



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021

18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Geneviève, Mike T, Stan, Lucy, Sam, Eric, Mike V, Karole, Nels, Charles, Tassillie, Dan, Lisa, Clark, Tim, Kay, Bruce C, Navdeep, Angelina, Brooke, Kieran, Austin, David, Daniel, Tomer, Ece, Andre, Bruce R, Suzanne, Vincent, (33)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Feb: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing
2	Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete assessment ride report for UBC ride – ride notes completed, letter being drafted
3	Philippe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold assessment ride on Dumfries – Ride held; report pending approval
4	Stan/Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule meeting with Arbutus Greenway project team for an update - outstanding

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords. When we can resume face to face meetings, we are considering holding a portion of them via Zoom, due to higher attendance and more participation.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up-to-date news
- The City of Vancouver is requesting feedback on how the diversions are working on Ontario, Heather, Charles, and two on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12th. These are not permanent diversions, and there is not a formal public engagement program. We encourage all those who ride these streets and have an opinion on the traffic calming to complete the [CoV Survey](#).
- The federal government announced a new [National Active Transportation Strategy](#), and \$400 million in funding over 5 years. A good start.
- Canada Bike Count planned for June 1st. If we participate, we need a coordinator to line up volunteers. Potential 2-hour shifts, one day only, multiple locations in Vancouver. Names collected in the chat of those interested in volunteering.

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff (Vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Anthony, Philippe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Anthony: draft letter for UBC assessment ride.

	<p>advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UBC ride completed, and ride notes. Letter being drafted (Anthony). Dumfries ride held, and report drafted. Additional rides to be planned (Philippe). Several people expressed interest in the assessment ride; names will be forwarded to Philippe. • UBC letter to go to Krista Falkner, Traffic Engineering at UBC. Krista works within Campus and Community Planning. • Kent Ave report to be updated with new info and photos (Jeff) 	<p>Philippe: organize upcoming rides. Jeff: update Kent Ave report, and submit finalized reports</p>
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • Two working group priorities for 2021 are Seaside Greenway near Kits Beach, and reallocation of road space in Stanley park (temporary lane now, permanent in the medium term) Discussions ongoing with commissioners. • Temporary lane in Stanley Park is going ahead for this summer; implementation date not announced. Letters to commissioners were critical for this win. Thank you all! • Staff are working on the Kits Beach path issue and will be restarting the John Hendry Park/Trout Lake public engagement. • PB staff report to commissioners on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term expected in the fall. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • No update this month. Stan will request a meeting with the CoV project team for an update. • Volunteers will ride the AG and post videos on social media, encouraging use and celebrating the route. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Well attended HUB Cycling cargo bike seminar held on March 4th. Recording of webinar here. Thanks to Sam for putting this on. 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. • Construction work for the Arbutus subway station will result in a detour on the Arbutus Greenway from 10th to 7th and Cypress, to be implemented shortly. • Construction work for the Great Northern Way station will result in a detour on GNW and Scotia. This will include full protection and a bidirectional bikeway. • There is overlap with the Broadway Corridor planning process by the CoV, which is reported on under Consultations. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential north/south route from around the PNE, towards the Fraser river • No update this month. 	

6. **Consultations (Jeff)** - Note: many more details on these items are in our [meeting presentation on our wiki](#)
- Discussion on HUB Cycling's role in advocacy. There has been a lot of chatter in social media recently about cycling lobbyists, likely sparked by the recent (heated) debates over a temporary protected cycle lane in Stanley Park. A reminder that HUB Cycling is a registered charitable non-profit. HUB Cycling staff run programs such as Bike to Work Week, hold events such as Bike the Night, provide cycling education in schools and for adults, offer bike friendly business consulting services for developers and building managers, and conduct research such as the State of Cycling report. Advocacy is largely carried out by volunteers such as our local committee. Thank you for supporting our work.
 - Discussion on the municipal election next year, profiling candidates, providing voting records, and so on. Anyone interested in helping with this please contact Jeff or Lisa.
 - Stanley Park Protected Lane. Decision made by commissioners (5-2 vote) but no implementation date yet. Motion does not address the Seawall path; staff will determine the plan there. A return route has been requested along Pipeline Road. A reminder that the left lane is not just a car lane, but rather a general travel lane, for vehicles, horse drawn carriages, and people on bikes overtaking slower riders. The PB collected data last year, and we will continue to encourage this key activity. Staff will continue to look for ways to improve accessibility for those who need to drive. We have requested that the slip lanes at the north end of the causeway be closed to reduce drivers rat running through the park. We will also be preparing for a fall debate and campaign on longer term measures to reduce vehicle volumes in the park, when the staff report is presented.
 - Beach Ave bikeway construction continues. Signal heads being installed, line painting, new transit stops, signage, and crosswalks. Be aware of people walking who are crossing the bikeway. People in crosswalks have priority. Signal your stop so that riders behind you know you are stopping and consider calling it out.
 - The 30 km/hr Neighbourhood Reduced Speed Pilot has started in Grandview Woodlands. The project area is bounded by but not including 1st/Clark/Commercial/Grandview Hwy. Signage is installed on every block and at entrances; The CoV will conduct monitoring.
 - Slow Streets – **feedback is required from all of us to the City on how the diversions are working.** The Wall St diversion was removed due to negative public response. Ontario at Riley Park appears to be working, as does the one on Charles. Two new diversions were announced on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12th. We need feedback to the City on whether these are working, or not, as there is no other public engagement planned, and these are temporary installations. Please complete the [CoV Survey](#) about this question. We are not talking here about the Slow Street implementations where portable barriers are continually shifted off the roadway, but are focused here on the concrete barriers, which are immovable.
 - School Streets Pilot Program – 3 schools have agreed to participate (Lord Roberts, Hastings, Van Horne); implementation is April 12, running for four weeks. This program will involve bike permeable road closures with barricades, in effect at pick up and drop off times only. Volunteers will place the barricades. Program includes monitoring before/after, including air quality. Program includes AT promotion. Lessons learned from similar programs in other cities. Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down and monitor the barriers. Volunteers will receive instruction prior to their shifts and there are prizes for all volunteers who commit to (1-2 shifts/week) for the full month. Interested in learning more about volunteering? Contact the School Volunteer Coordinator at:
 - * Lord Roberts Elementary - Email robertsactivetransportation@gmail.com
 - * Van Horne Elementary - Email volunteer@vanhornepac.com
 - * Hastings Elementary - Fill out this quick form: bit.ly/hastingsvolunteer [bit.ly]
 - Ontario St bikeway improvements have started construction at 5th, and at 7th.
 - St. Paul's Hospital development has a virtual Open House scheduled. This is an important destination for active transportation routes in the area, including from Adanac, Gore, CVG, Quebec, Emily Carr station, and Pacific Blvd.

- Broadway Corridor Plan – [public engagement has been relaunched](#). The CoV has published their [Emerging Directions](#) report to show progress to date. We are heartened by much in the report, including reimagining Broadway as a Great Street, with a focus on healthy transportation options. We are not in agreement with the City’s complete lack of consideration of protected bikeways along Broadway itself. With access to additional bike parking planned, including at the new subway stations, as well as all of the shops and services on Broadway itself, not including cycling infrastructure, also usable by stand-up electric scooters, those users are likely to revert to the widened sidewalks, which would be a negative for users of all modes. The reduction of Broadway to two vehicle lanes in each direction allows greatly enhanced active transportation options, and we encourage the City to rethink their plan here. Please take a look at the information online, [complete the survey about Area Wide issues](#), and if you share your thoughts via email with broadwayplan@vancouver.ca please cc us at vancouver@bikehub.ca so that we can consolidate the responses. We have sent a formal letter to the CoV on this topic and are in discussions with elected officials.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the [presentation](#).

7. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- Some updates received from MoTI on recently announced AT projects. Design improvements were made after consultation with HUB Cycling on two North Shore projects (Capilano Road and Lynn Valley Road). New concrete gravity barriers have now been installed at the north end of the Lions Gate Bridge (both sides). Mary Hill Bypass MUP has been cancelled. NW Marine Drive path continuing with design. Meetings held to discuss safety issues and conflicts between users of different modes. Request made to remove vehicle parking in the cycle lanes along 16th, and along SW Marine in the shoulder.

8. Board Update (Jeff)

- No update this month

9. Other Business

- Question raised on CoV plan to remove stand along parking meters. The City has announced that they will convert some of the former meters to bike parking (remove the meter heads, install a ring at locking height) but we do not know how many. We will follow up in our next CoV meeting.
- A new group is being formed, the Vancouver Off Road Cycling Association (VORCA), focused on youth cycling on off road paths/trails. More info [@vorcabike](#) on instagram

20:00 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting April 20th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)