

# HUB Cycling Youth Advisory Committee Minutes

January 27, 2022 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Online, via [Zoom](#)

Present: Aaron, Aidan, Cedric, Finlay, Jeffrey, Kylie, Malli, Melissa, Nic, Sasha, Jonathan

Regrets: Clarisse

1. Welcome and introductions - 20-30 minutes
2. Introductory Presentation - 30 minutes
3. Breakout room brainstorming - 5 minutes + 10 minutes sharing
  - a. Young people's voices should be incorporated more into the planning process
  - b. Finding out barriers to entry to biking, especially for people we're not seeing on bikes
  - c. Bike education in elementary school—what happens after? How do we keep youth commuting by bike?
4. Open discussion - 10 minutes
  - a. Important to have a mission statement before we get into planning
5. Next steps: setting up communication channel, electing chairs & other positions, setting priorities & actionable goals

Key notes from Jamboard

## Committee Values

- Mutual Respect
- Inclusivity
- Patience
- Optimism/hopefulness toward change
- Equity and equal access
- Willingness to listen and focus on possibility
- Fun and friendly

## Committee focus

- Providing input on HUB programs, initiatives, advocacy
- Building relationships with other youth-led youth-serving environmental/bike groups, other groups with the same mission
- Bike repair workshops
- Creating more bike friendly communities, empowering youth to ride more

- Involving more youth into planning and design for the city. Making youth a larger stakeholder in management and planning
- Encouraging youth to cycle as a mode of travel, as a future-friendly lifestyle habit
- Empowering elementary and high school students to adopt cycling through workshops
- Building awareness in schools about how to get involved in cycling advocacy

#### Barriers to biking more often

- Bikes are expensive and intimidating
- Perception and reality of unsafe cycling conditions on roads
- Not enough routes adequate inclusive use
- Sprawl leading to long distances between locations
- Biking can take longer than driving and seems less convenient to many youth
- Lack of secure bicycle parking spaces, fear of bike theft
- Hesitation from parents
- Other people might think people biking are weird if they're not used to the idea

#### Actions that can be taken to get more people cycling

- Education and advocacy: talking to schools and other stakeholders
- Using ourselves to set an example for others
- Reaching out and engaging more youth in events like Go By Bike Week
- Talking to youth to determine popular destinations and advocate for improved cycling facilities there
- Collaborate with other organizations to spread the word, having challenges to encourage biking