## Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

February 18, 2025 Virtual Meeting







# **VULC Meetings**



#### **Active listening**

Pay close attention to what others are saying and avoid interrupting



#### Respectful language

No personal attacks, name-calling or dismissive language



#### One speaker at a time

Wait for someone to finish their point before making yours



#### Be concise

Get your question or comment across clearly and efficiently

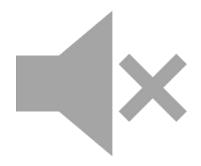


#### Respect the chair

The chair is responsible for making sure all agenda items are covered in a timely fashion, and discussion of certain items may need to continue outside of the meeting



# Virtual Meetings





Please mute your phone or microphone when you are not speaking. A moderator may mute you. Ensure your name is displayed so that we know who you are.

We have a co-host who will watch the text chat and help make sure questions are addressed from online attendees.



## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that HUB Cycling operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people. We recognize and respect the stewardship of this land and waters by these Indigenous communities, who have lived here for thousands of years and continue to do so. We acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous peoples have faced and continue to face, and we commit to working towards reconciliation and decolonization in our community and beyond.









## Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new attendees
- Minutes from January meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



## Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, Action Item Review, Announcements
- Updates from Working Group Leads
- Deep Dive the Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan
- Consultations/CoV Updates
- Van UBC LC Annual Action Plan
- Van UBC LC Correspondence/Meetings
- HUB Cycling Board/RAC update
- Meeting Adjourns (8:00 pm)



## **Action Items Review**

- Van311 please report bike lane maintenance issues to the CoV using the smartphone app or by calling 311. Note the new features for reporting bike issues.
- Create and circulate VULC membership survey (done)



### **Announcements**

- Adam Hawk has a <u>petition</u> (currently with 3,220 signatures) calling on CoV staff to improve safety for cycling by following through on the CoV 2017 commitments related to local street bikeways.
   These changes are within the existing mandate of the City Engineer.
- The HUB Cycling Bike Awards will be held March 8th





# Working Group Updates





## Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides Jeff, Anthony We are planning on recommencing assessment rides over the coming months. No rides are scheduled this month.
- Cycling in Parks Luke, Sophia Leadership transition in progress
- Arbutus Greenway Stan King Ed intersection, 41st intersection
- Broadway Subway Anthony No update
- Elections Working Group Lisa, Kay update
- NE Quadrant Greenway Clark update, connection to the Rupert/Renfrew Station Area Plan
- Social Rides Anthony We are planning on recommencing social rides.
   No rides are scheduled this month (see following slide)
- Secure Bike Parking Eric update (see following slides)



## Social Rides 2025

#### Social rides are:

- Social!
- Casual pace (15 km/h avg or less)
- Target 20 km loops, 2ish hours total
- No-pressure: join/drop as needed
- Your chance to see parts of Vancouver you might not necessarily be familiar with
- Not assessment rides
- Weather agnostic (except for snow/ice)
- Every month or so



#### Questions:

- Day of the week? Previously Sundays (Winter) or Tuesdays (Summer)
- Time of day? Previously: Sundays 10am, 11am, 1pm; Tuesdays: 7pm
- Where? Routes? Destinations?
- Suggestion: Sunday, March 23rd, 1pm





## Secure Bike Parking Outreach Projects Concept

HUB Cycling and Business Improvement Association (BIA) Cooperation

# Put out the Welcome Mat to Cyclists

Request a Free Bike Rack for Your Business

Secure bike parking at your business converts passing cyclists into paying customers.

Click <u>Van311</u> or Call 3-1-1 to request free bike racks.



Sponsored by:

Your <u>Business Improvement Area</u> (BIA), <u>HUB Cycling</u>, and <u>529 Garage</u>



## Secure Bike Parking Outreach Projects Concept

## Stop-to-Shop Bike Check

Shoppers, tourists and casual visitors on bikes stop-to-shop where secure bike-check services are offered

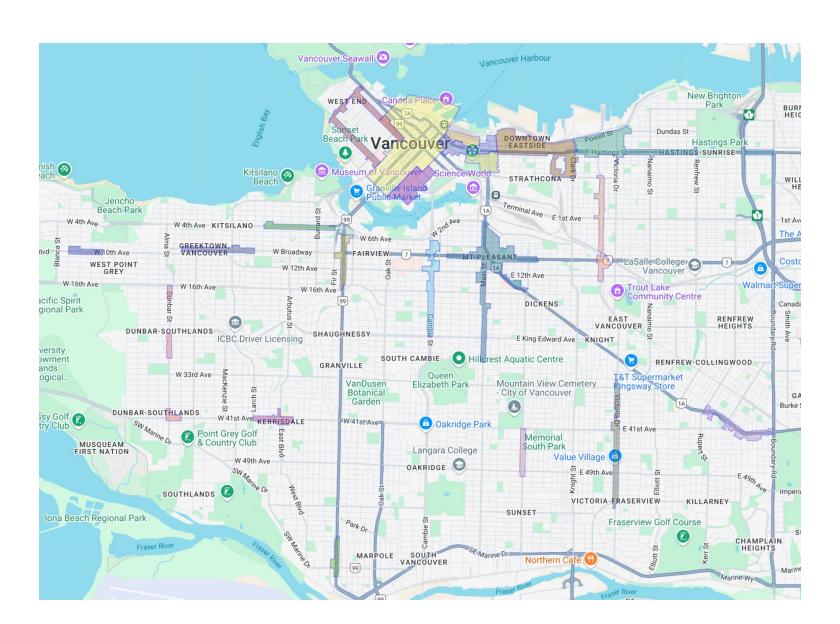
Locals on bikes return to shop and socialize at destinations offering Bike-Checks



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## Secure Bike Parking Outreach Projects





## Secure Bike Parking Outreach Projects Concept



Free Garage 529 Bike Registration today at the HUB CPC tent

#### Why register:

- text
- text
- text





#### Mike's Bikes

15% Discount on any Secure Bike Parking accessory with This Tag



Become a lifetime member for just \$10





## Secure Bike Parking Outreach Projects Concept

### HUB Cycling and Community Policing Centre (CPC) Cooperation

On warm afternoons and evenings over the summer months, CPC Volunteers and HUB Cycling Volunteers will host outreach events at local parks and community events.

While CPC volunteers provide free 529 Garage bicycle registrations, we'll walk around meeting people on bikes, distribute printed material and hang handle-bar tags promoting 529 Garage, HUB Cycling activities, and safe bicycle parking behaviours, while providing sponsorship opportunities to local bike shops offering discounts on safe locking devices.





# Deep Dive The Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan



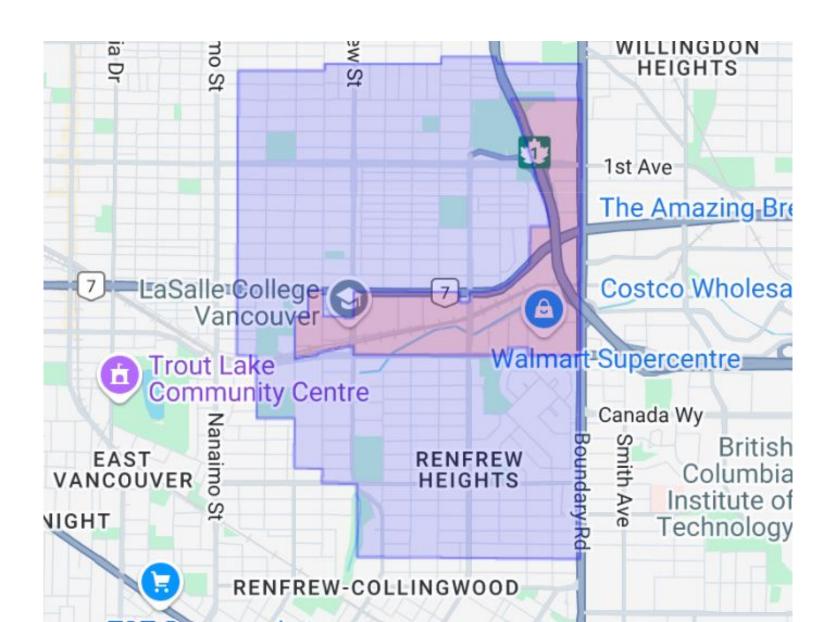


## Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan

- We are now in Phase 4 of this planning process, with a final plan due to be presented in the summer of 2025
- This plan is based on the city-wide Vancouver Plan (2022)
- It addresses land use, including housing, job space, transportation, public spaces, and other amenities
- Transportation topics include support for enhanced safe routes for AT, including greenways, and matching infrastructure to planned higher density areas
- People-first streets include complete street features, protected active lanes, new traffic signals, secure bike parking, etc

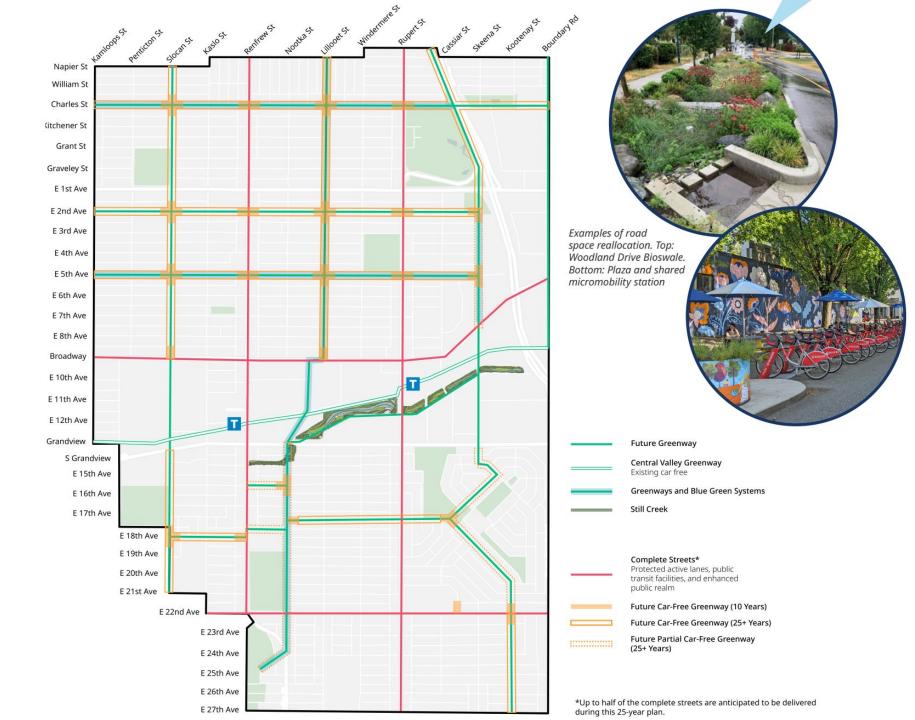


## Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan





# Road Space Reallocation





# Consultations





## Consultations

- Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park
- Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project (Metro Van)
- Granville St (Entertainment District) Planning Process
- King Edward Bike Lanes (west of Macdonald)
- Granville Connector work progressing (see photos)



## Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park

- Indefinite closure due to structural issues with the Expo deck
- Deconstruction planned for 2028-2032 (next capital plan)
- Dismount or cycle slowly on the shared pedestrian path between Ontario and Switchman streets
- Science World south parking lot remains open, with an attendant to support safe access



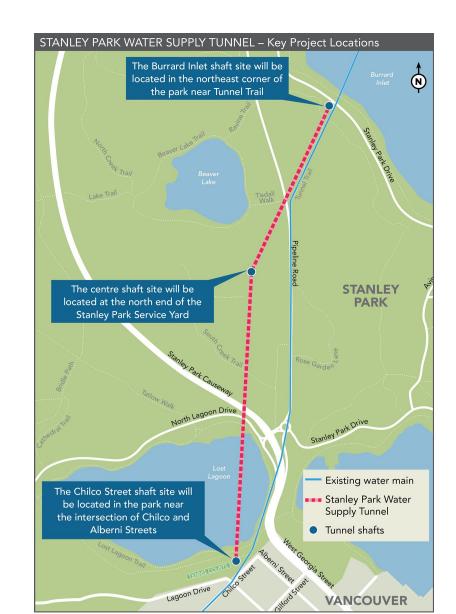
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## Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project

- Construction is commencing at the Chilco St shaft site
- Temporary walking and cycling paths at Chilco St.
- Construction will also take place at the north end, at the Burrard Inlet shaft site where Park Drive will be reduced to one lane



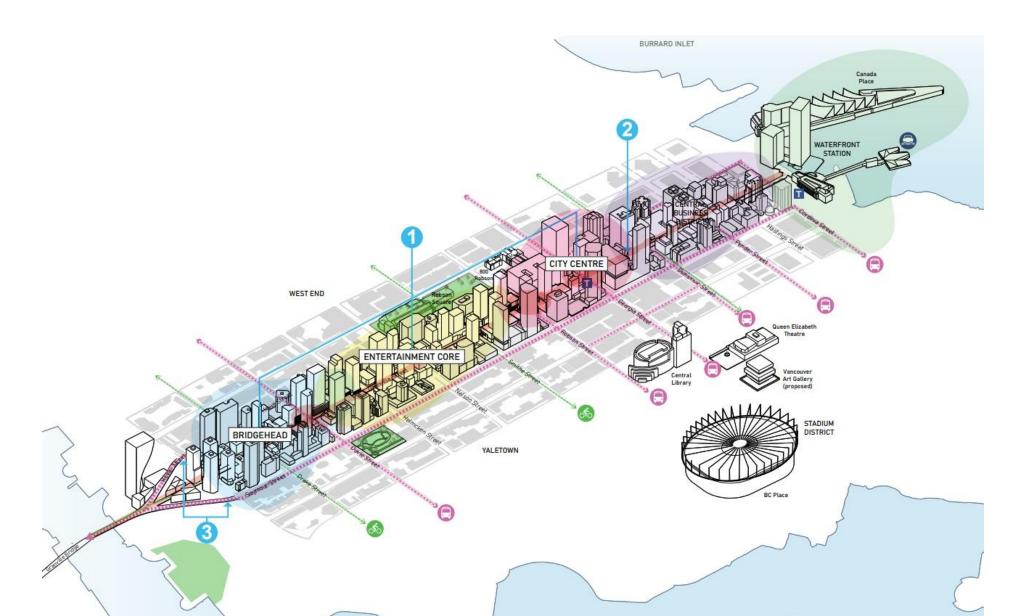


## Granville St Planning Process

- The plan is expected to be finalized in spring 2025
- Project scope covers from the Granville Bridge to Waterfront Station, including the Bridgehead, the Entertainment Core, the City Centre, and the area around Waterfront Station
- Pedestrian Priority, but plan references cycling on Granville
- Plan will address transit route shifts to Howe St and Seymour St
- Plan phases include actions for the immediate term (0-5 years), medium term (6-10 years), and long term (11-20 years)
- A <u>survey</u> is open until February 23
- More information is available on the <u>Display Boards</u> here



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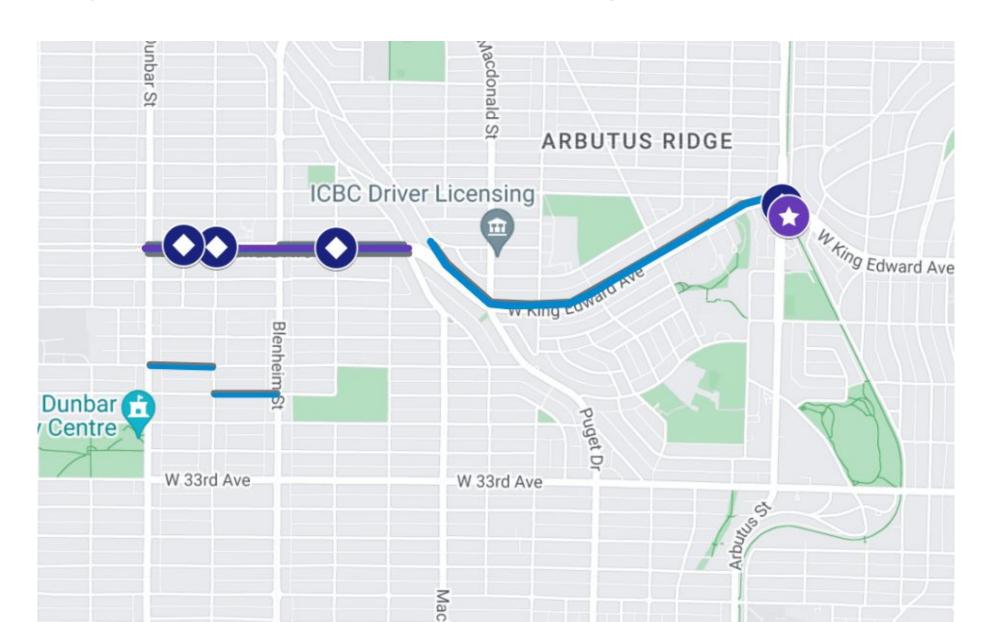


## King Edward Bike Lanes (west of Macdonald)

- Planned work includes water, sewer, and street infrastructure upgrades from Arbutus St to Dunbar St
- A bike lane was planned between Quesnel Drive and Dunbar St. as part of this work.
- Based on community pushback, the design of the bike lane has been changed to a painted bike lane immediately next to the travel lane, instead of a parking protected bike lane
- Bike lane painting is planned for when the weather permits

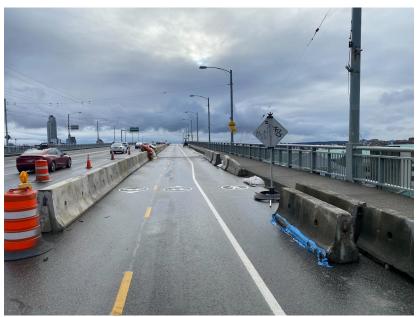


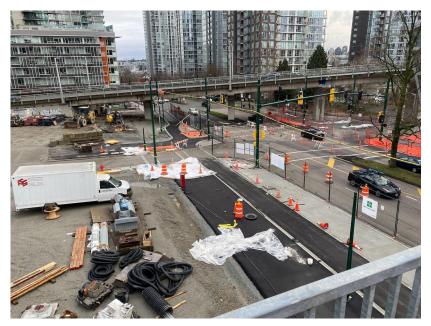
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## **Granville Connector Progress**









## Anticipated consultations/reports

- Civic District (incl 10<sup>th</sup> Ave between Cambie & Yukon)
- Gastown Pedestrian Streets
- Portside: Wall St preferred design option
- Burrard Slopes Park preliminary concept plans
- Killarney neighbourhood traffic management

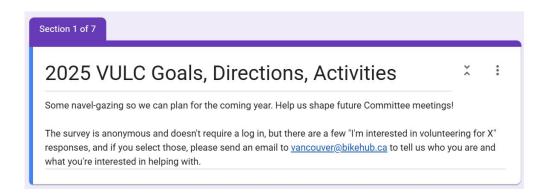


## VULC Annual Action Plan

- Every year we prepare an action plan by March 31
- Our successes in 2024 included continued strong attendance; holding four assessment rides; the work of the elections working group; ongoing discussions with CoV engineering staff; and updating our priority gap list and map
- In 2025 we plan to focus on improving committee functioning and strengthening our working groups, while increasing the visibility of our advocacy work
- We plan to strengthen our relationships with other advocacy groups, including Vision Zero, Movement, and Strong Towns
- Other ideas for inclusion in our plan



## **VULC Membership Survey**



#### RULE #12 // The correct number of bikes to own is n+1.

While the minimum number of bikes one should own is three, the correct number is n+1, where n is the number of bikes currently owned. This equation may also be re-written as n-1, where n is the number of bikes owned that would result in separation from your partner.

#### High level summary:

- 23 responses
- Good support for status-quo meeting format, structure, content
- Good suggestions for deep-dive topics, external speakers: more please!
- Try to bring more participation, engagement to meetings/committee
- More social: media, rides, meetups
- Suggestions for increasing engagement with younger members



# VULC Correspondence/Meetings

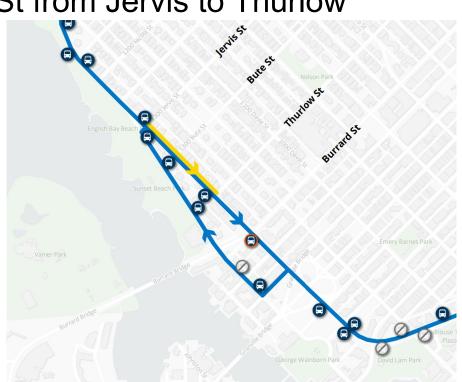




## Correspondence/Meetings

- We followed up with the CoV on the road improvements underway on Beach Ave (Howe to Hornby) to support changes to bus route #23
- As part of this work, a new protected lane will be implemented on Pacific St from Jervis to Thurlow







## **HUB Cycling Board & RAC Update**

 BC Ferries consulting contract awarded to the HUB Cycling staff research team - The Cycling Experience aboard BC Ferries



## Wrap Up



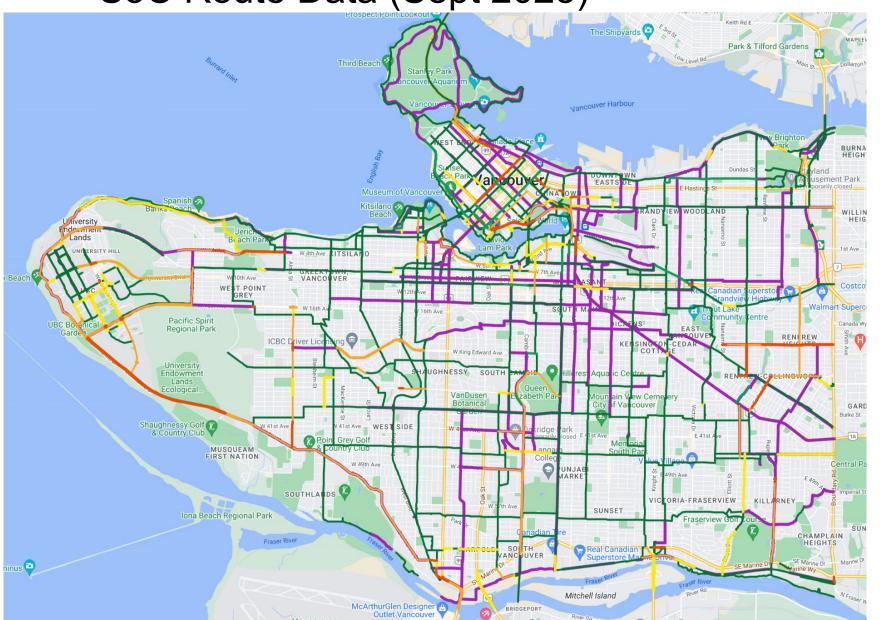


# Appendices



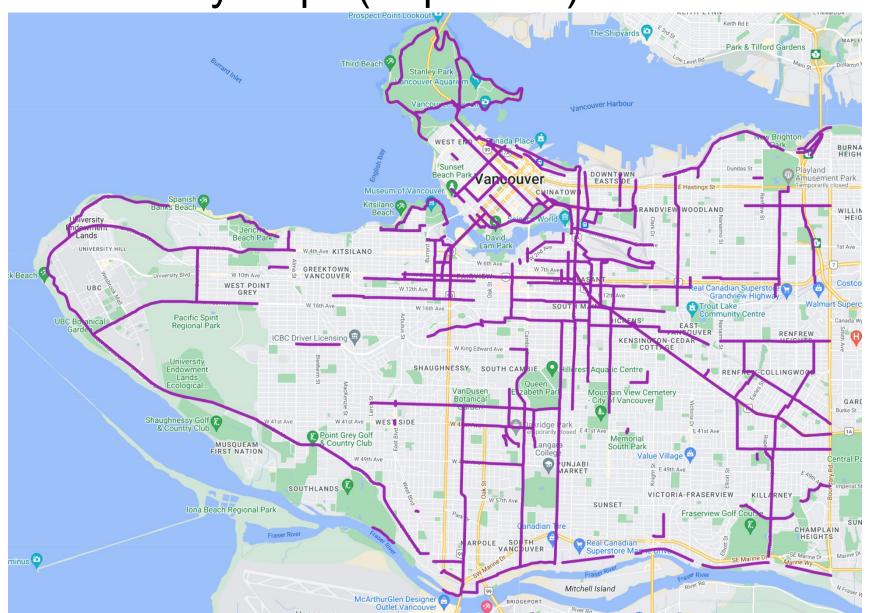


Prototype Gap Map (Vancouver/UBC) with SoC Route Data (Sept 2023)





Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)





### CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023







4/3/2023 1/26/34





right, or go straight in advance of

2) Proceed left across the

intersection when the

signal changes.

For more information, visit: translink.ca/rider-guide/blke-and-ride-on-transit

Shared Pathway Indicates an off-street pathway shared by

people walking and cycling

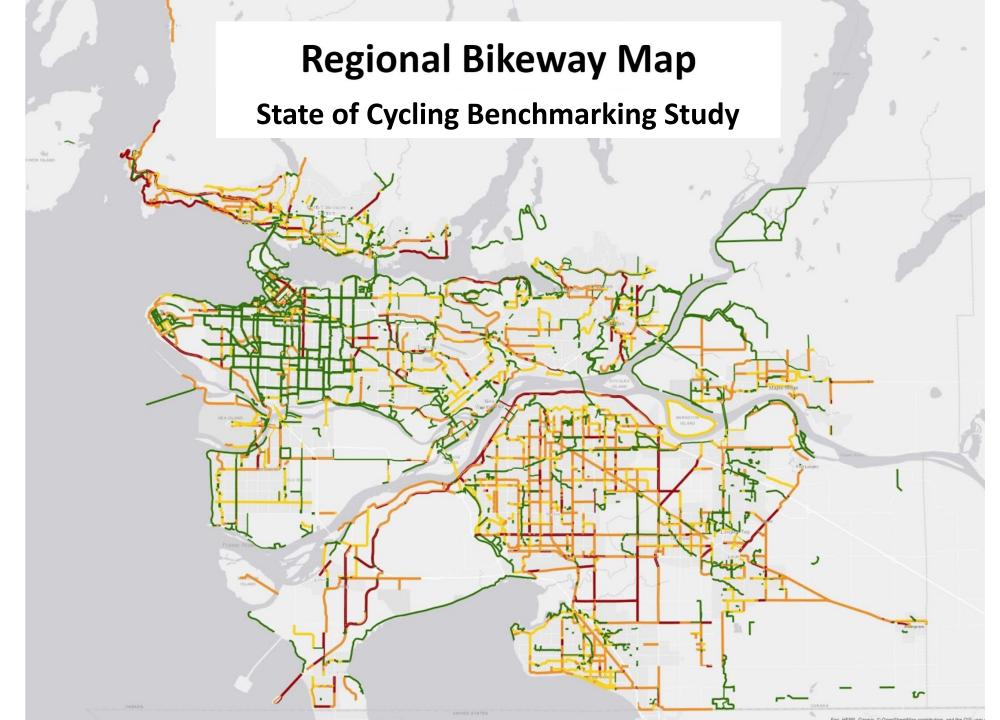
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### Vancouver Greenways Plan

