



**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
18:30-20:00
HUB Office
1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Stan, Anthony (minutes), Lisa, Nathan, Tim, Mark, Stuart, Jill, Eric, Shawn, Dasha, Clark

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: Approved
3. Minutes from April 2017 meeting: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from April 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, VanConnect, @CityOfVancouver to have them addressed by the City. Ongoing
2	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our Committee web page, and were briefly discussed this evening. Ongoing
3	Stan	Finalize Arbutus Greenway Report with Recommendations. To be finalized May 16th
4	Jeff	Complete NW Marine Drive Assessment Report Done, and submitted to the City and MoTI.
5	Jeff	Present Destination Main Street report to the Mt Pleasant Business Improvement Assn for comment Done
6	Jeff	Hold Powell Corridor assessment ride Done. Report being drafted. Initial discussions held with City on potential routes

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - If you are interested in helping with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
 - Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee, and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents.
 - Bike to Work Week, Bike to School Week, coming up May 29th. Register your trips, consider volunteering. If you already ride to work, sign up and register your trips because some cities and other agencies use Bike to Work to track how many people are riding to work, and where. Translink also uses it for funding metrics.
 - #UnGapTheMap video (on www.bikehub.ca)

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). • NW Marine Drive ride report finalized and submitted, discussion with CoV – city recognizes that paving a “landing strip” can make a route more dangerous, particularly due to a lack of signage, and indications on where to ride. Cyclists should NOT ride in the shoulder, otherwise may be liable for riding where they are not supposed to. • Powell Corridor ride held, report being drafted, discussions started with CoV • Main St report delivered to Mt Pleasant BIA (in person) for input before submitting to City. 	<p>Jeff: Find next assessment ride target. Clark has suggested 14th as it will be a bypass route for 10th. Jeff wants to do the Pender corridor.</p> <p>Anthony volunteered to lead 14th, Jeff will lead Pender</p>
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Hadden Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. • Changes recently made to Charleson Rd. near Moberly: temporarily closed to non-transit vehicle traffic. If you have the opportunity, thank the City for this upgrade to the Seaside Bypass route! • Campaign (“Complete the Seawall”) to start after Bike to Work Week (letter writing, social media, photos/videos) • Jeff and Lisa meet with Mike Wiebe (Park Board Chair), positive reception, looking forward to working with HUB and the city on a solution for the area • Some correspondence/interaction with the Kits Point Resident’s Association (email blast from KPRA, side-discussions with KPRA). Also response from PB re: consultations and HUB participation. • PB info on temporary path consultation at: http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/kitsilano-beach-park-bike-path.aspx 	<p>Everyone: Send your thanks to the City for the improvements on Charleson Rd. Mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca</p> <p>Please send photos/videos around Kits beach on busy days.</p> <p>Particular focus on Arbutus & parking lot.</p> <p>Need volunteers for Bike to Work Week stations, help with signing petitions. Please contact Lisa</p>
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops. • Temporary path paved the full distance, and now almost complete. Some issues at crossings. • Assessment ride completed on March 14th and a report has been completed. • City has issued RFP for preliminary design work, to be awarded in May. Consultations to come in the fall, preliminary work May 2018. Similar to Creekside Park approach. 	<p>Jeff: Review & approve report, advise working group that the report can be distributed</p>

<p>Broadway Subway (Anthony)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New working group looking at the extension of the SkyTrain from VCC Clark to Arbutus St. Currently in planning stages. TransLink projects construction will start in 2019. • Looking for input on cycling concerns related to the subway, and looking for input from the group – two or three talking points for goals associated with the project; including should bikes be allowed on trains? • Jeff has participated in a series of planning meetings held by TransLink. • See Anthony if you are interested in participating in this working group. • Consultations expected to begin in June. 	<p>At next Transportation 2040 meeting, Jeff will enquire about next steps for Broadway Subway consultations</p>
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6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights:
 - o The Transportation and Parking Stakeholder Group for the Grandview Woodland Community Plan continues to meet. The Commercial Drive complete street project has been delayed until 2018. Triangle of Broadway/Victoria/Commercial will go ahead.
 - o 10th Ave Bike Route – The proposed design has been revised in consultation with the health agencies. Revised design went to council this afternoon, with support from Coastal Health & BC Cancer Agency. Many speakers scheduled for tomorrow. Improvements include upgrading W14th and Alder St to try to divert cyclists and congestion on 10th through the Health Precinct. Note that this isn't a "bike route project", it's a Health Precinct street improvement. HUB has been asked to participate in the project team for wayfinding signage.
 - o False Creek Flats Planning – Area bounded by Main St. / Clark Dr. / Venables St. / Great Northern Way. Goes to council tomorrow for approval of recommended area plan. Gore St Complete Street from Great Northern Way to Hastings as N/S connection (Emily Carr Skytrain to new hospital). Also on list is to bring CVG into False Creek Flats as priority project. Also separated bike lanes on new E/W arterial, but route not yet selected (National/Prior?)
 - o (discussion of bike lane separation as developments occur along Great Northern Way and 1st Ave as new condos get built. Linking CVG/GNW, 1st Ave, Ontario Bike Route, Quebec St, continuing along through to now-calmed Charleson Rd, in effort to encourage through bike traffic off the seawall)
 - o Complete Streets Policy Framework -- recommended to council, deferred to tomorrow. Not prescriptive for each location. Establishes expectations for what a Complete Street is and move more responsibility to City Engineer. City engineers currently have latitude when it comes to car-oriented changes, but not bikes or sidewalks. Want each mode treated equally under the bylaws.
 - o Congestion Management Strategy – Recommendations to Council May 17th. Changing how congestion is measured, not looking at difference between rush hour speeds and free flow. Focus is predictability to flow, travel times, ie reliability
 - o NE False Creek planning – New neighbourhood related to removal of the viaducts. Workshop held for park planning including active transportation routes
 - o Transportation 2040 Stakeholder Update Meetings – held monthly.
See: <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/ubc-line-rapid-transit-study.aspx>

- Seaside South surface treatment workshop April 29th, Anthony attended. City moving ahead with asphalt for bikes, pavers for pedestrians, grass pavers for some access points). New public washroom at Charleson Park near Spruce Harbour Marina.
- Commercial Drive/Broadway/Victoria/10th ("Safeway site") consultation meeting coming on April 22nd, Tim attended. Proposal includes significant development and transportation hub. Bike-focused: improve bike connectivity through and to the development, blend smoothly with Commercial Drive. Proposal by participants to keeping 10th Ave closed to traffic, but developers want underground parking to exit to 10th Ave.
- Strathcona BIA – Sustainable Transportation Plan & interaction/cooperation with the BIA. Jeff to organize further interaction between committee members & the BIA. Applied for & received grant to write sustainable transportation plan for area. HUB asked to sit on steering committee. They want to do assessment rides with their members to improve business owner understanding of bike issues, and people on bikes to understand business owner issues. City will contribute staff to effort. Focus on new library area along Hastings, build out from there.
- Moving to Zero – Reducing traffic related fatalities and serious injuries – presentations from CoV. HUB to review the recommendations to use in assessment ride reports to remind the city.
- People, Parks, and Dogs meeting May 4th, Anthony attended.
- St Pauls' Hospital land use plan Open House this past weekend.

7. Communications (Jeff) Charleson Road (send emails to Mayor and Council), BC Parkway Crossing at Boundary (Wall Centre CAC funds reallocated to Joyce St station crossing), Yukon and 5th bike box (no light there, city won't put bike box, but might be able to creatively paint path to indicate bikes likely to come into traffic to turn left); Cambie Bridge southbound spiral offramp intersection improvements at 6th just west of Cambie Bridge – no right-turn on red for EB traffic crossing painted bike lane. Discussed WB delayed signal to allow bikes to get ahead of WB-turning-S traffic from 6th.

8. Board Update: HUB Cycling AGM to be held Sept 23 in Coquitlam. Mark your calendars. Jeff is now VP.

9. Active Transportation and Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa)

- Citizen advisory council that advises City staff on active transportation issues. If you are interested, anyone is welcome to attend and be involved on sub committees.
- Discussions about Complete Streets and Moving to Zero (both policies championed by ATPC)
- Deciding on priorities for next year, parking is focus

10. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- Currently working on:

- Alex Fraser Bridge Improvements - also bike connectivity. Shoulders to be eliminated, so where should bikes be? Looks like riders to be directed to sidewalks.
- MoTI Cycling Infrastructure Evaluation Framework presentation scheduled then cancelled due to election results; major MoTI projects quiet during election cycle. Identified gaps in local communities, waiting to see results.
- Massey Tunnel Replacement – working on bike connectivity to bridge. HUB has provided input on paths along full length of project. Waiting to hear about status post-election.

11. Other Business:

- A member has suggested closing Stanley Park one day a month to motor vehicles (except causeway), just like Central Park. Looking for support from HUB. General support for the idea from the committee. Stan suggests pilot project (3 in summer?). Jeff estimates \$100k/closed day due to traffic management. Lots of questions. Is 1 day enough? What about accessibility concerns?
- SW Marine 3rd party safety audit report discussion, and its influence on later phases. HUB promised copy, hasn't received yet.

- The Mill Town Pub at the end of the Arbutus Greenway has been highlighted as a new cycling destination.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Next meeting: 20 June 2017.

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc