



# Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (chair), Navdeep (co host), Kay, Philippe, Karole, Eric S, Michael M, Kevin M, Lisa, Dan, David F, Lucy, Kieran, Mike V, Mike T, Ece, Jonathan, Bob, Bruce, Eric W, Sanne, Clark, Kristin, Ivan (24)

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1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
2. **Agenda:** Approved (municipal election prep added to the draft agenda)
3. **Minutes from Sept:** Approved

<b>Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting</b>		
1	Jeff	Finalize updated Kent Ave Bikeway proposal <b>Done; document approved, and posted</b>
2	Philippe/Jeff	Finalize CVG Assessment Ride Report – <b>Draft completed</b>
3	Philippe	Plan Ontario Bikeway assessment ride – <b>Ride scheduled</b>
4	Mike V	Complete Stanley Park Assessment Ride report – <b>Draft completed</b>

4. **Announcements** (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))
  - HUB Cycling held a webinar on Cycle Superhighways on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. The recording of the event is [here](#)
  - There are a great many surveys and opportunities for feedback on planned transportation improvements open now. Please consider completing a survey. Details in this agenda and the Current Consultations sheet
  - We will again have breakout rooms set up for smaller working group discussions at 8:00 pm. There is no need to log in again, and participants can decide which room they would like to attend
5. **Preparation for the 2022 Municipal Elections.** We are organizing in preparation for the 2022 Municipal Election. In past years, we have documented the past voting records of incumbents on Active Transportation issues, and we have used this data to demonstrate the level of support they have shown. We have also prepared questions for all candidates in past elections and published the responses. We don't take political stands re specific candidates or parties, but we do promote issues related to active transportation. Lisa will be leading this work. Please let us know if you would like to be involved, via email to [Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)

6. **Updates from Working Group Leads.**  
Contact Jeff ([Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Philippe, Mike V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to</li> </ul>	Jeff: finalize drafts of assessment ride reports completed for

	<p>advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent Ave report updated and posted to our wiki. (Jeff)</li> <li>• CVG ride completed, draft report completed and forwarded to Jeff. Ontario Bikeway ride being planned (Philippe)</li> <li>• Assessment ride of Stanley Park completed, and report drafted (Mike V)</li> </ul>	<b>Stanley Park, CVG, and Dumfries.</b>
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next phase of Park Board consultation for permanent changes at Kits Beach is coming up soon. We will send out an email when it is launched. We are concerned that the staff recommendation in 2022 will be too close to the municipal election and not be actioned.</li> <li>• Park Board commissioners have been asked to maintain the Stanley Park temporary protected lane through the winter. We are watching for a motion by commissioners on this and will forward details when we see it. It will be important to demonstrate support to commissioners via emails that reference the specific motion.</li> <li>• A meeting is planned with PB staff on issues related to cycling in all parks.</li> <li>• There is a celebration ride being planned for Stanley Park on the weekend of Nov 13/14. This isn't a HUB Cycling event, but many committee members plan to attend. Watch for details closer to the date.</li> </ul>	
Arbutus Greenway (Jeff for Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services.</li> <li>• Update received post meeting: The CoV continues to work on redesign for the intersection of the Arbutus Greenway with King Edward. Initial designs will be shared when they are ready, hopefully in the coming month.</li> </ul>	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues.</li> <li>• City of Vancouver will not be starting their logistics hub until January at earliest and they are still open to businesses interested in participating (courier companies or others)</li> <li>• The CoV has advised that they have pushed a majority of the strategic elements of the file to the GVRD/Metro Vancouver; this includes developing a specific Sustainable Goods Movement Strategy for the region. The explanation was that it's too big a problem for them to solve and that this needs to be done at a regional level. We don't disagree with this approach.</li> <li>• The CoV will continue to work on items such as parking, curb management, infrastructure for sustainable freight, bylaws, licensing, etc. in relation to Goods Movement strategies.</li> <li>• Translink's Transportation 2050 draft made mention of cargo cycles, a network of micro-hubs but there was no discussion focused on an actual strategic plan.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion will continue on involving HUB Cycling’s Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) given the regional implications.</li> </ul>	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds.</li> <li>• We have been asked to join the project Traffic Advisory Group. If issues are noted related to subway construction, detours, etc, please forward them by email to us so that we can bring them to the attention of that group.</li> <li>• We are participating in the Broadway Business impact meetings with BIAs and the CoV. This is a chance to discuss transportation issues along Broadway and the Broadway Plan, which is in process.</li> <li>• We have been invited to an update on the Broadway Plan, which was released (Emerging Directions). Presumably there are some revisions to the draft released, and we will report back. Lisa ang Key offered to participate in this meeting, and we work to have broader participation, which is gender balanced.</li> </ul>	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River.</li> <li>• No update this month.</li> </ul>	

## 7. Consultations (Jeff)

- Stanley Park: We have asked that the protected lane remain in place through the winter and are looking to the commissioners for a motion to this effect. When it is announced, we will encourage HUB members to write to commissioners, specifically referencing that motion (emails and letters are received, logged, and reported on during the commissioner’s meeting).
- Kits Beach Park public engagement on the proposed paths (next phase, conceptual designs) is expected to be launched shortly. We will advise when it is announced.
- The Beach Ave Bikeway now has a centre line (solid or dashed) for the entire length. This was reported to have deterred drivers from entering the bike lane.
- [Imagine West End Waterfront Plan](#) – a community advisory group is being formed; workshops are underway now and we were invited to a specific workshop on transportation issues.
- [The Jericho Lands planning process](#) has launched the next phase of their public engagement. This is a very significant development. There is a focus on active transportation. More details in the meeting presentation.
- The Smithe St bidirectional bike lanes are under construction. This is a rapid deployment, with poured concrete curbs, lane changes, etc. More details in the meeting presentation.
- Richards St. Bikeway improvements are underway on Pacific Blvd, south side, both east and west of Richards (comprises a new unidirectional protected cycle lane with protection at the intersection).
- A draft has been released for the [Translink Transpo 2050 Plan](#) with details on active transportation improvements, secure bike parking, a focus on infrastructure in urban centres, and a new release of the Major Bikeway Network (MBN). Over the past several years we have worked with Translink and they have incorporated many good ideas in this plan. There is a survey open now, and this is a chance to comment on what you like about the plan. More details, and a map of the new MBN, in the meeting presentation.
- [Central Valley Greenway and BC Parkway](#) improvements are being implemented from John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) through to Clark Drive. This addresses long standing concerns over both unsafe crossings of Broadway, and motor vehicle volume and speed issues. Some reported pushbacks from parents at a local school concerned about access for driving their children to and from school. More project details in the meeting presentation.

- MoTI is completing a priority gap list, for cycling infrastructure throughout the South Coast district. This is based on our HUB Priority Gap list. They have reportedly logged 450 gaps. We are awaiting the report. In the interim, given the number of safety and comfort gaps identified on MoTI routes to and from UBC, MoTI has initiated a project and invited our local committee to review and discuss gaps on five specific routes.
- A HUB member has worked to have the CoV improve AT safety at the exit/entry of the new bike path at Charles and Nanaimo. The CoV recently installed concrete gravity barriers to address the issue of vehicles parked illegally across the path.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the [presentation](#).

#### **8. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update (Jeff)**

- We have been advised that Highway 7 upgrades east from Maple Ridge will not include protected or separated cycling infrastructure. MoTI has mentioned the potential of a corridor study for Active Transportation
- Mary Hill bypass gap under discussions with MoTI (United Blvd to Argue St/Shaugnessy)
- George Massey Crossing project, including corridor upgrades (Bridgeport, Steveston, Hwy 17) and preparation for the main tunnel project

#### **9. Board Update (Jeff) – no update this month**

#### **10. Other Business**

- Opportunity to attend a developer info session for the Commercial and Broadway redevelopment project. We have been involved in this project for some years. Sanne and David F volunteered.
- Suggestions for upcoming meeting topics: Repurposing parking meter posts into bike racks; roundabouts vs small traffic circles; how to bring cycling infrastructure to south/east Vancouver, a potential Deep Dive on the Jericho development, a potential Deep Dive on Transpo 2050

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held from 8:00 to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, and General Discussion)

**Next meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)**