

Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

July 20th, 2021

Web Meeting via Zoom

For a better web meeting:

- We may have many people online, so please mute your phone or microphone when you are not speaking
- Ensure your name is displayed so that we know who you are, if you've called in we will ask your name so we can put names everyone on the attendees list
- We have a volunteer co host who will watch the text chat queue and help make sure people can ask questions
- Take advantage of the text chat function; ask questions, raise your hand to speak, or provide feedback on a topic. This gives us a text log for the preparation of our minutes. Test it out before 6:30 pm by letting us know you are online, just enter your first name. This will help us with the minutes.
- If you are not logged in to the Zoom meeting you won't see the presentation, but you can access it on our wiki, [here](#) and follow along.
- You can use computer audio (microphone and speaker), or dial in separately

Acknowledgement

I want to acknowledge that I am broadcasting on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

This evening we will be having a guest speaker who will talk to us about inequities in Vancouver's cycling infrastructure and I expect that one of the things we will hear is that the Indigenous people living in Vancouver benefit less from the sort of cycling improvements that we advocate for than others.

Agenda

- Web Meeting Best Practices
- Welcome, introductions, minutes and action items
- Announcements
- Updates from Working Group leads
- Guest speaker – Dr. Caislin Firth
- Government updates
- Consultations update
- Reminder: HUB Cycling Board Update – AGM September 16
- Other business

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new attendees
- Anything to add to the agenda?
- Minutes from June
- Action items from June

Announcements

- Stanley Park aggressive coyote behaviour
 - Conservation officers recommend caution on trails, travel in groups
 - Westside trails reopened 16 July
 - Check media and Vancouver Parks website/social media for update

Co-Existing with Coyotes
STANLEY PARK ECOLOGY SOCIETY

With a few simple actions, we can help reduce conflicts between people, pets and coyotes.



Coyotes are well adapted to living in cities. They are naturally wary but if they become too comfortable with people, they may act aggressively.

If you see a coyote
Be Big, Brave and Loud
• Stand tall with arms overhead
• Yell "Go away coyote!"
• Stand your ground and never run

Never feed coyotes
Fed coyotes can become aggressive
• Seal garbage and compost securely
• Remove ripe garden veggies and fruit
• Store pet food and feed pets indoors

Pet safety
• Keep cats indoors, especially at night
• Leash dogs and supervise closely
• Never let dogs interact with coyotes
• Pick up small dogs if coyotes approach

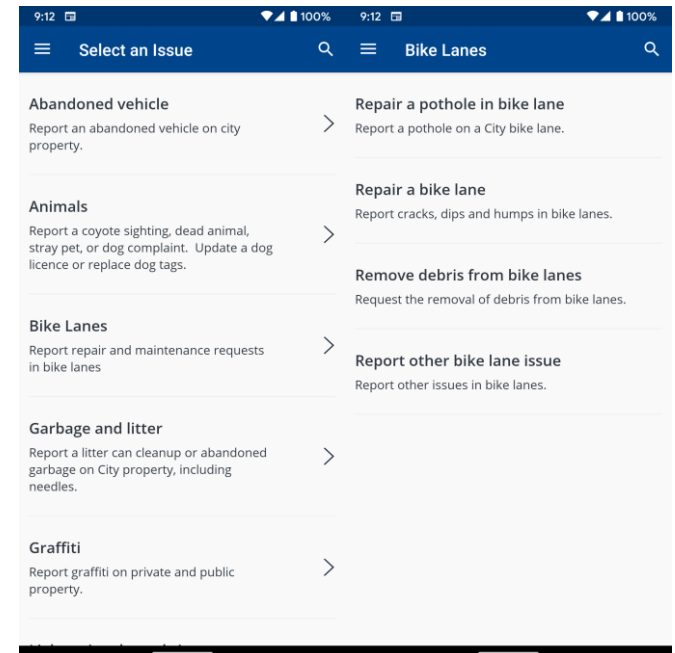
Report your sightings
Your reports help us track coyote behaviour.
Report online or call 604 681 9453.
Report aggressive coyotes to the Ministry of Environment at 1 877 952 7277

 **604 681 WILD (9453)**
www.stanleyparkecology.ca



VanConnect

- VanConnect smartphone app now supports reporting bike lane hazards (h/t Eric Schwartz)
- Desktop site too!
<https://vancouver.ca/vanconnect-desktop.aspx>
- Eric will collect feedback to give to the city:
 - What do you like?
 - What doesn't work
 - More appropriate options
 - Nice to have features
- schwartz.eric.lewis@gmail.com



Announcements

- **Bike to Shop!** August 7th-20th . Looking for volunteers to help with station setup/tear down, counting people on bikes, sharing cycling resources, etc.

About Bike to Shop

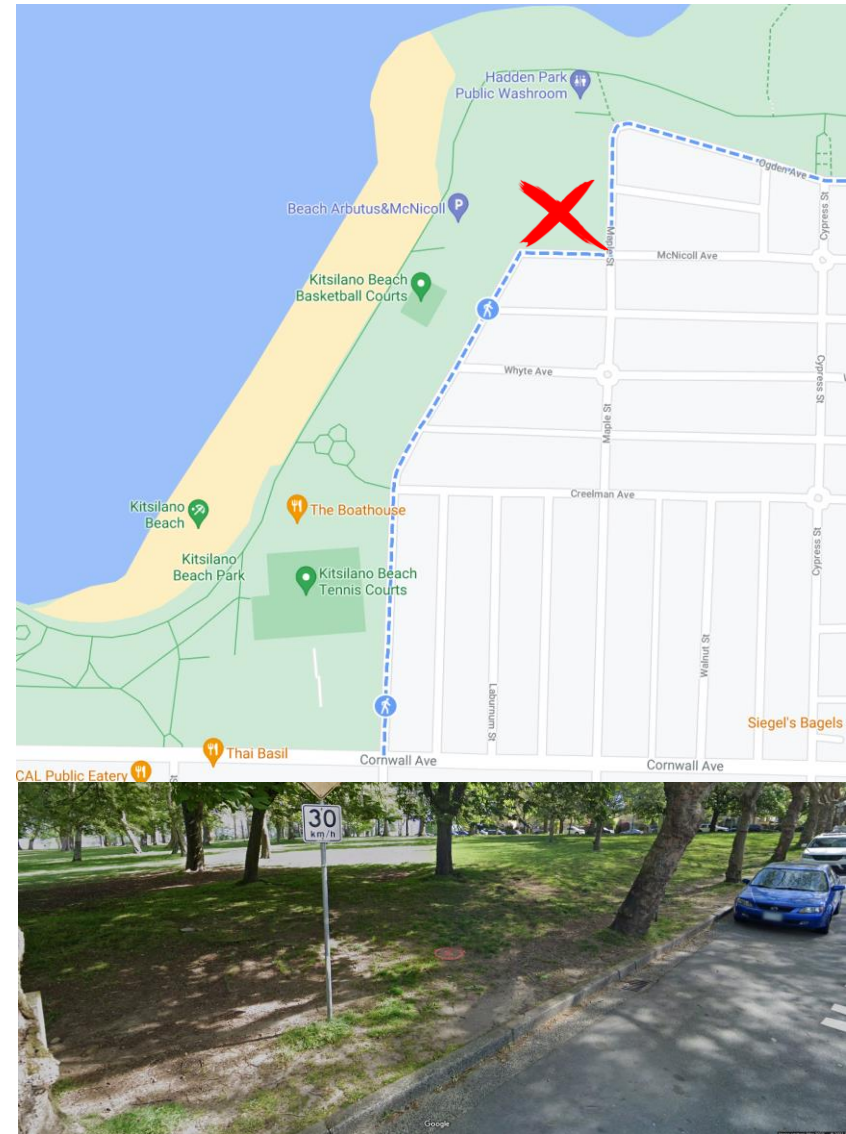
From August 7 - 20, 2021, local businesses in 20 neighbourhoods across Metro Vancouver are offering amazing freebies and sweet deals for people biking to their businesses. Half of the neighborhoods are taking part from August 7 - 13 and the other half from August 14 - 20 - so you have plenty of opportunities to explore! **Check out the schedule to see which neighborhoods and businesses are participating.**

In person events are BACK! We have 12 Knowledge HUBs around the region where you can stop by for free bike fix ups, snacks, bike information, giveaways, engage with your local community and enter to win great prizes. **Check out the full schedule to find a Knowledge HUB in your community.**



Announcements

- Van/UBC local committee
MEETUP!
 - Public health restrictions have been relaxed and we are able to meet in person!
 - We will have an informal meetup on **Tuesday, August 3rd, 5pm-7pm**
 - Kits Beach, treed hill-side west of Maple, north of McNicoll
 - Contact: Lisa Slakov



Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides – Jeff, Philippe. Kent Ave Bikeway report nearing completion. CVG ride complete?
- Cycling in Parks – Lisa - Kits Beach Park temporary lane; Stanley Park road reallocation; more Stanley Park details under Consultations.
- Arbutus Greenway – Stan – King Edward intersection
- Cargo Bikes and Freight – Sam
- Broadway Subway – Jeff – Detour implemented on the CVG along Great Northern Way (Emily Carr station construction, for the next three years)
- East Van Greenway – Clark

Cycling in Parks: Kits Beach

- Timeline announced at July 19th PB Meeting
 - August 2021: “Values and Priorities” engagement
 - October 2021: “Cycle Path Route Options” engagement
 - February 2022: “Preferred Options” engagement
- Website and survey opens August 10th
- Surprise new asphalt in the park
- City to install separated lane on Arbutus

Cycling in Parks: Kits Beach



Cycling in Parks: Stanley Park Temporary Protected Lane

- Phase 1 implemented with cones and signage (North end of Pipeline Rd to 2nd Beach)
- Phase 2 – eastern portion of park - mid June
- Phase 3 (concrete dividers) – mid July



Cycling in Parks: Stanley Park - Prospect Point (Preferred Option)

- Continuous protected bike lane on roadway; 18" concrete dividers; raised crossing; marked right turn lane to access vehicle parking; bus drop off



Cycling in Parks: Stanley Park



Cargo Bikes and Freight

Urban Freight Pilot



Cyclelogistics Pilot

- Led by City, funded by Province
- Create a temporary, shared, small-scale urban logistics hub to enable deliveries by cargo bikes and to assess results

Summer 2021

Select at least 2 participating delivery companies

Fall 2021

Set up a temporary cyclelogistics hub

**Winter/
Spring 2022**

Monitor deliveries and share knowledge

Summer 2022

Pilot completion



Support the
"Missing Middle"
of Delivery Vehicles



Broadway Subway

- Demolitions, boulevard, and street tree removal mostly complete
- Excavation and sewer relocations in progress
- Effect on bike routes?
 - Feedback to vancouver@bikehub.ca particularly on Off-Broadway, 10th Ave, and N/S routes like Ontario, Yukon, Heather, etc

Guest Speaker: Dr Caislin Firth

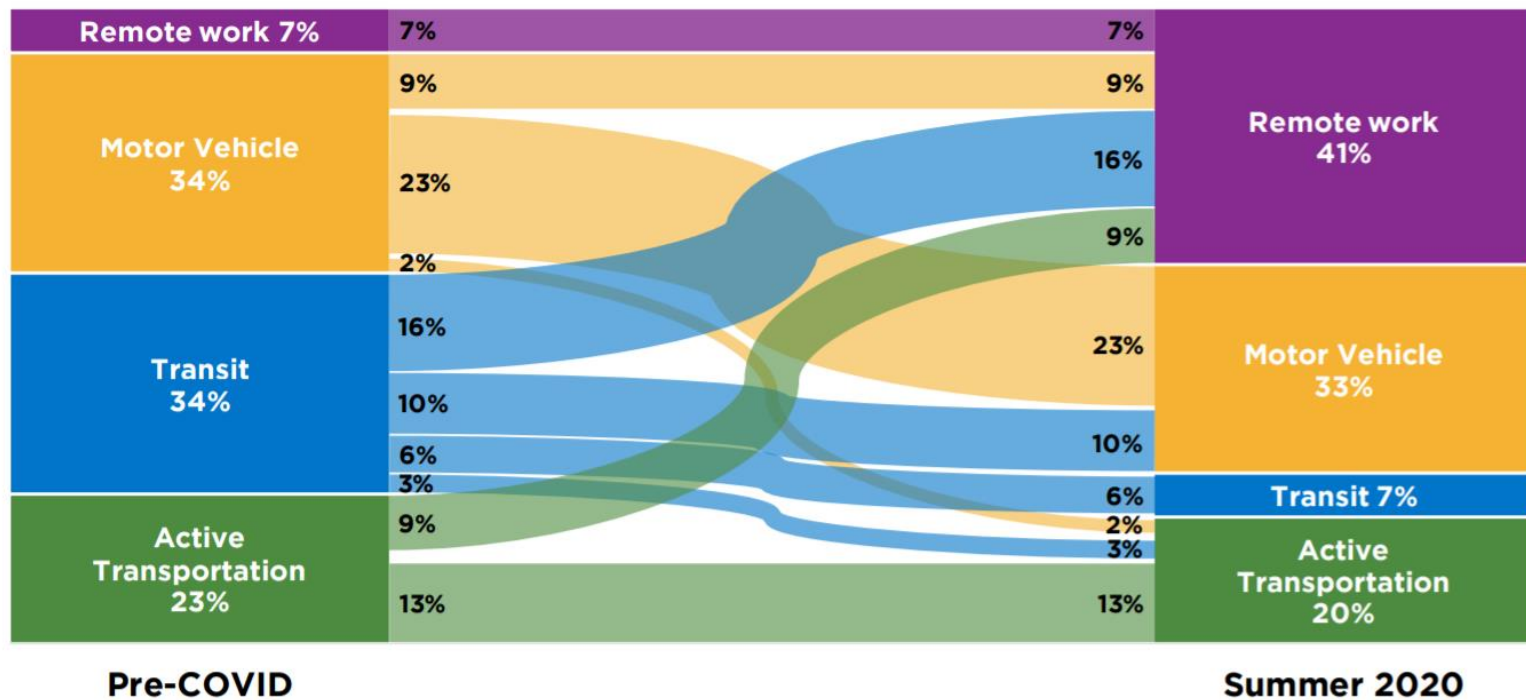
- Dr. Firth is a postdoctoral fellow at SFU and has recently published a paper “***Who were these bike lanes built for? Social-spatial inequities in Vancouver’s bikeways, 2001-2016***” with Kate Hosford (PhD candidate, SFU) and Dr. Meghan Winters (in the Cities, Health & Active Transportation Research Lab (chatrlab.ca, [@chatrlab](https://twitter.com/chatrlab)))

Government Updates: CoV

- On June 22, staff had their “Transportation Day” presentation where they provide a high-level summary of travel trends and progress on safety, active transportation, and “mobility recovery”.
- COVID-19 effects and recovery
- Slow Streets, Slow Zone (Grandview-Woodland”, School Streets, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan
- <https://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/pedestrian-and-road-safety-remain-city-s-top-transportation-focus.aspx>

