committee; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.

3. Items for Discussion

- Things that happened this month:
 - Bike to Shop
 - Minimum passing distance letter sent
- No Right Turn on Red Campaign
 - Devyn made contact with RPRC, asked if they would support us in this initiative. De was supportive and confirmed that others in the coalition would support it, as long as it's not a "ban it everywhere"
 - Reach out to Alice (pronounced Elise) at VCH on collaboration, let them know what we've been doing on RTOR and ask for support
- Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
 - No updates (RATC not running for the summer)
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
 - In July: Richmond met with representatives from Destination BC, took them out to the existing portion of the Great Blue Heron Way in Tsawwassen, currently there are barriers on either side that are preventing accessibility to that area.
 - Hoping that Destination BC will publicize the fact that they wish to have a land bridge over Hwy 17.
 - Would also like an overpass over the railway at Deltaport.
 - Destination BC is trying to promote more tourism in BC, so this should hopefully be something that's aligned
- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
 - No council meetings in August

- Plan possibly ongoing with Richmond City Council (PW&T) shuttle service (for bikes and pedestrians) from Canada Line to Steveston, incorporating bike storage / bike valet service in Steveston. Wanting to meet with Destination BC
 - In high season in Steveston there is insufficient parking, so looking to promote alternatives. Can't plan for hundreds of cars parking in Steveston.
 - Vincent: add paid parking to reduce the number of people parking there? Many community centres in Vancouver have free parking for local residents only during certain hours, and then everyone else has to pay
 - Zero price effect: as long as something is free, it has unreasonable value to people. Even a nominal fee changes this considerably
 - Steveston needs more bike parking. Stacked racks?
- Review action items from last meeting
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- Upcoming events:
 - Bike to Shop (August)
 - Garlic Fest Ride (Sat, Aug 17)
 - [Keep Calm and Curb Plunk On webinar](#) (Sept 9)
 - Bike the Night (Sat, Sept 14)
- Richmond Conflict Zones (Derek Lai/VCH/Devyn)
 - Which areas are hot spots/near misses that may not be captured in the ICBC data
 - Vincent: Lansdowne Rd & Garden City Rd - Right turn lane, separated bike path beside sidewalk on Garden City Rd. I find that whenever I go there I make sure to slow down to let cars go through, because they aren't watching / aren't considerate for cyclists, and keep moving through (maybe even speed up) and don't check to their right before they turn. Because of the design with the right turn lane, and the need to enter the intersection before right turning, they are not checking before they turn.
 - Leading pedestrian/bike indicator could help with this.
 - Would be nice to have a protected intersection
 - Which areas are high conflict zone for cyclist/pedestrians
 - Jesse: No 3 Rd (also part of no RTOR) - there's a number of intersections along No 3 Rd that have disproportionately high amounts of cyclist or pedestrian collisions. Not so surprising, this area has high pedestrian traffic and is underserved by infrastructure.

- Jesse: Westminster Hwy x Hwy 99 overpass, there's a bit where you just have to cross the highway ramp, doesn't feel safe because highway ramp traffic is fast and doesn't stop
 - Vincent: Garden City Rd x Granville Ave, cars merging across the bike lane (painted in conflict green). I've seen cars go directly in front of me or sit in the bike lane because they want to merge in, and have to leave the bike lane to get around them
 - Any Richmond specific road safety priority you'd like to share
 - Quincy: getting on to No 3 Rd from Granville is quite difficult, you have to either turn across three lanes of traffic to turn left onto No 3 Rd, or go past and turn left at Buswell St. There's no infrastructure there currently
 - Ivan: issues with drivers not following the rules and not looking to their right as they turn, having to be defensive about riding
 - Jesse: Highway ramps in general
 - Westminster Hwy overpass of Hwy 99, going east
 - Arthur Laing bridge going south, coming from Vancouver/SW Marine Drive - sign saying "cross when safe" or something to that effect, which is not easy to do
 - Vincent: Van Horne Way x Great Canadian Way, very difficult to turn left into the bike lane
 - Can do a vehicular turn from the main traffic lane
 - Copenhagen turn
 - Either way not much infrastructure
 - Jesse: Blind corners with driveways along bike lanes/multi-use paths
 - Devyn: Driver education for how to deal with cyclists is lacking, people who went through driver education a long time ago are not well aware of what the rules are and how to behave around cyclists
- Garlic Festival Ride:
 - We've spent about \$60 so far into our annual budget, so we have lots of room to spend money on the Garlic Festival
 - Keep tabs on how many people will show up, try to get more
- Engagement opportunities:
 - Lets Talk Richmond - Capstan Station, New Housing Regulations, North Dyke Upgrades
 - BC modular housing pushback (want to help support it? Send a letter to the City Council!)

- (time permitting) - Review progress on the initiatives list
- New bike counters are going in
 - Will be able to measure speed

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send followup email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Jesse** - reach out to Alice Miro at Vancouver Coastal Health
- **Devyn** - send minimum passing distance letter to Ivan
- **Jesse** - Ping Steveston Merchant's Association about bike parking
- **Jesse** - Share Vincent's RTOR report with Derek
- **Devyn or Jesse** - ping Nathan again about RTOR pilot?
- **Devyn** - collate responses to Derek's question into a spreadsheet and send them to him
- **Everyone** - if you're interested, send a letter of support to City Council about BC modular housing

6. Next meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM in-person and online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca