## Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

Sept 17, 2024

### Virtual Meeting via Zoom





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# **VULC Meetings**





#### **Active listening**

Pay close attention to what others are saying and avoid interrupting

#### **Respectful language**

No personal attacks, name-calling or dismissive language One speaker at a time

Wait for someone to finish their point before making yours



Be concise

Get your question or comment across clearly and efficiently

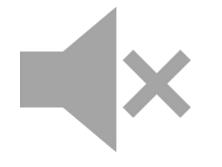


#### **Respect the chair**

The chair is responsible for making sure all agenda items are covered in a timely fashion, and discussion of certain items may need to continue outside of the meeting



## **Virtual Meetings**





Please mute your phone or microphone when you are not speaking. A moderator may mute you. Ensure your name is displayed so that we know who you are. We have a co-host who will watch the text chat and help make sure questions are addressed from online attendees.



## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that HUB Cycling operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people. We recognize and respect the stewardship of this land and waters by these Indigenous communities, who have lived here for thousands of years and continue to do so. We acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous peoples have faced and continue to face, and we commit to working towards reconciliation and decolonization in our community and beyond.









## Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new attendees
- Minutes from July meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



# Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, Action Item Review, Announcements
- Events
- Updates from Working Group Leads
- CoV Transportation Update to Council
- Consultations
- VULC Correspondence/Meetings
- Meeting Adjourns (8:00 pm)
- Break Out Rooms for discussions



## **Action Items Review**

- Van311 please report bike lane maintenance issues to the CoV using the smartphone app or by calling 311. Note the new features for reporting bike issues.
- Complete reports for two Assessment Rides (Jeff) **done**
- Hold a July Social Ride (Anthony) postponed



## Announcements

- Adam Hawk has a <u>petition</u> (currently with 2997 signatures) calling on CoV staff to improve safety for cycling by following through on the CoV 2017 commitments related to local street bikeways. These changes are within the existing mandate of the City Engineer.
- <u>Go By Bike Week</u> is coming up Sept 23 to Oct 6, Please register, and log your trips to support our advocacy work
- A <u>Community Bike Ride and Celebration</u> is being organized by HUB Cycling (and sponsored by the CoV) at the Ross Street Gurdwara on October 5th. Volunteers are required, including ride leaders.



# Events





## **Events**

- Musqueam Bike Rally was held Aug 15 🚺
- Bike to Shop Guided Rides were held Aug 10 and 24
- Bike the Night was held Sept 14

- The HUB Cycling AGM will be held Sept 21 at 3:30 pm at 312 Main St. A President's Ride will run from the Patterson St Station in Burnaby, to the AGM, starting at 2 pm. Registration is required for both the AGM and the ride
- The Sept 22 Social Ride to Richmond has been postponed.





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#### If you're subscribed to "special announcements only" you missed discussions like these:

Solar Bike on Car Free Day on Main ast. Eric Schwartz (he/him/his) C.604.724.7589 schwartz.eric.lewis@... Started by Eric Schwartz @ Sep 15 · •

HUB Vancouver UBC Local Committee Meeting Tuesday Sept 17th - 6:30 pm *(***#MonthlyMeeting**) Hi all, Here's the agenda for our monthly VULC meeting, coming up on Tuesday, Sept 17th at 6:30pm. We will me... Started by Jeff Leigh @ Sep 12 · •

To Iona Beach 🖪 🖉

Hi all, One of the members I met today in the social ride (I forgot his name), inquired about how to safely get to Iona Beach or Vancouver Airport without using the busy and dangerous Arthur Liang... Started by Ivan Chan @ Jun 23 · Most recent @ Sep 11 · •

Looking for Volunteers for Community Bike Ride and celebration, Ross Street Gurdwara- Oct 5 Hi Everyone, In an effort to engage the South East Asian community in active travel, HUB will be hosting a... Started by HUB Cycling @ Sep 11 · •

14th Ave Bikeway Expansion Status? 4

Hey folks, Does anyone know how the 14th Ave bikeway extension is going? The route currently ends at Alder but... Started by Nyan Saik Krat @ Aug 6 · Most recent @ Sep 10 · •

Water Street/Gastown Pedestrian Zone Pilot Survey Open until Sept 2

Hi Everyone, The City of Vancouver is seeking feedback on the Water Street, Gastown Pedestrian Zone. Please tak... Started by Cathy Acuna @ Aug 29 · •

#### Crashes continue at Clark/10th 2 🖉

It's anecdata, but crashes continue at Clark/10th and the city has yet to make any proposals about changes. https://cosocial.ca/@timbray/113008128191988741 A> Started by Anthony Floyd @ Aug 23 · Most recent @ Aug 24 · •









# Working Group Updates





## Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides Jeff, Anthony Ride reports completed for two rides held in East Van. No rides scheduled this month
- Cycling in Parks Lisa Stanley Park Mobility Study final stakeholder meeting postponed; Kits Park path construction; East Park engagement planned
- Arbutus Greenway Stan/Jeff/Anthony no update
- Broadway Subway Anthony Maple/Cypress detour revised
- Elections Working Group Lisa
- NE Quadrant Greenway Clark No update
- Social Rides Anthony September social ride postponed
- Secure Bike Parking Eric Update on working group activities; Translink bike parkades



### Secure Bike Parking Working Group

## September 2024 Update



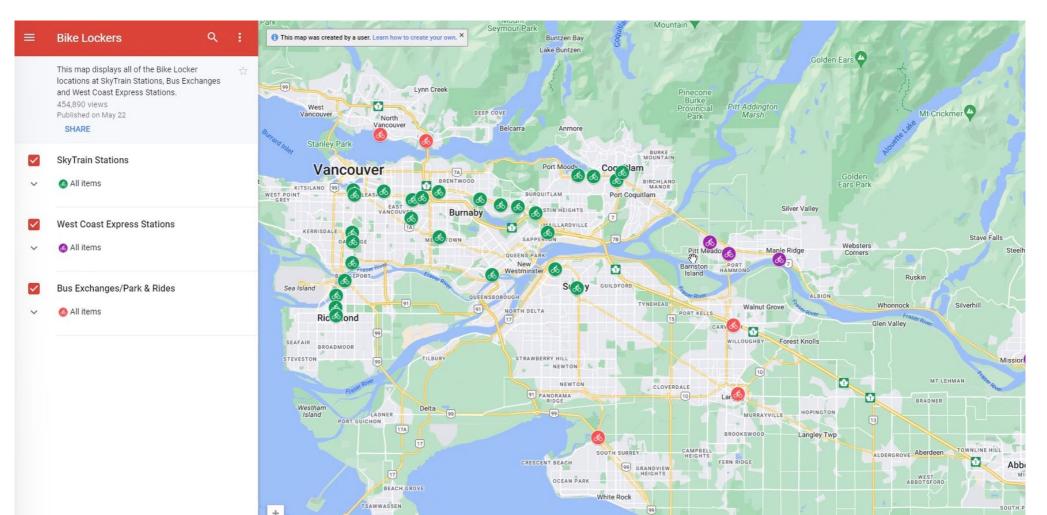
## Trends in Bike Thefts

- The problem is decreasing in number of bike thefts
- Not necessarily in value due to e bike thefts





#### **Bike lockers**







- $\circ$  11 locations
- Monthly Utilization:
  - Summer > 2000
  - Winter 1500
- Bike thefts:
  - Not promoted by Translink as secure. Unstaffed, self-service model
  - Not as high as has been suggested
    One per month on average. Safer than bike racks.





- Future expansion limited by financial constraints.
- Partnerships are a potential, but history has shown operational issues





#### **Pacific Center**

- Easy Park is not allowing Pacific Centre employees to access their bike room from the parking ramps.
- Cadillac Fairview stepped up to allow users to utilize the lobby elevators.





#### **Gastown Parkade**

- Easy Park operates private bike lockups for paying companies.
- Could replicate the model for the general public, utilizing a key fob or phone key access system
- $\circ$  We will follow-up ...



# VANCOUVER Street Bike Racks

We're taking a serious look at the process of requesting bike racks from the CoV

- Experiences requesting a bike rack:
  - HUB members
  - Local businesses
- Met with Van311
  - $\circ$  Request a Bike Rack  $\rightarrow$  Cycling and Micromobility Menu
- Talking with the BIAs about their process to order bike racks
  - Ease of process
  - Costs to business



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#### **HUB Bike Rack Request Cards**

- HUB Members
  - Leave with local businesses
  - Bike to Shop handouts
  - Print your own anytime



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#### **Business Improvement Areas (BIA)**

- Mailout to BIA members in partnership between HUB, BIAs and CoV for:
  - Growth in business where bike parking is provided at store fronts
  - Information on:
    - How to request bike racks from the city and associated costs
    - How to order good bike racks to put on private property



## Join our projects ...

Secure Bike Parking Working Group

Bring your ideas

Join our work

Come to our next meeting

Sign-up for our mailing list

Email Jeff or Anthony

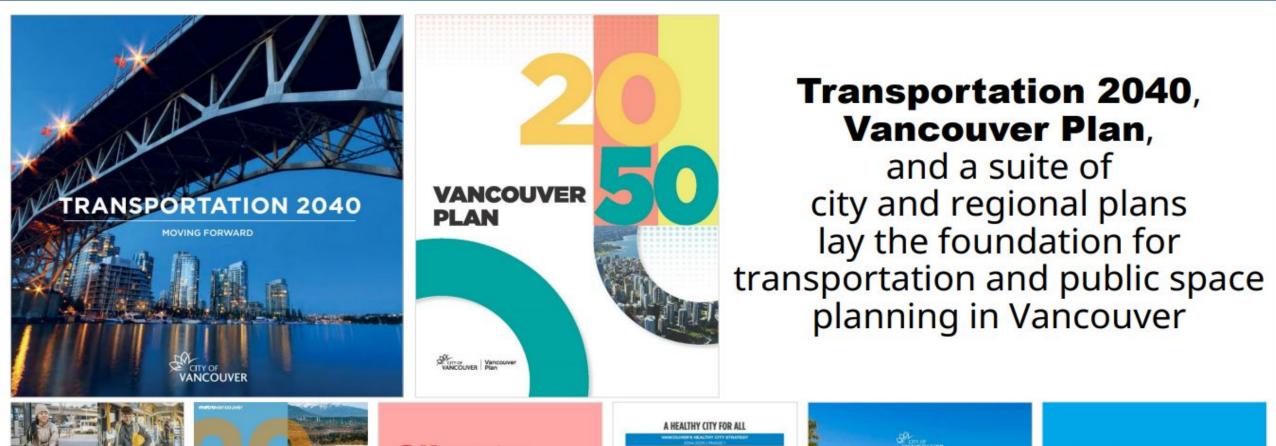
Call or Text Eric: C. 604.724.7589



# CoV Transportation Update (July 24)



## **Key policies**





Climate Emergency Action Plan



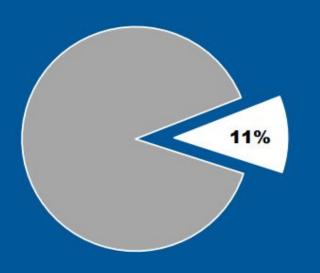


Downtown Public Space Strategy

## **Streets: more than just transportation**



### **Transforming Road Space**



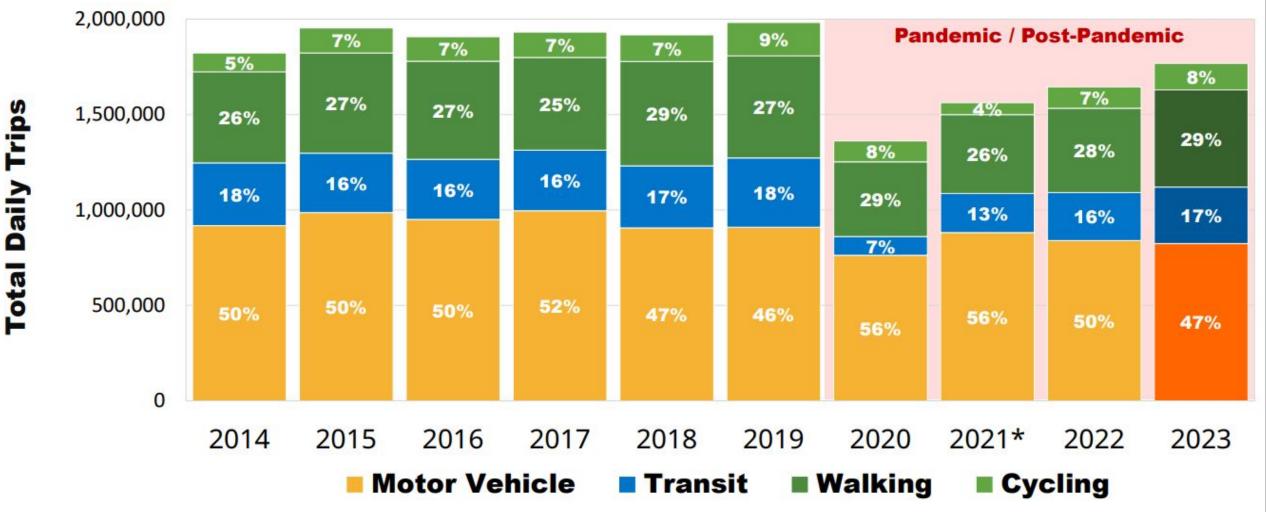
#### In 2020, we set an 11% road space reallocation target

to support active transportation, transit, public life, and parks & rainwater management.