Government Updates: CoV

Commute Shift – Summer 2020

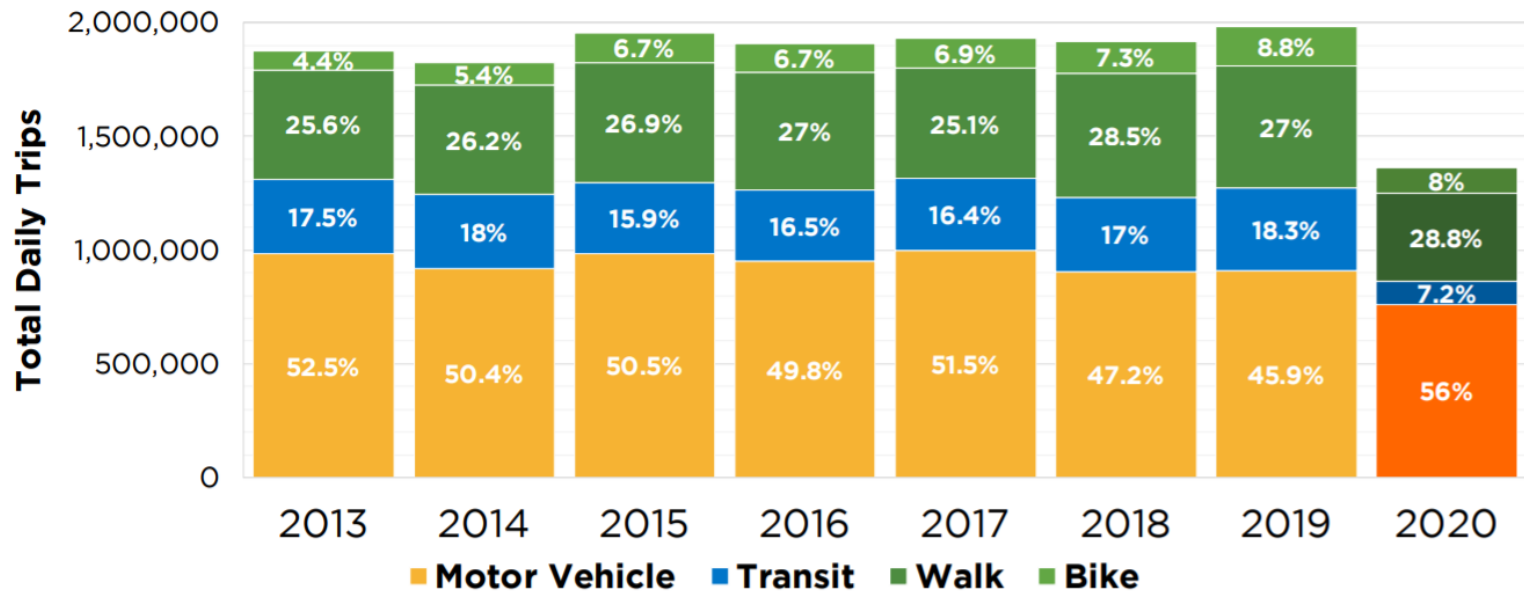


Source: Summer 2020 Mini-Panel Survey by City of Vancouver

Government Updates: CoV

Mode Share Update

2020 was an unusual year



Source: 2013-2020 Panel Surveys, City of Vancouver

Government Updates: CoV

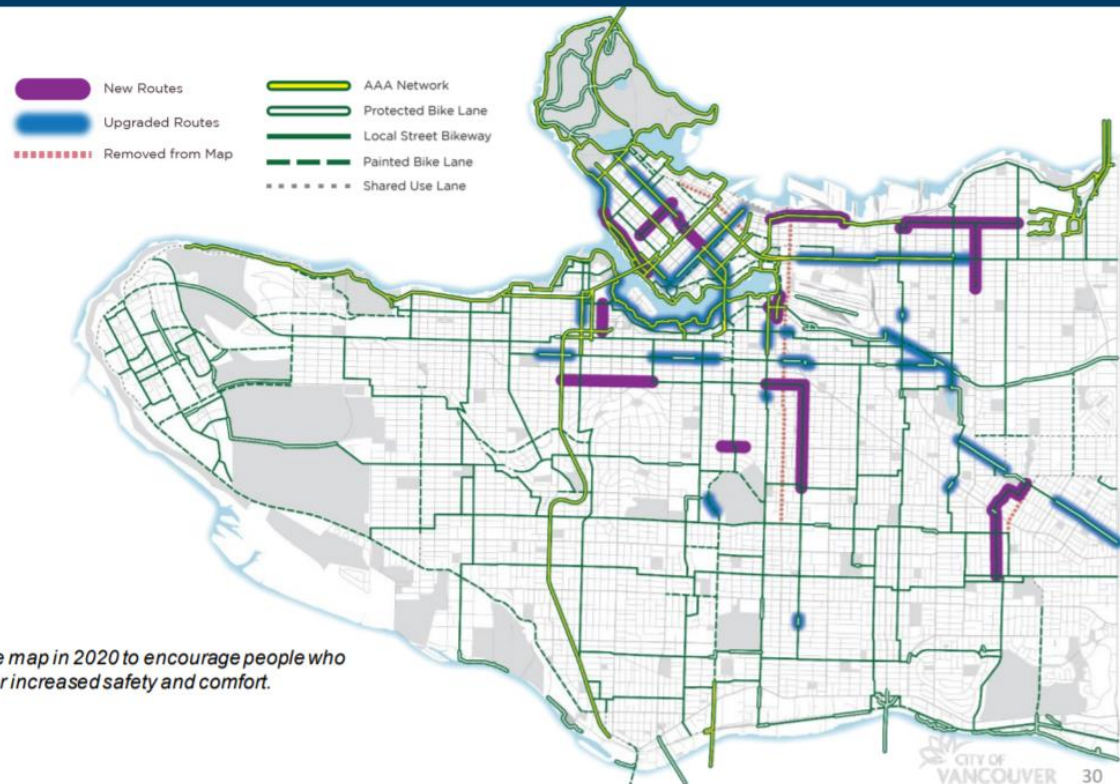
Cycling Network Improvements (2018-2021)

New Routes:
14.5 km

Upgraded Routes:
18 km

Total Network: **331 km**

7.5 km of shared-use lanes were removed from the map in 2020 to encourage people who cycle to choose routes with lower traffic volumes for increased safety and comfort.



Government Updates: CoV

Arbutus Street at Kitsilano Beach Park

Improving seaside connections along Kits Beach Park

- Arbutus Street curb lane next to Kits Beach park converted into temporary two-way protected bike lane
- Aligns with Park Board initiative to improve safety of path through parking lot

Next steps

- Traffic circulation and parking are being monitored
- Engagement to begin this summer on long-term solution



Government Updates: Translink

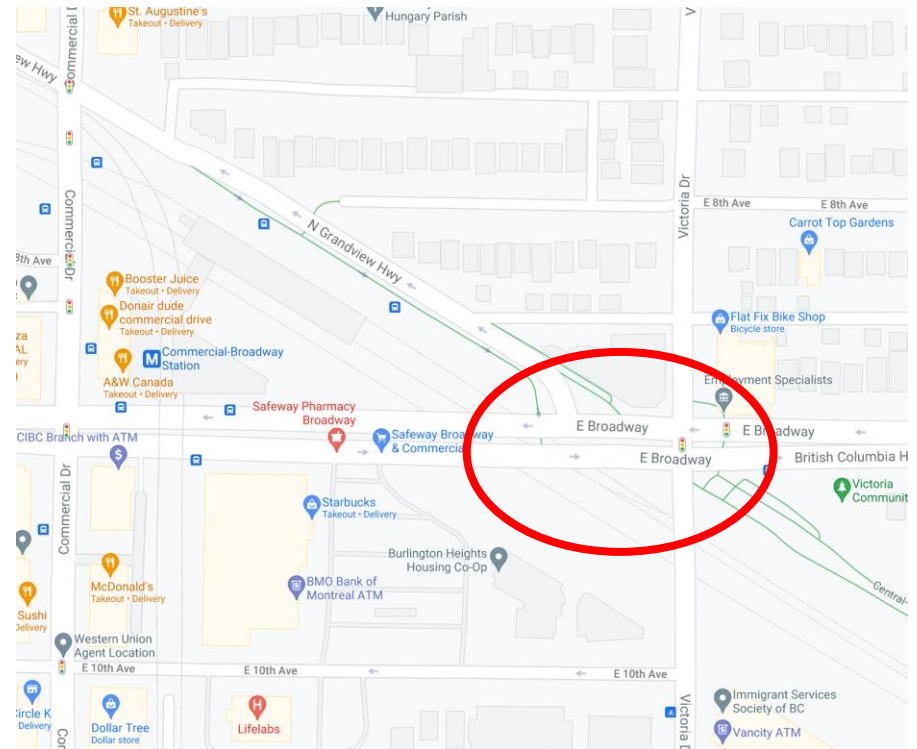
- \$125M allocated to Metro Vancouver for “investments in road, pedestrian, and cycling infrastructure” in 2021
- For Vancouver, includes:
 - \$5.3M for Granville Connector
 - \$500k for Smithe St bike lane
 - \$1M for 10th Ave Health Precinct Phase 2
 - \$250k for 14th Ave extension Alder to Arbutus Greenway
 - \$200k for signal @ Victoria/10th

Government Updates: Translink



Government Update: Translink

- \$650k for “Central Valley Greenway and Connections Improvement Project”
 - The City of Vancouver would like to improve a gap in the Central Valley Greenway [...]. The interim improvements, including car-free space, a new signalized crossing, and a new protected bike lane connection will complete the Central Valley Greenway as an all ages and abilities facility through the City”



Consultations - Ontario Bikeway

- #1 and #2 completed; #4 nearing completion; #3 TBD considering feedback, and monitoring of the effects of the Broadway subway construction



Ontario 5th/7th



Consultations - Ontario at 16th

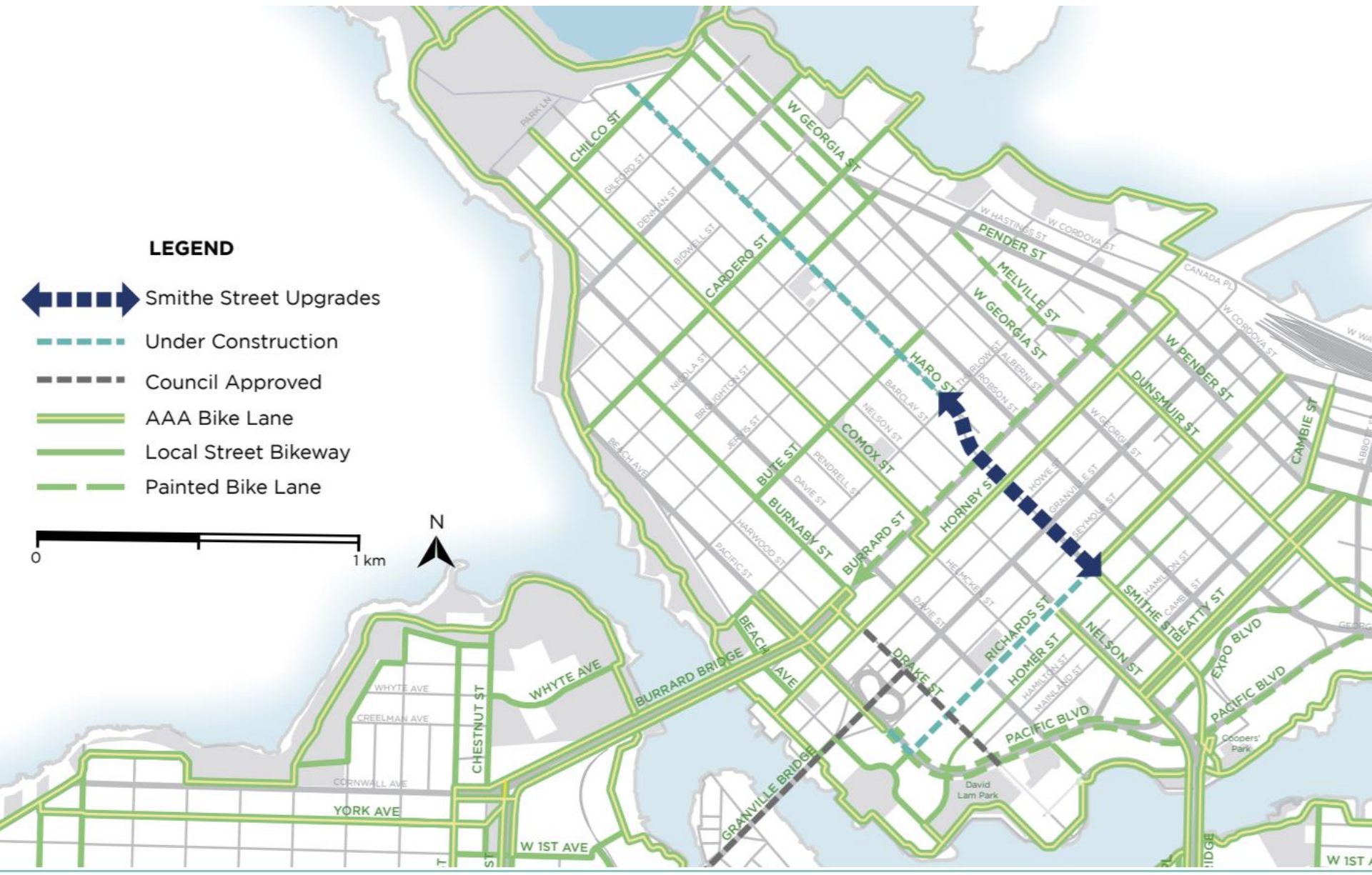
- Work has commenced, implemented the CoV's preferred design from the 2015 public engagement
- Ontario will be one way towards 16th for vehicles, on each side of 16th, with right turns only
- The bike lane will be realigned to remove the offset that exists today



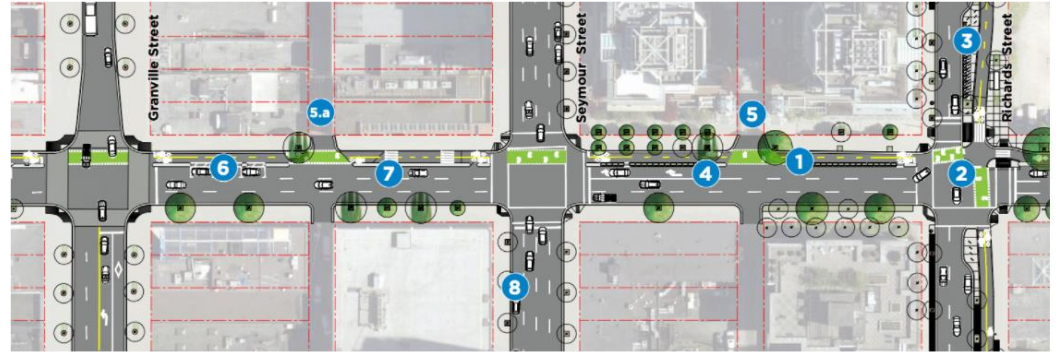
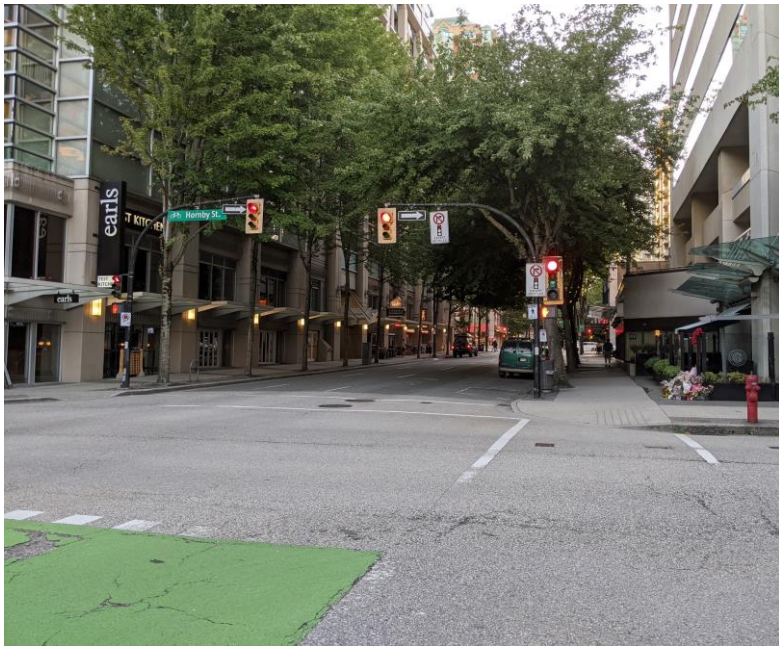
Ontario and 16th



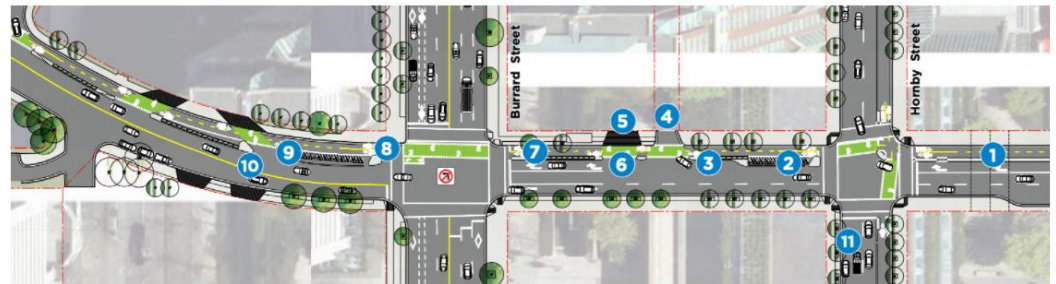
Consultations – Smithe St Upgrades



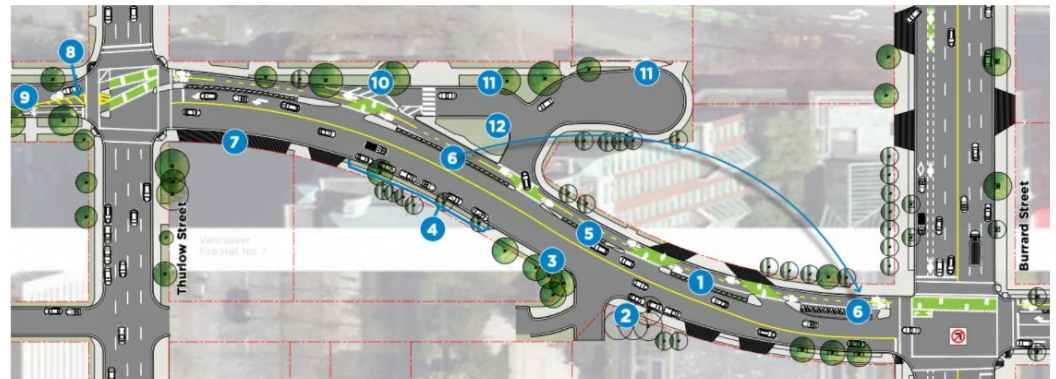
Smithe St Upgrades



New configuration of Smithe Street with a bike lane from Granville to Richards streets. (City of Vancouver)



New configuration of Smithe Street with a bike lane from Burrard to Hornby streets. (City of Vancouver)



New configuration of Smithe Street with a bike lane from Burrard to Thurlow streets. (City of Vancouver)

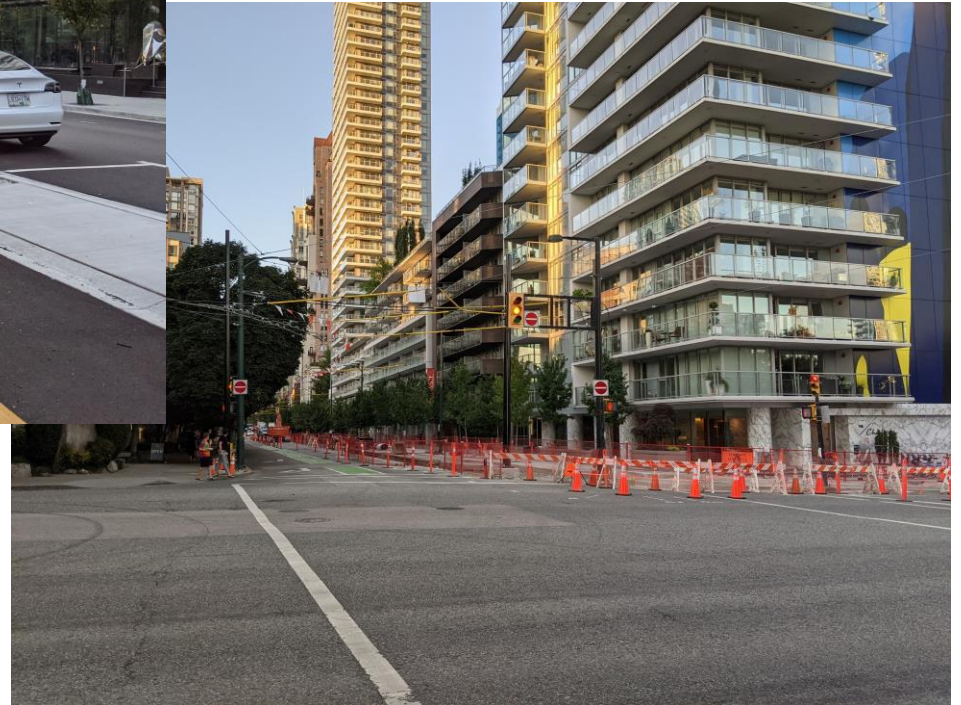
Consultations – East 2nd Ave at Scotia - Subway Construction Detour



Consultations – Richards St Bikeway (Crews working on Drake to Pacific)



Richards St



10th Ave Hospital Precinct: Phase 2



- West-bound separated lane completed Ash to Oak
- East-bound under construction

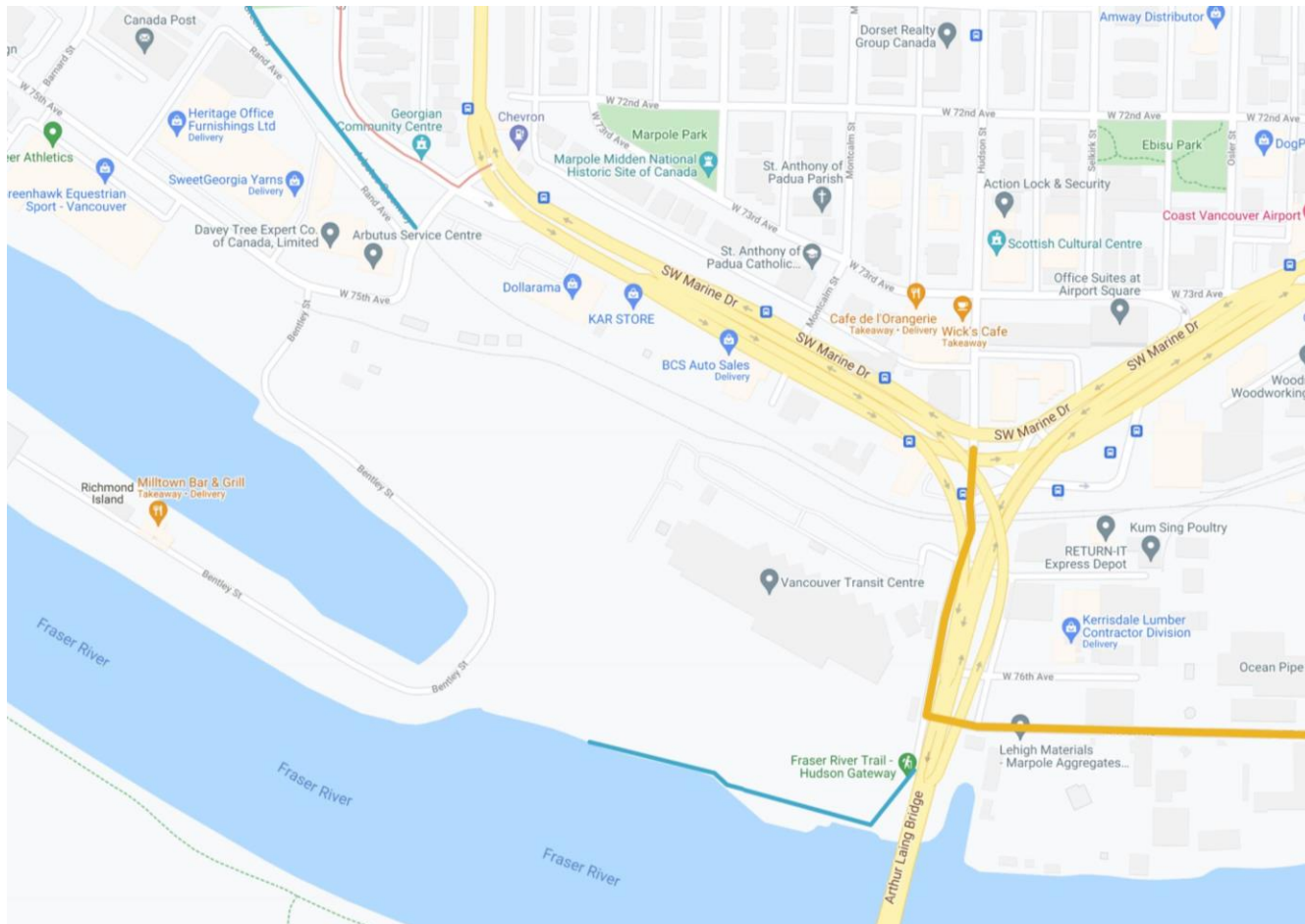
10th Ave Arbutus Greenway



Consultations – School Streets Pilot

- Three schools participated; Lord Roberts, Van Horne, and Hastings
- CoV plan for September:
 - Same three schools, all year
 - Seven additional schools to be added in March 2022
 - City support for organizing volunteers
- Our response:
 - This is far too low a bar to set
 - The pilots showed that traffic impacts were negligible with one block closed at each of three schools
 - The next step should be to design infrastructure to achieve this without requiring parent and community volunteers to attend the School Streets twice each day

- We are updating our 2014 proposal, including options for connecting to the Arbutus Greenway



Consultations – Kent Ave Bikeway

- Some potential options for connecting the Arbutus Greenway to Kent Avenue



HUB Cycling AGM

24th Annual General Meeting

To **RSVP** for the 24th Annual General Meeting, [click here](#).

It's your opportunity to learn more about the actions and programs of the past year and have your voice heard by voting to elect Directors of the Board. Voting for new directors, as well as other motions, will run online exclusively for HUB members between the dates of Sept 1-15th. A secure voting application will be used to elect the president and directors.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING - ONLINE via ZOOM

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Registration 6:30 pm onwards, AGM will start at 7:00 pm.

RSVP Now

<https://bikehub.ca/about-us/24th-annual-general-meeting>

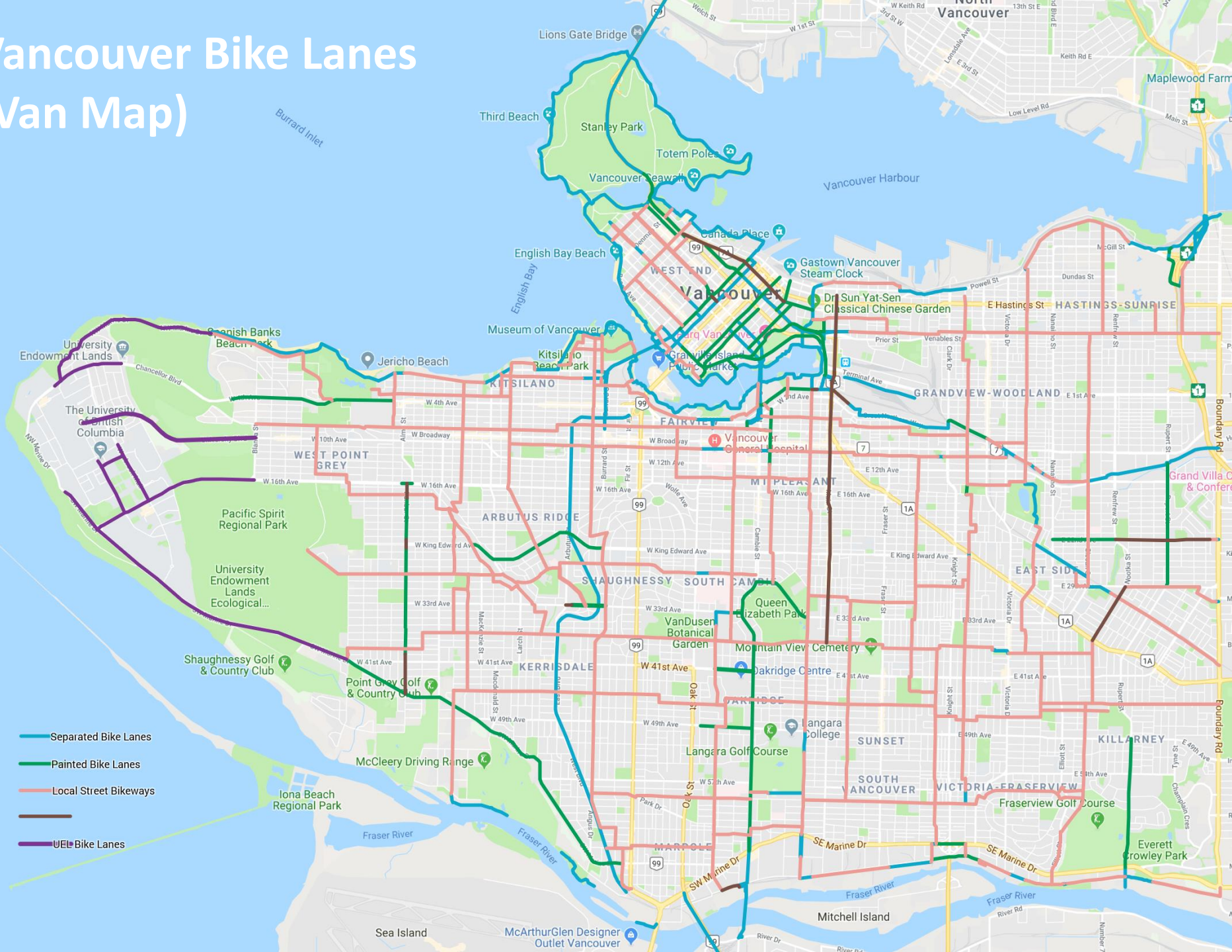
Other business

- No August meeting, next meeting Sept 21st



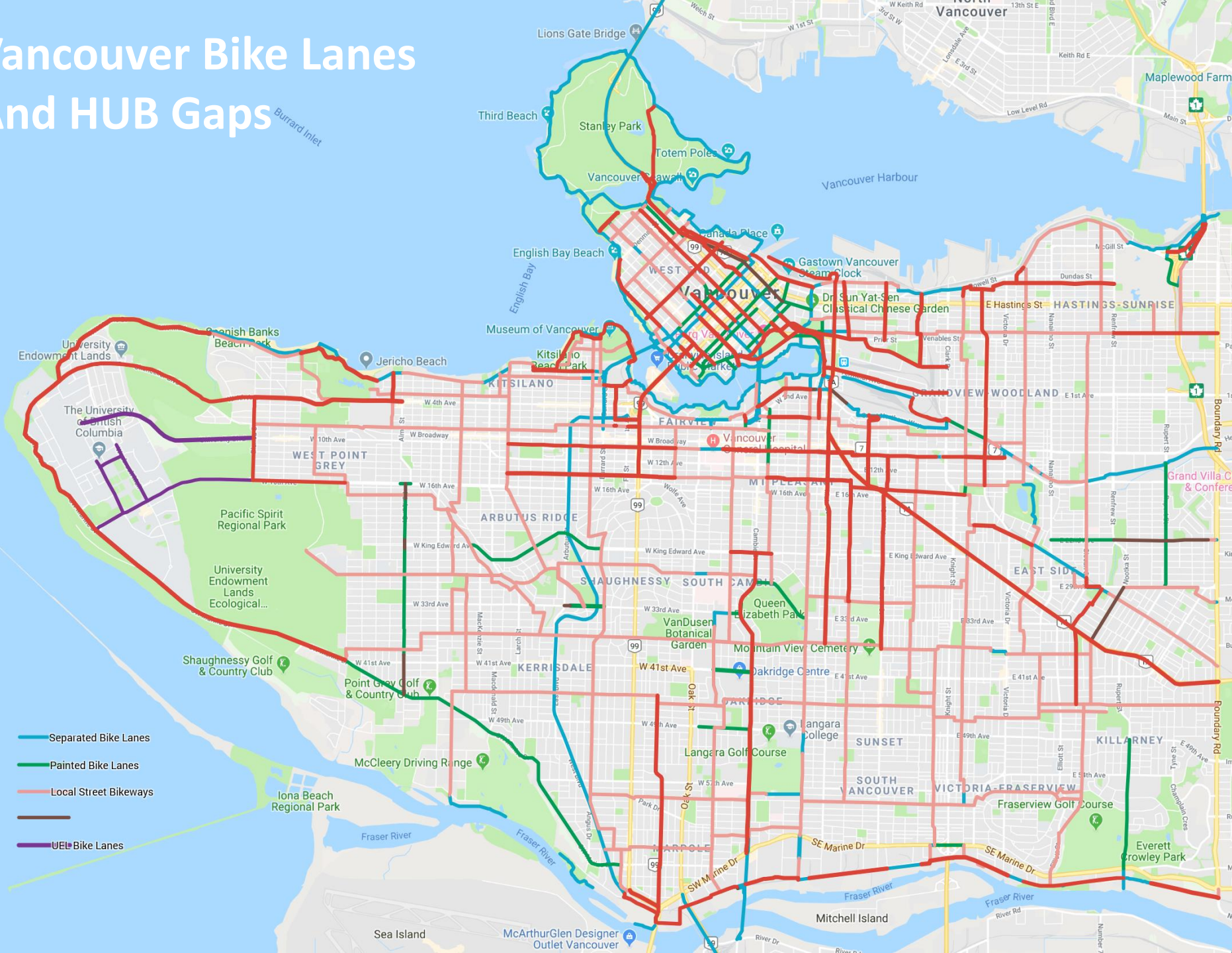
Appendices

Vancouver Bike Lanes (Van Map)

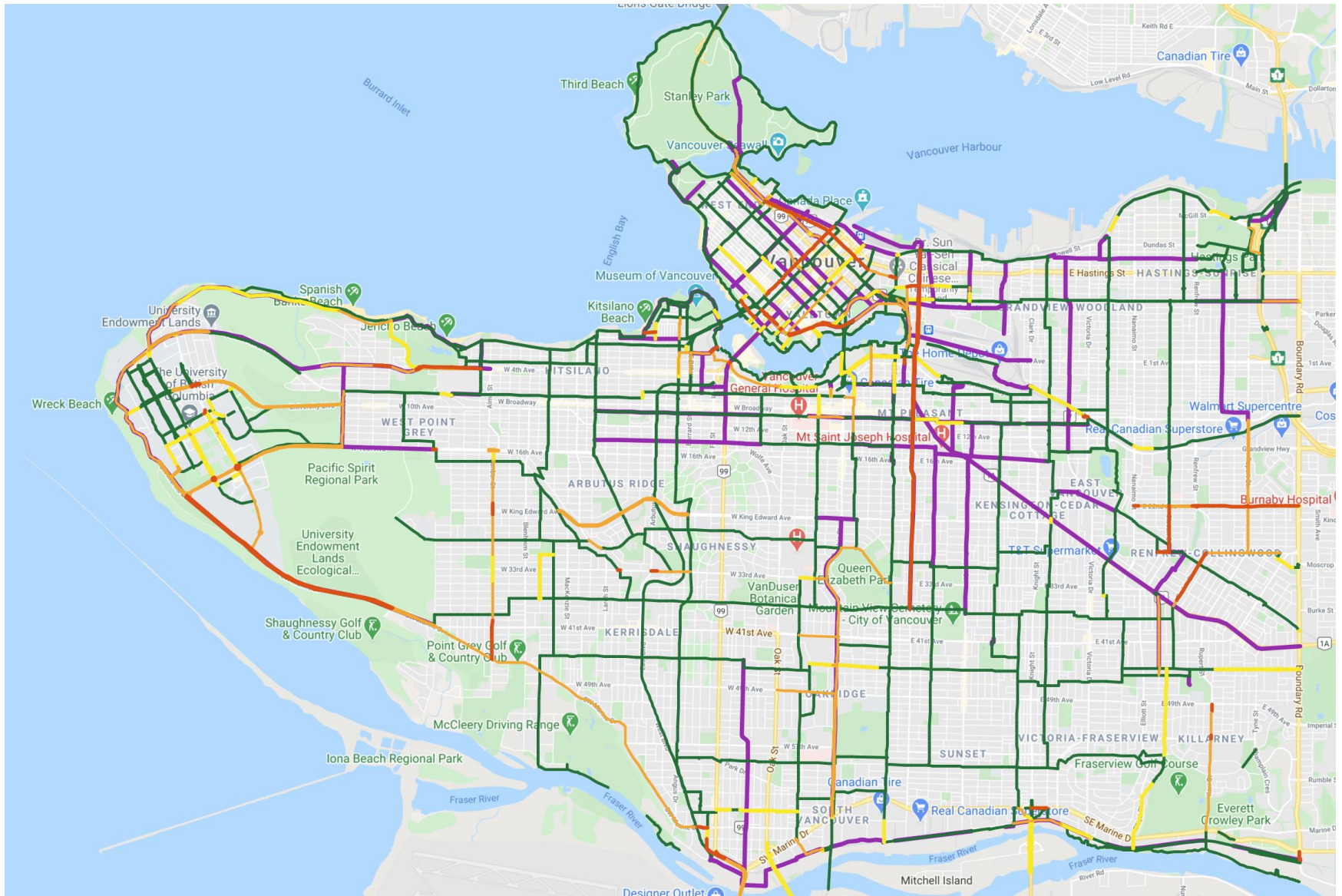


- Separated Bike Lanes
- Painted Bike Lanes
- Local Street Bikeways
- UEL Bike Lanes

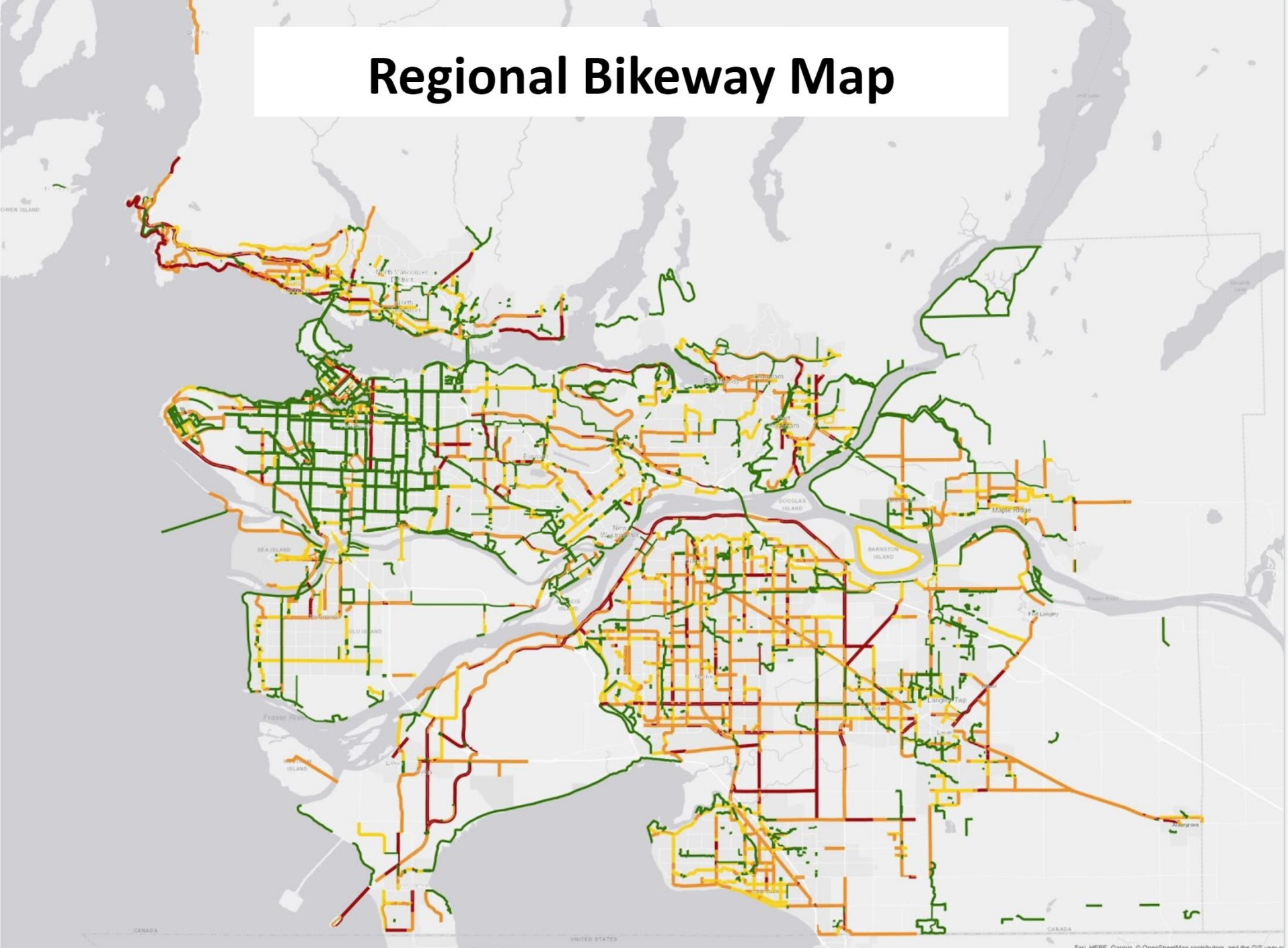
Vancouver Bike Lanes And HUB Gaps



Prototype Gap Maps with SoC Route Data



Regional Bikeway Map



5-Year Cycling Network: Additions & Upgrades 2018-2022 Added Nov 2017

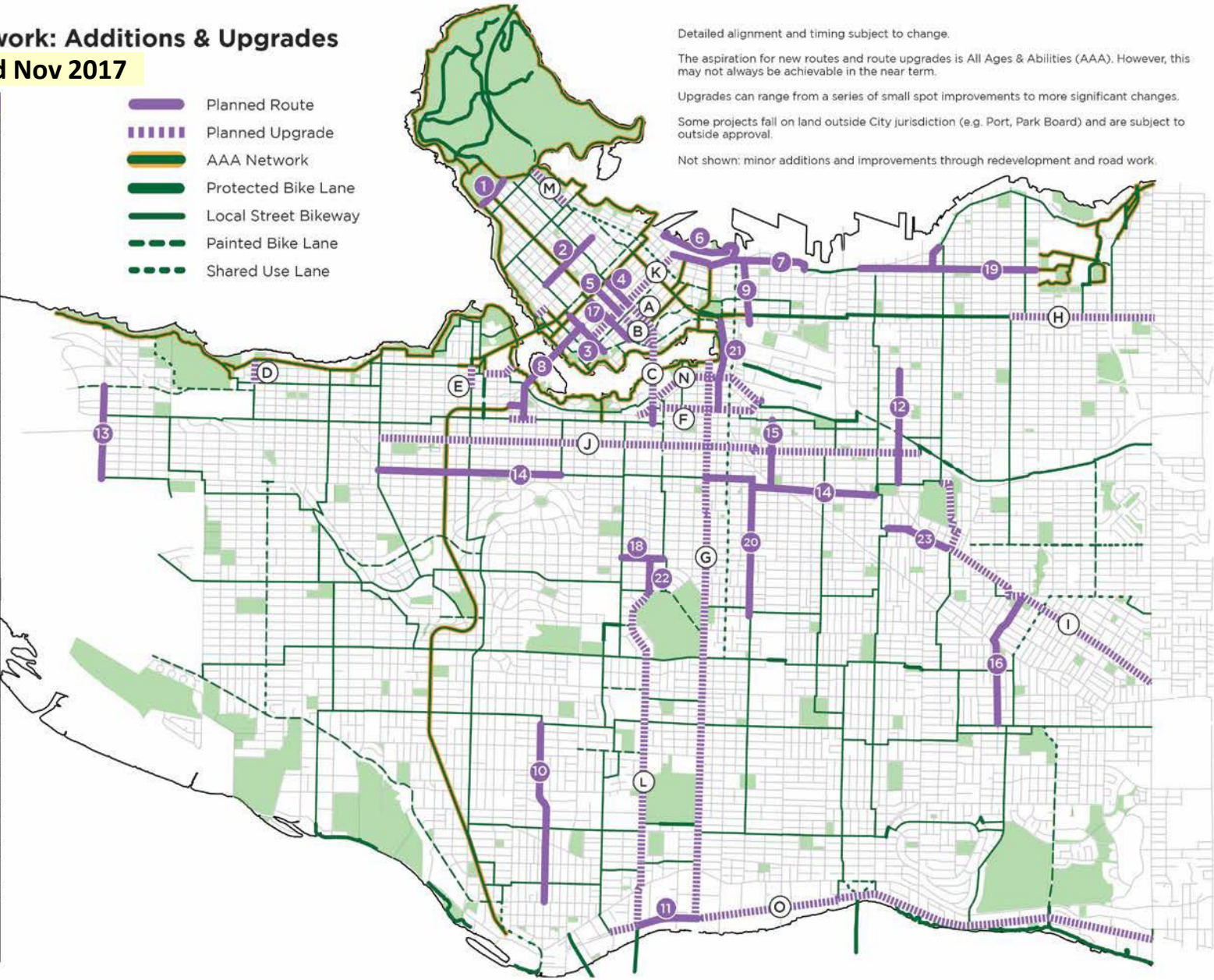
Planned Routes	
1	Park Lane*
2	Bute
3	Drake
4	Smithe
5	Nelson
6	West Waterfront Road**
7	Water-Alexander-Powell
8	Granville Bridge
9	Gore
10	Hudson
11	Kent
12	Commercial
13	Blanca
14	14th Ave
15	St. George Rainway
16	Duchess-Wales*
17	Helmcken
18	King Edward
19	Pandora-Semlin
20	Prince Edward
21	Quebec
22	Cambie
23	Stainsbury
Planned Upgrades	
A	Smithe
B	Nelson
C	Cambie Bridge
D	Highbury
E	Cypress
F	5th Ave
G	Ontario
H	Adanac
I	BC Parkway
J	10th Ave
K	Richards
L	Cambie
M	Georgia
N	1st Ave
O	Kent

* Park Board jurisdiction

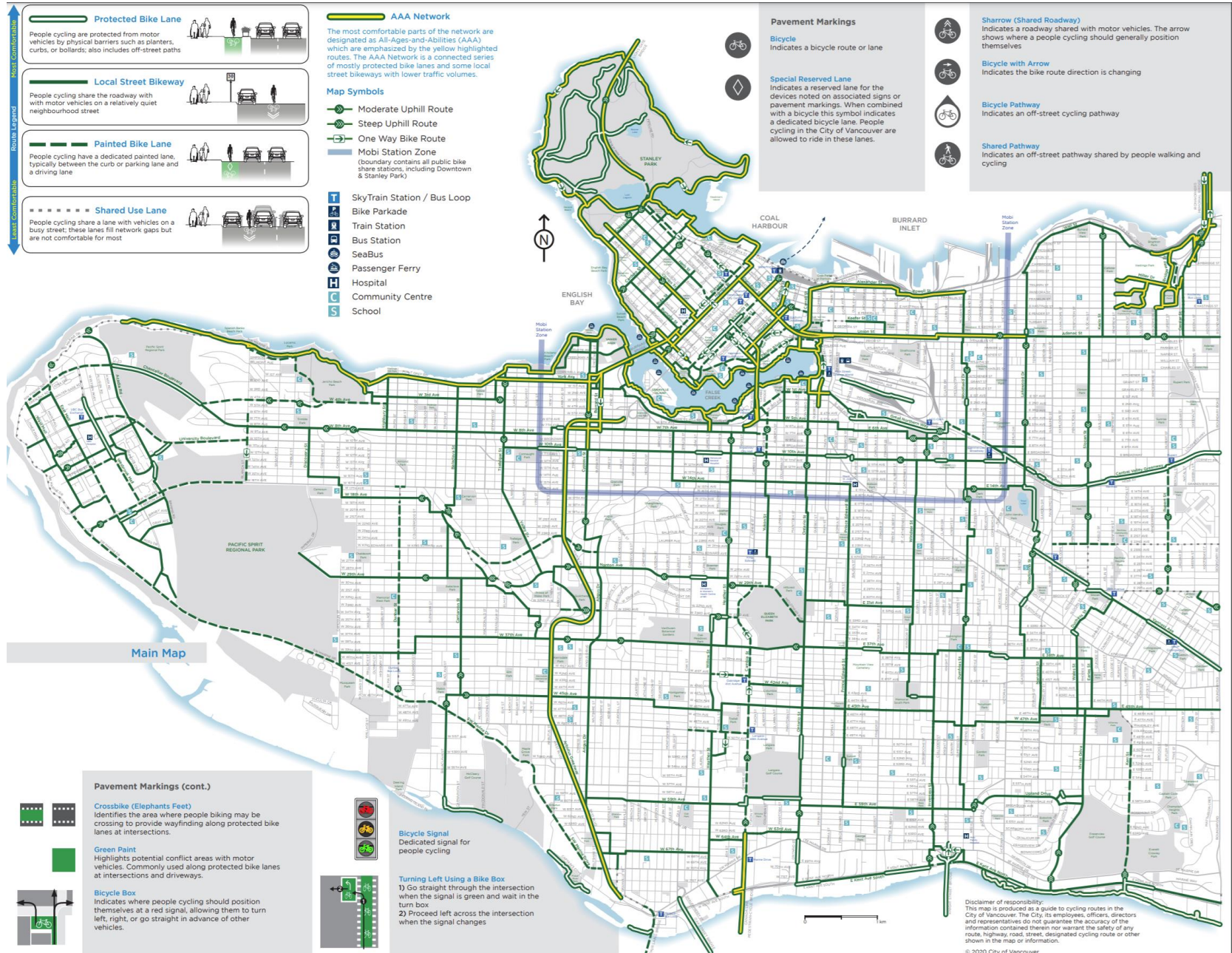
** Port Authority jurisdiction

Number/Letter sequence does not imply priority

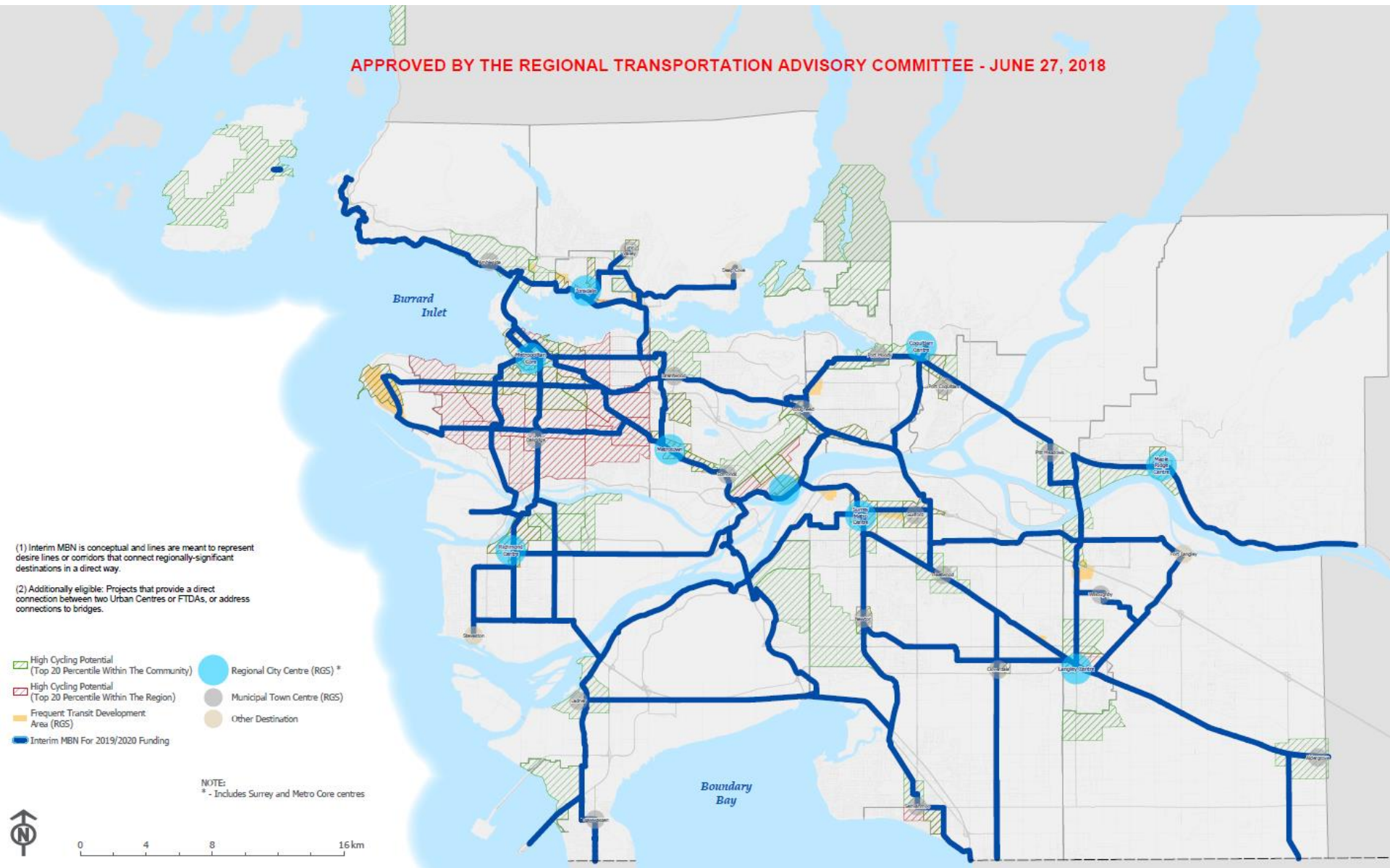
- Planned Route
- Planned Upgrade
- AAA Network
- Protected Bike Lane
- Local Street Bikeway
- Painted Bike Lane
- Shared Use Lane



CoV Cycling Map – Fall 2020 Update



Translink Major Bikeway Network (MBN)



Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan

