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HUB - New Westminster  
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday February 23, 2022

Present: Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham (left at 7:27), Shane Griffin, Andrew Moss, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:39 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (January 26, 2022) – Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – No new developments.

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – No new developments. The group is awaiting an update on Brad Barber's communications with Mike Anderson.
- b) Uptown Active Transportation Improvements – Garey and Andrew F attended one of several focus groups. Several members attended the pop-up event and completed the survey on the City's Be Heard website.

Shane made recommendations for improvements along the Crosstown Greenway but the City's consultations were limited to the portion of the greenway between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Andrew M noted that the City has conflicting objectives: increased pedestrian & cyclist safety and improved motor vehicle flow. Robert pointed out that the City's survey and plans were vague because design drawings were not included. The route on the north side ramps up to sidewalk level and down to street level in the vicinity of loading zones and zigzags between utility poles. Parking will be removed from the route on the north side. Members recommended diversionary measures to deter motor vehicle traffic on the route through the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

The New Westminster Secondary School connector will run along 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking along the east side will be removed. The City's designs encourage cyclists to use two-point, square turns to make left turns at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City might remove the bus stop on the east side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hamilton Street to facilitate motor vehicle movement but seniors are opposed. The bike lane on the west side curves outward due to curb extensions at Hamilton Street. Shane recommends keeping the bike lane straight and providing a mini-island for pedestrians. The bike lane will also curve at the bus stop on the west side between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hamilton Street. The City does not plan to improve the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Garey feels the intersection requires the same treatment as that at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The bike route on the west side will ramp up and then down in the vicinity of the bus stop between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will be a conflict zone between cyclists and transit users. The group suggested moving the bus stop north of the crosswalk at NWSS or to south of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Action: Garey will draft a letter to tabulate HUB-NW's suggestions.

c) Qayqayt School Connection – Andrew F met with the developer, which proposes a bike path with a 6% grade that is half of the grade of Merivale Street and uses a tiny portion of the school’s property.

d) Memorialization Park/Former NWSS Grounds – No new developments.

e) Pattullo Bridge Construction Update – The ladder & stair tower have not narrowed the bridge’s sidewalk by much but the delineators are an obstruction. Garey has contacted the Environmental Assessment Office several times but feels he has not been heard.

Fencing has been placed along the Central Valley Greenway in preparation for construction related to the bridge.

f) Stewardson Pedestrian Overpass – Garey contacted Erica of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about building a ramp to Nanaimo Street but has not received a reply.

g) October Municipal Elections – HUB-NW is considering a letter to thank outgoing Mayor Cote for his support of cycling.

### 3. Activities

a) Go by Bike Week Spring (May 30 – June 5) – Fulton contacted Karen Trenaman of ICBC about sponsoring celebration stations.

Action: Fulton will contact Vice-Principal Greg Patton about holding an event at NWSS.

b) HUB All-Committee Meeting (Monday March 14) – Attendees were encouraged to register and attend the online event about the feasibility of cycle highways in Metro Vancouver.

Action: Fulton will send an invitation to HUB-NW list serve.

c) HUB 2022 Bike Awards (Thursday February 24) – Attendees were encouraged to register and attend the online event.

Update: Andrew M has observed surveying along a portion of the BC Parkway on Stewardson Way and marking a right-of-way. The work may be related to making the BC Parkway safer between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Adjourned: 7:49 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday March 23, 2022