

GEORGE MASSEY TUNNEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

MEETING NOTES

Agency: GMT Cycling Working Group (CWG)

Location: Project Office Boardroom
2030 - 11662 Steveston Highway, Richmond, B.C.

Date: December 14, 2016 2:30-4:30pm

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Key Discussion Topics

1. Potential Cycling Routes Summary

- GMT and HUB summarized the four potential Richmond routes to provide a connection between the Canada Line bridge with the new George Massey Tunnel replacement bridge (the Bridge). CWG discussed the pros and cons of each potential route.
- HUB enquired if a cycling path under the Oak Street Bridge alongside the future GMT transit-only road would be feasible. It was noted that the ability to bypass Great Canadian Way and Sea Island Way would improve the cycling connections to Garden City Road.
- CWG discussed the feasibility of a cycling path on the transit-only ramp over Bridgeport. GMT noted that the transit ramp will have an 8% grade.
- HUB noted that CoR had rated the utility and safety of the Shell Road route higher than HUB had on the potential route spreadsheet and that HUB would rate the route higher if a modification could be made to the north end of the route (north of Highway 99 overpass).

- CWG discussed the feasibility of using No. 4 Road and St. Edwards Drive to connect to Shell Road instead of River Drive. CoR indicated there would be room for a 3m-wide MUP on St. Edwards Drive.
- CWG agreed to take Sidaway Road route off the list of possibilities as there are too many challenges to be considered feasible.

2. Recommended Richmond Route

- All agreed that the Shell Road route is the preferred route, subject to agreement on changes to the north end of the route (north of Highway 99 overpass). HUB will draft a CWG recommendation for circulation and comment to the CWG.
- HUB also requested a modification to the south end of Shell Road route (Steveston Highway MUP connection), in consideration of the high volume of pedestrians between No. 5 Rd and Steveston Highway interchange. CWG discussed a potential connection to the new bridge that would run between CoR Gardens and Townline development instead of along Steveston. CoR will discuss this idea with CoR Parks Department.
- CWG discussed paving options for Shell Road Trail and possible conflicts with current users of this trail. HUB has been involved in planning the Arbutus Corridor Greenway and discussed potential options that had been developed as a result of the City of Vancouver's consultation on temporary pathways for that greenway.
- HUB outlined their preliminary recommendation:
 1. We recognize the challenges with a route along the Highway 99 right of way.
 2. Certain sections of Highway 99 right of way have greater potential value for connections to cycling routes.
 3. Shell Road and Garden City Road are potential alternatives to a route along Highway 99 .
 4. Shell Road is more feasible and direct.
 5. Garden City Road may attract higher ridership.
 6. For both routes, a pathway on a section of Highway 99 at the north end could have significant benefits, in the absence of a more direct route under the Oak Street Bridge/ St. Edwards Drive being available.
 7. Any route selection would need CoR's support.
- Discussion continued on the pros and cons of River Drive and St. Edwards Drive as the connection between the Canada Line Bridge and Shell Road, and the different options through north end of Shell Road route.

3. Next Steps

- CoR will develop a cost estimate for Shell Road route by mid-January.
- CWG will schedule a meeting in the early 2017 to discuss Delta route options.

Action Items

Actions	Who	Complete By
Review and comment on preliminary recommendations for the potential Richmond route	CWG	Next CWG meeting
Cost estimate for Shell Road route	CoR	Mid-January
Schedule meeting to discuss potential routes in Delta	GMT	January

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cycling Working Group is TBD.

Amendments to meeting minutes can be sent to by email to claire.burtondoyle@gov.bc.ca. Thank you.