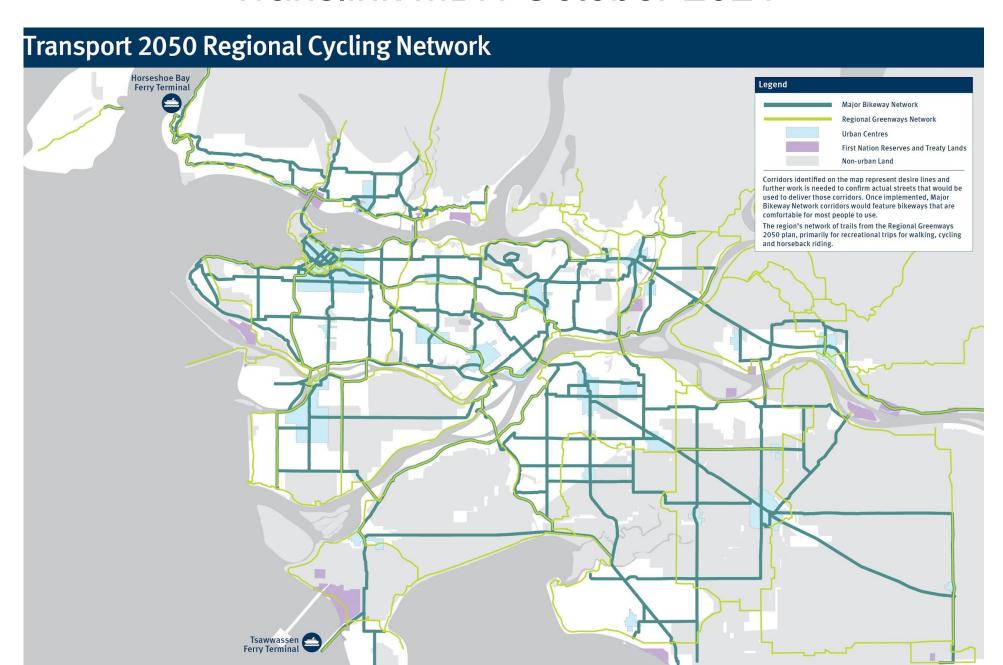






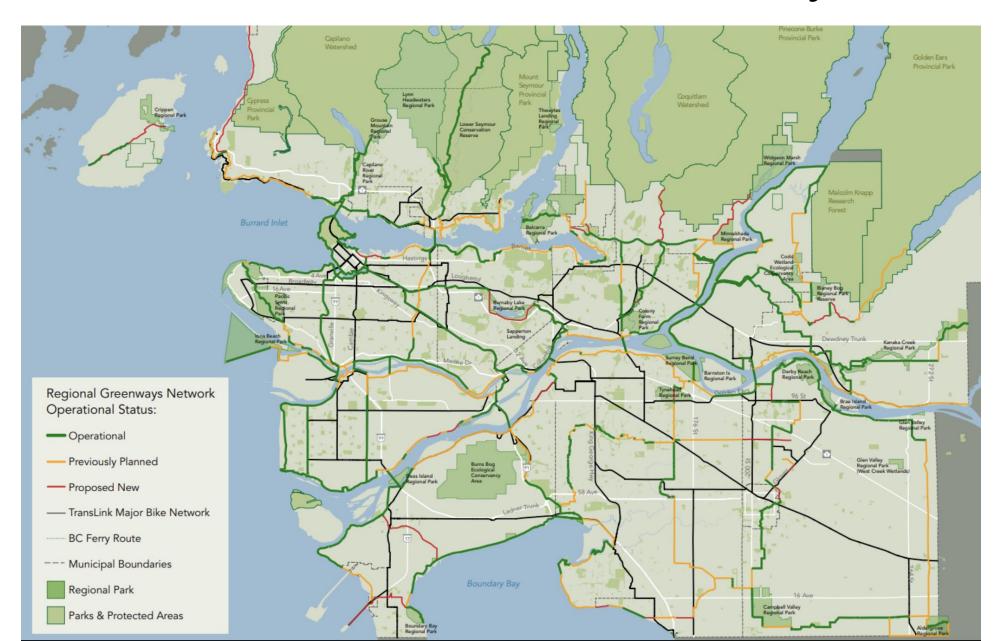


### Translink MBN October 2021





### Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan





### **VULC Guiding Principles**

#### Choice of infrastructure

Prioritize separated lanes and phase-separated signals over painted markings to assure safety and comfort for people on bikes. "Paint is not infrastructure"

#### Choice of location

Prefer areas where people frequently travel, such as commercial high streets, transit nodes, work centers, schools, cross-town routes connecting these destinations, interregional routes, and other desirable destinations.

"Put infrastructure where people want to go"

#### **Choice of route**

Cycle routes that are winding and indirect have been shown to discourage cycling and can compromise safety.

"Prioritize direct routes for people on bikes, instead of unnecessarily winding paths"

#### Help for the vulnerable

Focus on infrastructure that encourages the use of bicycles by vulnerable and equity-deserving riders, and develop safe bypass routes for fast and confident riders.

"New improvements should appeal to people new to cycling, not just avid cyclists"

#### Infrastructure for parks

Advocate for safe and accessible cycling routes, not just to parks but also inside parks. People on bikes are park users.

"To and through parks"

#### Equitable advocacy

Consider the diverse needs of individuals and devices, including all ages and abilities, genders, children and families, incomes, backgrounds, people new and experienced in cycling, older people, people cycling with disabilities, and all types of bicycles including e-bikes, cargo bikes, recumbent bikes, hand-bikes, and other useful inventions.

"Equitable advocacy helps everyone"

#### Fresh ideas

Promote novel ideas like school streets, cycle-permeable parklets and plazas, and car-free blocks to encourage safe and comfortable cycling throughout the city.

"Roads are for people, not cars"

#### **AAA** cycling network

Encourage expansion of the AAA cycling network beyond Downtown and the Broadway Corridor, with a specific focus on underdeveloped areas on the south and east sides of the city, and connections to cycle networks in neighbouring municipalities.

"There is more to a city than its downtown"



## Vancouver VULC Guiding Principles (cont')

#### **Speed limits**

To enhance safety, lobby for a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where people driving and cycling share space. At 50 km/h, 80% of pedestrians will die in a collision. At 30 km/h, 85% of pedestrians survive a collision.

"Speeding vehicles endanger people on bicycles"

#### Bike crashes

Use the term "crash" to emphasize that most accidents are preventable, and call for engineering solutions to reduce them. "Crash, not accident"

#### Respect

Practice constructive collaboration with staff and elected officials to achieve long-term goals and maintain respectful and nurturing relationships.

"Work with politicians and staff, not against them"

#### Theft

Push for safe and secure bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities. They play a critical role in encouraging more people to cycle regularly. People will choose not to cycle if there is a risk their bike will not be there when they return.

"Bike thieves are everywhere"