## Sustainable mode share growing

Trip volumes continue to rebound

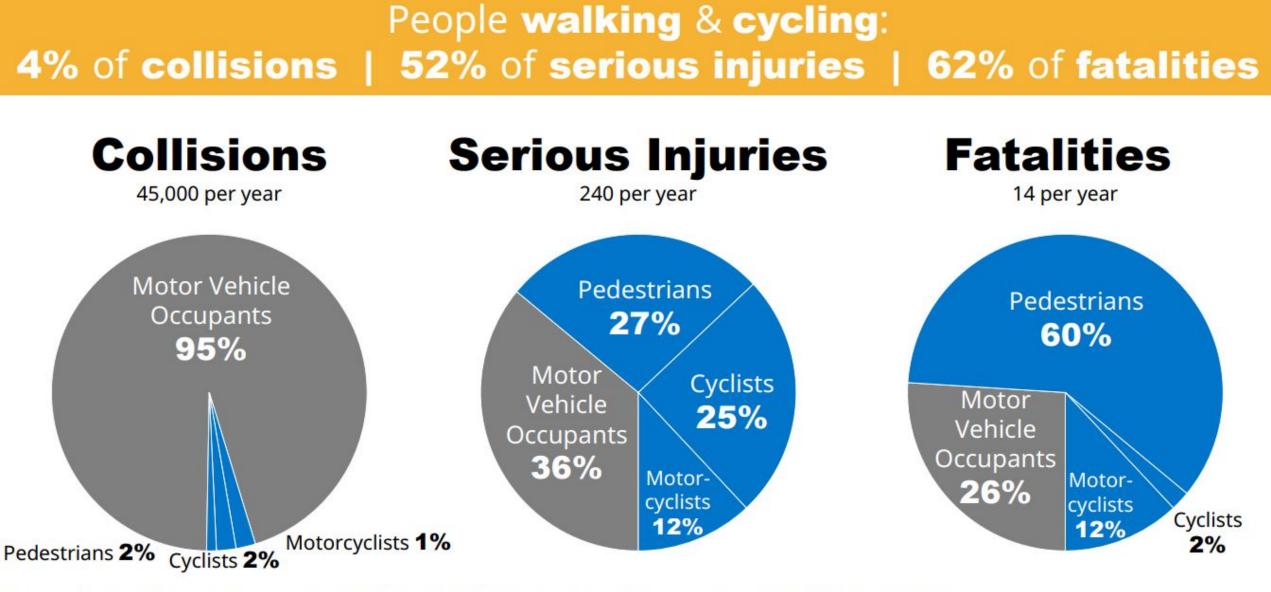


Total

Source: City of Vancouver panel surveys. Note: Significant changes beginning in 2020 due to global pandemic. \*Lower active travel counts in 2021 due to extreme weather conditions / atmospheric river at time of survey.

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## People walking and cycling are more vulnerable



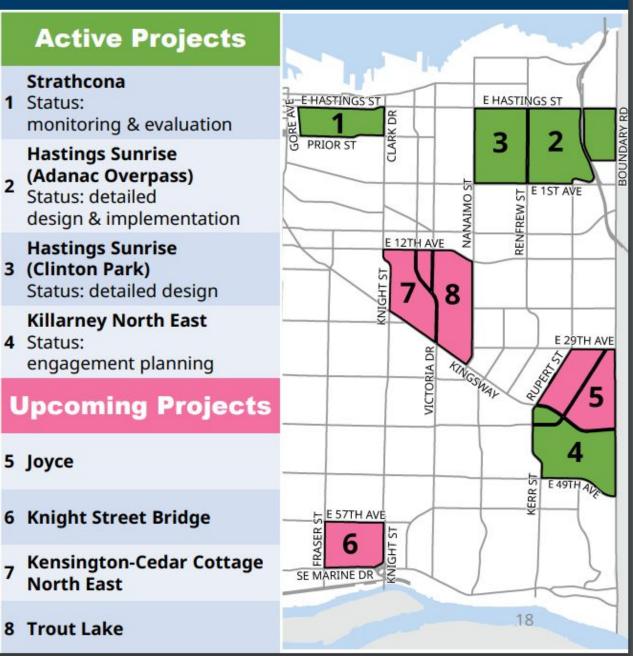
Sources: Vancouver Police Department, Traffic Fatality Data (2018-23); Vancouver General Hospital, Traffic Injury Data (2018-23); Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Collision Data (2018-22)

## **Neighbourhood Traffic Management**

Quick-build traffic calming to address safety issues like speeding and high vehicle volumes on local streets







## Investigating safety hotspots

### We work with partners

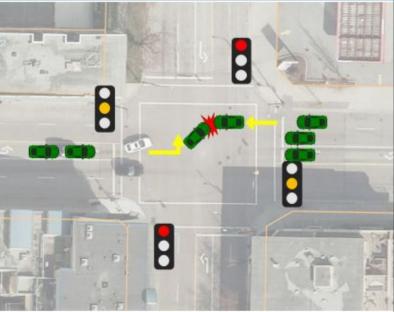
including Vancouver Police, Vancouver Coastal Health & ICBC to better understand collisions

- When Where Who
- How Why

## We conduct detailed studies

to determine best safety interventions:

- Site observations
- Collision diagrams
- Automated video conflict analysis

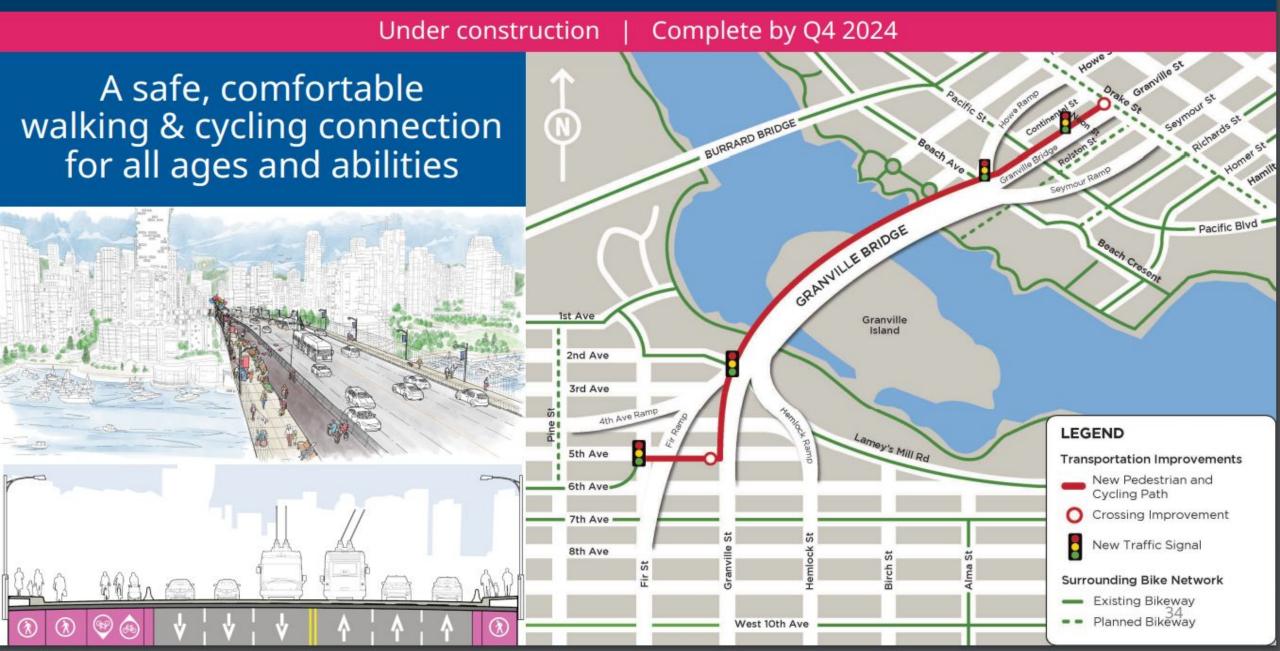


Sample collision diagram



Sample video conflict analysis (Pacific/Burrard) 20

## **Granville Connector**



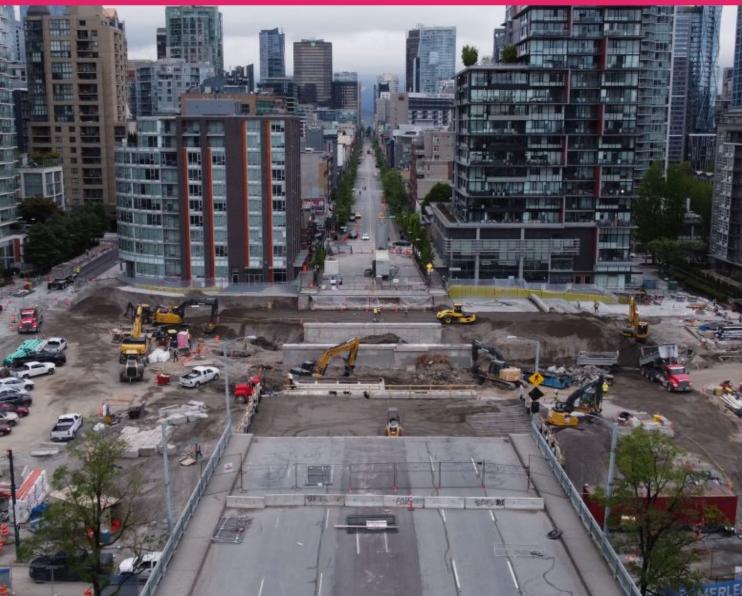
## **Granville Loops replacement**

#### Under construction | Complete by Q4 2024

#### Highway-style loops replaced with safe, vibrant urban street grid



- Comfortable walking & biking
- Unlocks development opportunities



## **Drake Complete Street**

Construction coordinated with Granville Connector | Complete 2025

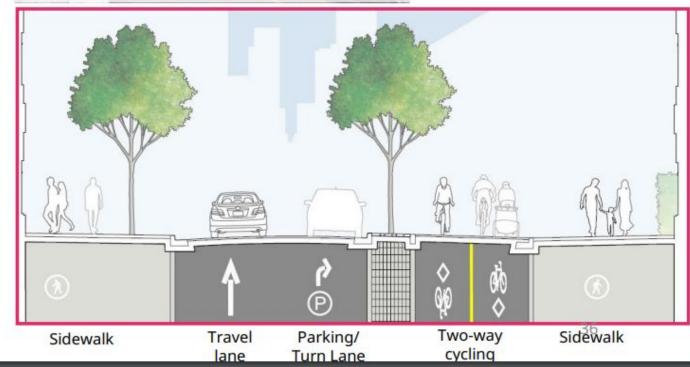
#### A complete street between Hornby St. and Pacific Blvd.





Design similar to Richards Street





## Other underway/upcoming improvements

Making active travel safer across the city



Arbutus Greenway improvements at King Edward Ave are currently under construction

### Improvements are taking place throughout the city Recent and upcoming highlights include:

- Arbutus Greenway @ King Edward (2024)
- Arbutus Greenway @ 41<sup>st</sup> (2025)
- Ontario Greenway Walter Hardwick to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (2025)
- King Edward bikeway extension Dunbar to Quesnel (2024)
- Eastside Crosscut Greenway (Fall 2025)
- Seaside Greenway at Kits Beach (2024/25)
- Beatty St upgrades Smithe to Georgia (2025)
- Kent Ave (2025-2026)
- Melville Complete Street (2025-2026)
- Portside Greenway (starting 2026)

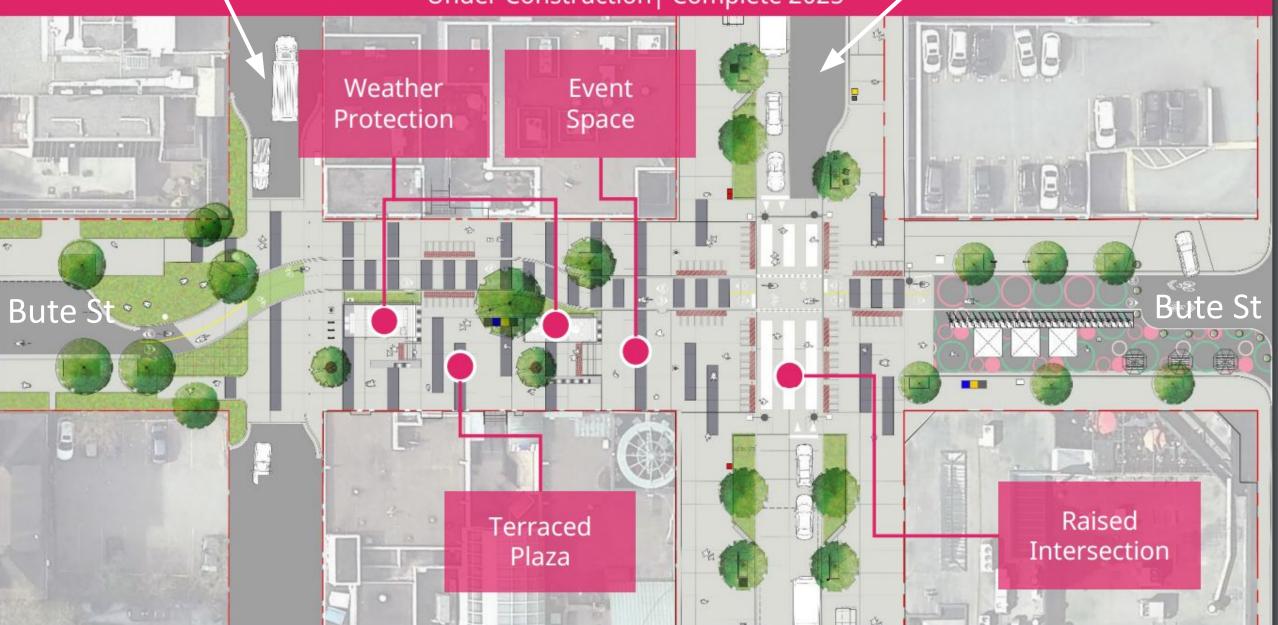
#### ... plus other spot safety improvements and extensions coordinated through development and street restoration

### Rosemary Brown Lane N

## **Bute-Robson Plaza**

### Under Construction | Complete 2025

### Robson St



## **Four Permanent Plazas**

### Upgrades to four successful temporary plazas





Electrical & Utility Upgrades



Decorative Lighting Support



Support Shared Micromobility



Increased Tree Canopy



Event Space & Flexible Use















# Consultations





## Consultations

- Stanley Park Mobility Study Final Stakeholder Meeting postponed to October
- Clark Drive at 10th Ave two crashes; our recommendations re signal light timing; CoV response
- 14th Ave Bikeway Improvements Alder to Arbutus completion by Mid October; Prince Edward to Dumfries timeline TBC; Trafalgar to Arbutus will extend beyond 2027 due to signals
- Kits Park Protected Lanes construction has commenced
- East Park planning process concept plan due this fall
- Gastown Public Spaces design workshops held



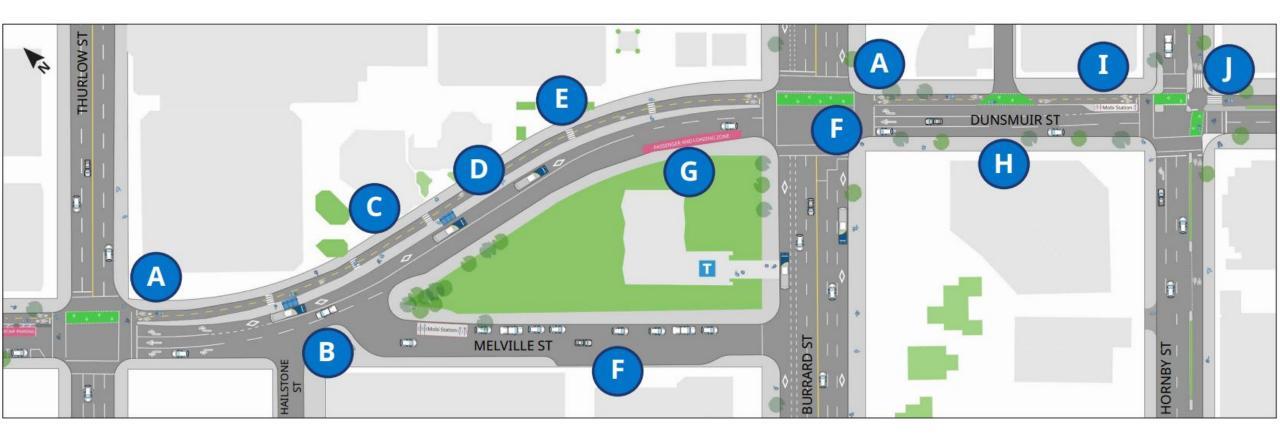
# Dunsmuir/Melville Street Project





# Dunsmuir/Melville: Hornby to Thurlow

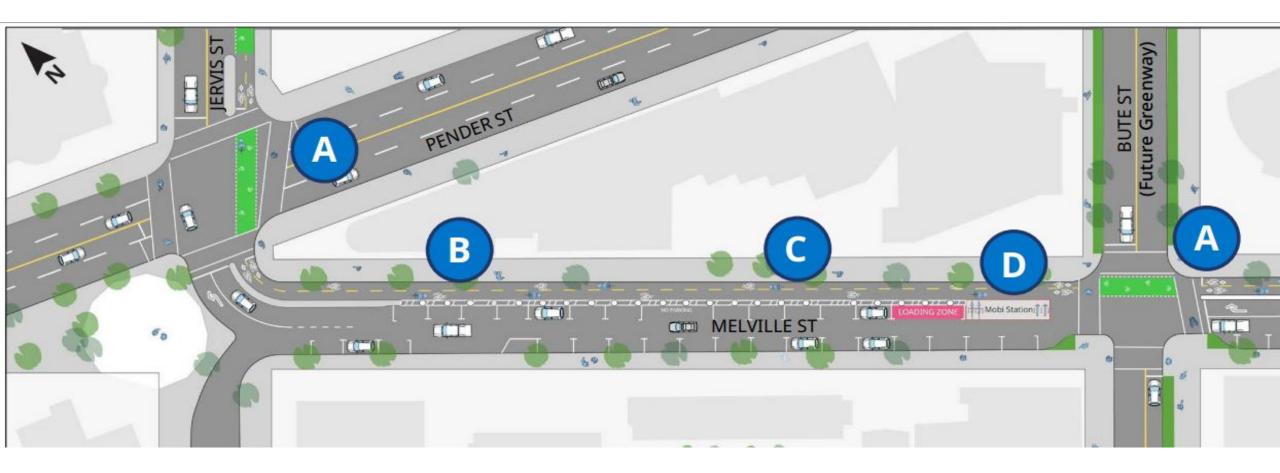
## Recommendation: include protection on Dunsmuir to Burrard





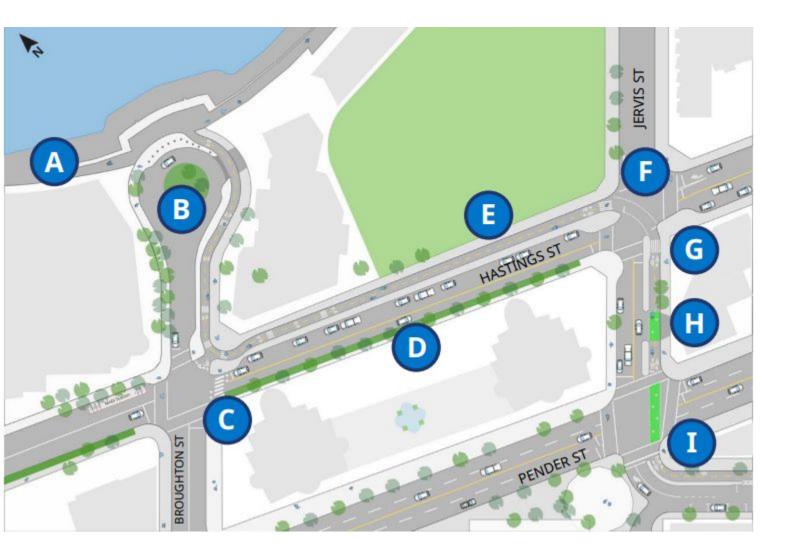
## Dunsmuir/Melville: Bute to Jervis

## Recommendation: include wayfinding signage on Pender eastbound





# Dunsmuir/Melville: Pender to the Seawall



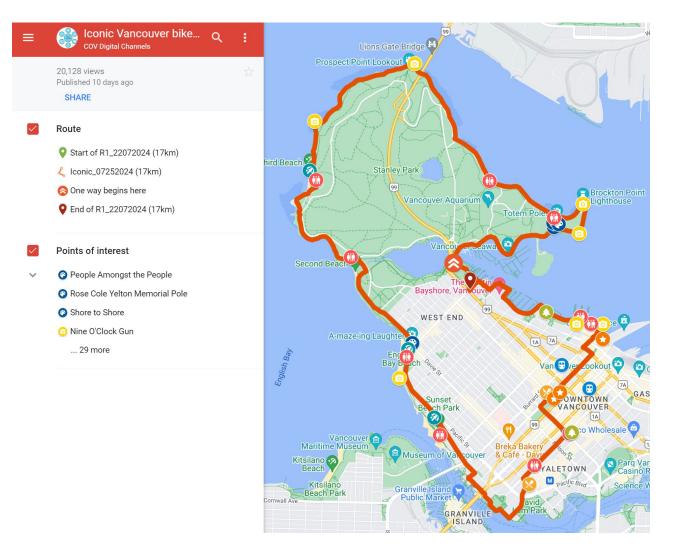
Protected lanes on two sides of the school and community centre Raised crossing of Hastings at Broughton

Recommendation:

Extend the Hastings protected lane west to Nicola for commuters to connect to the Stanley Park Causeway paths

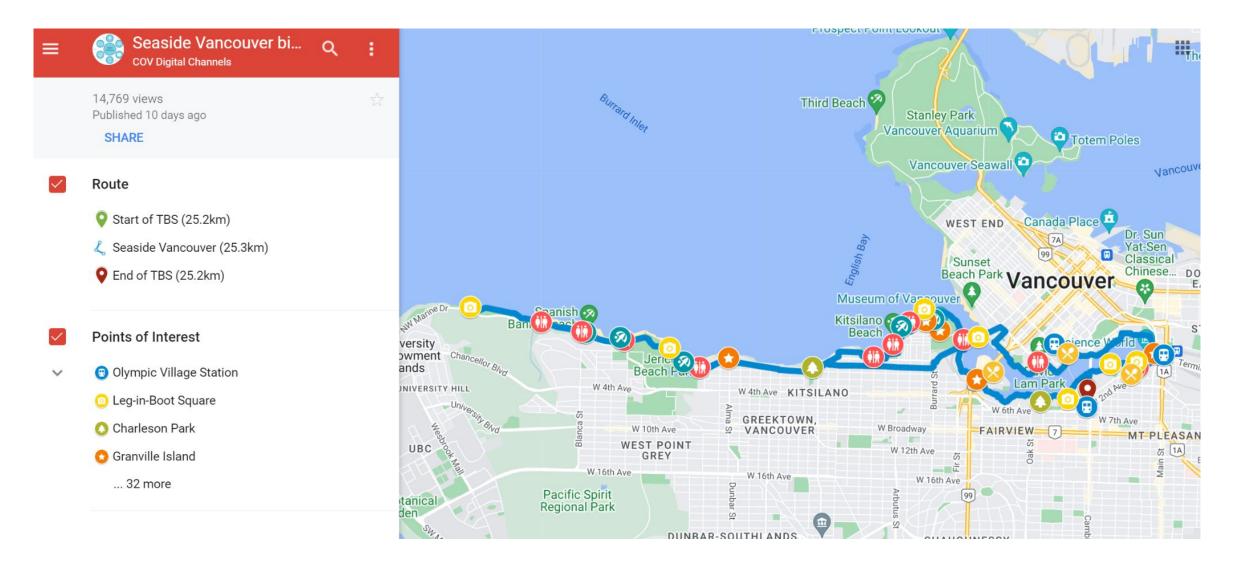


# CoV Digital Cycling Routes



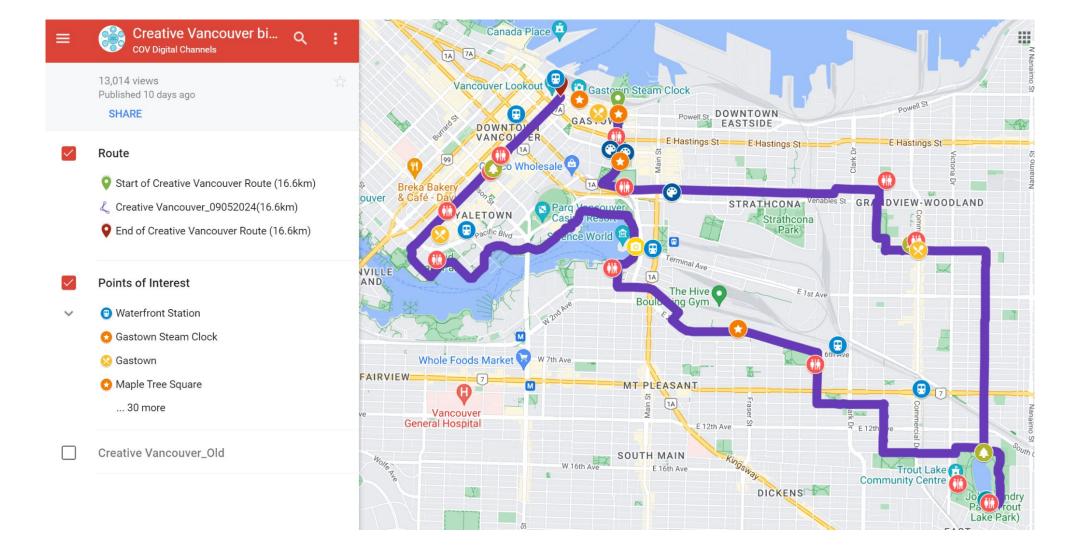


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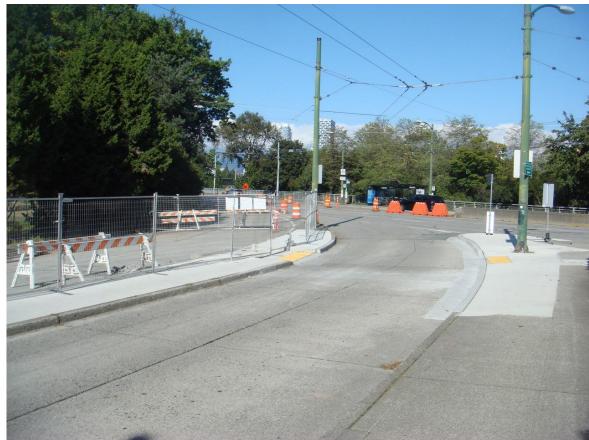


## **Granville Connector Progress**



Centre span

South End



## **Granville Connector Progress**



### North End at Neon St

### Neon St Connector to Rolston





# VULC Correspondence/Meetings





# Correspondence/Meetings

- 37th Ave Bikeway Improvements
- Creekside Drive access to Senakw
- Intersection improvements on 16th Ave at Wallace St (Lord Byng School)
- Traffic Signal installation underway at Victoria and 10th
- Cycling Near Pass Incident Tracking System (NPITS) a design project undertaken by SFU engineering students. The device detects near pass events and logs distance, location, and time, and takes a photo of the vehicle involved.



# Wrap Up



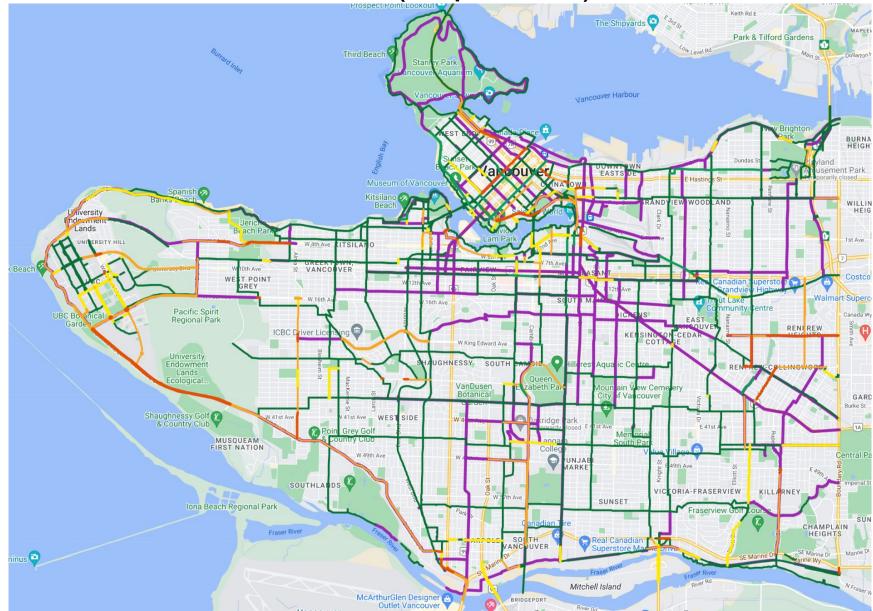


# Appendices



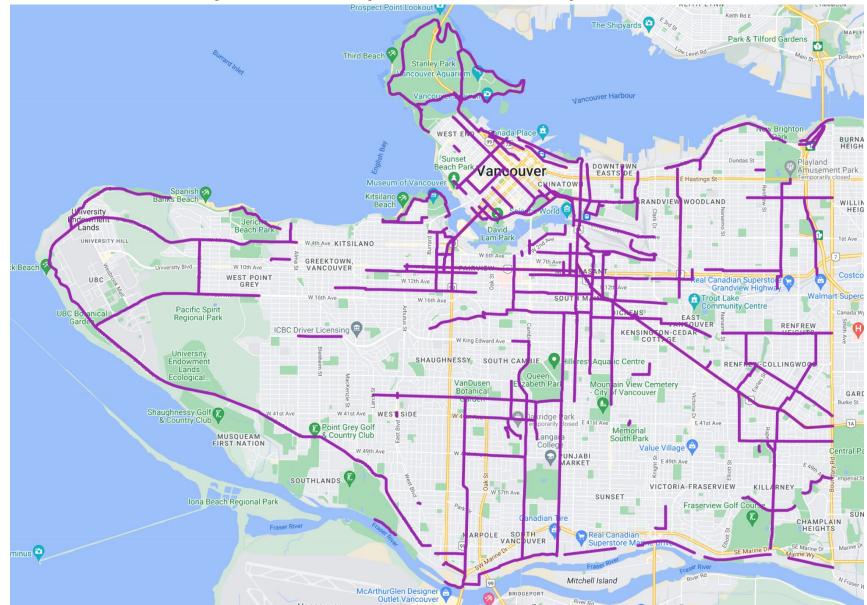
# Prototype Gap Map (Vancouver/UBC) with SoC Route Data (Sept 2023)

Vancouver UBC



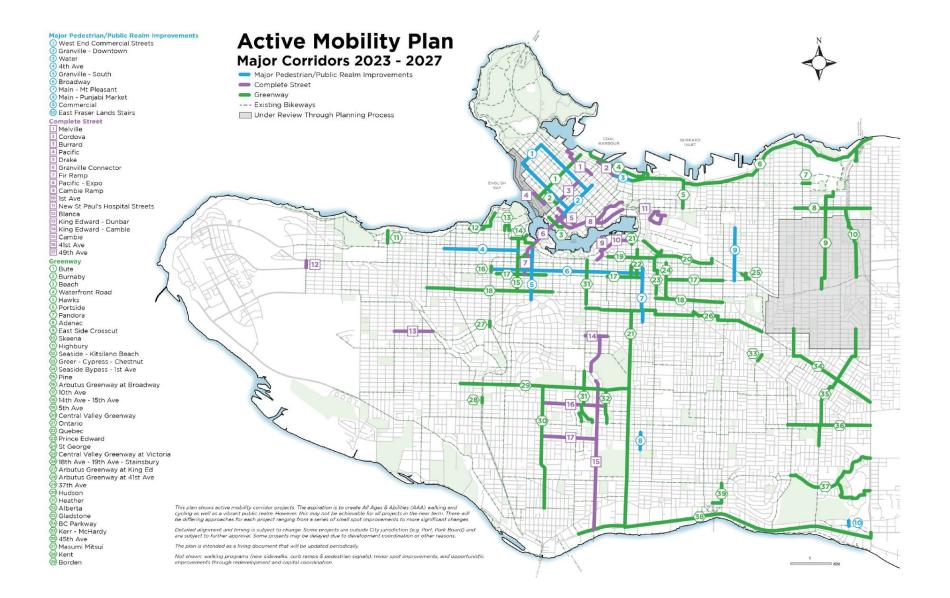


## Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)

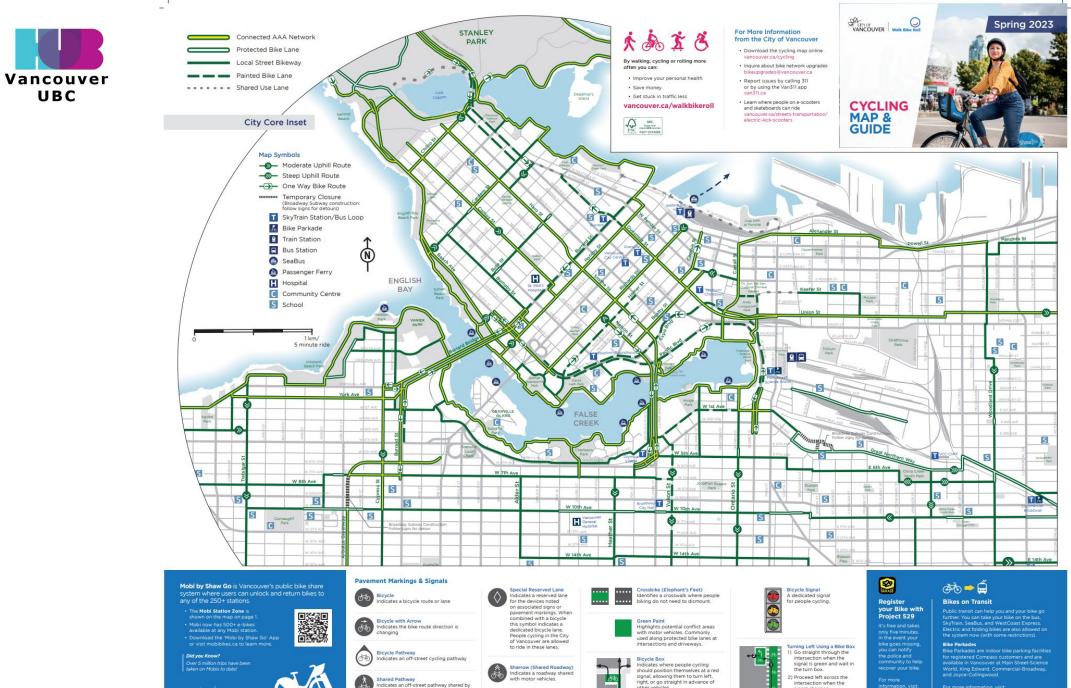




## CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023







For more information, visit: translink.ca/rider-guide/bike-and-ride-on-transit

intersection when the

signal changes.

information, visit: project529.com

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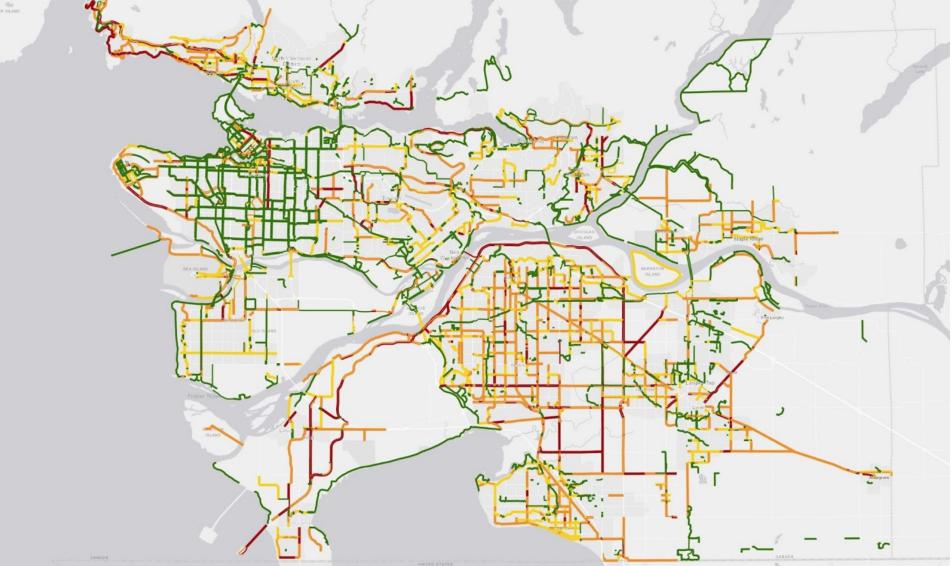
## Vancouver Greenways Plan





## **Regional Bikeway Map**

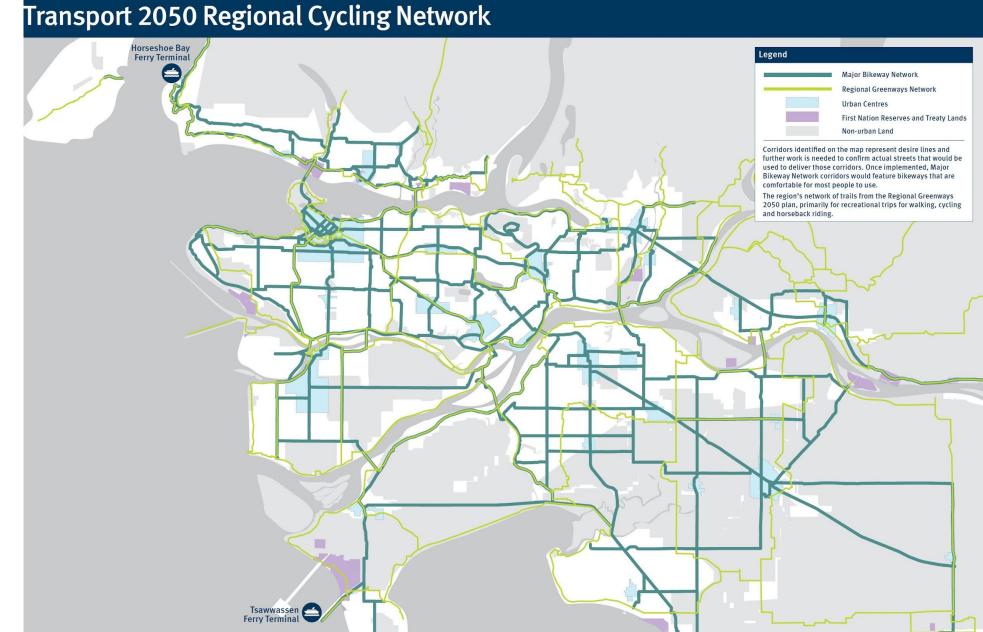
State of Cycling Benchmarking Study



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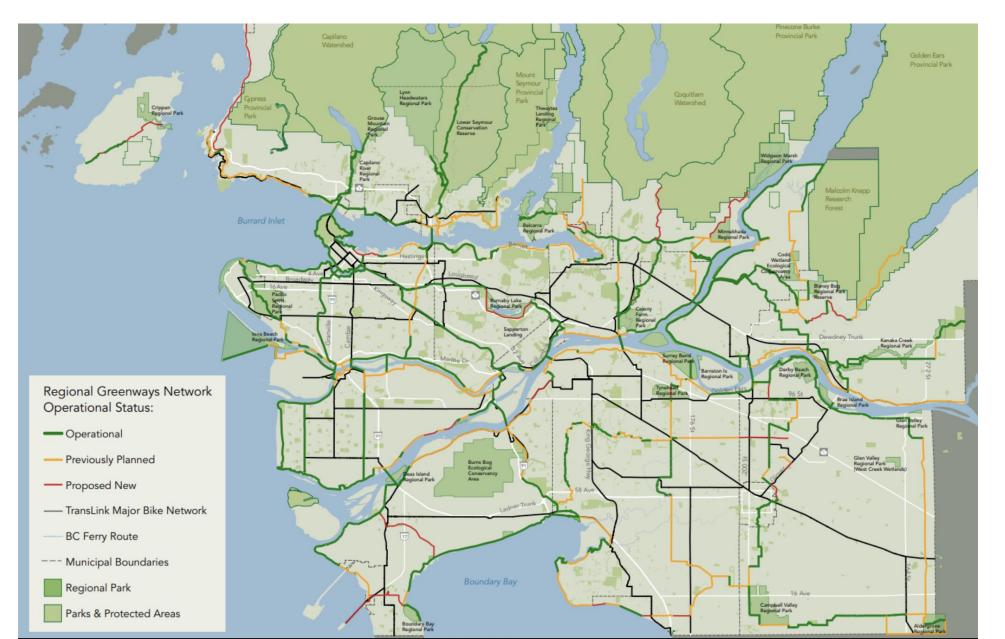


## Translink MBN October 2021





## Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan





# **VULC Guiding Principles**

#### Choice of infrastructure

Prioritize separated lanes and phase-separated signals over painted markings to assure safety and comfort for people on bikes. *"Paint is not infrastructure"* 

### **Choice of location**

Prefer areas where people frequently travel, such as commercial high streets, transit nodes, work centers, schools, cross-town routes connecting these destinations, interregional routes, and other desirable destinations.

"Put infrastructure where people want to go"

### **Choice of route**

Cycle routes that are winding and indirect have been shown to discourage cycling and can compromise safety.

*"Prioritize direct routes for people on bikes, instead of unnecessarily winding paths"* 

### Help for the vulnerable

Focus on infrastructure that encourages the use of bicycles by vulnerable and equity-deserving riders, and develop safe bypass routes for fast and confident riders.

"New improvements should appeal to people new to cycling, not just avid cyclists"

### Infrastructure for parks

Advocate for safe and accessible cycling routes, not just to parks but also inside parks. People on bikes are park users. *"To and through parks"* 

### Equitable advocacy

Consider the diverse needs of individuals and devices, including all ages and abilities, genders, children and families, incomes, backgrounds, people new and experienced in cycling, older people, people cycling with disabilities, and all types of bicycles including e-bikes, cargo bikes, recumbent bikes, hand-bikes, and other useful inventions.

"Equitable advocacy helps everyone"

### **Fresh ideas**

Promote novel ideas like school streets, cycle-permeable parklets and plazas, and car-free blocks to encourage safe and comfortable cycling throughout the city.

"Roads are for people, not cars"

### AAA cycling network

Encourage expansion of the AAA cycling network beyond Downtown and the Broadway Corridor, with a specific focus on underdeveloped areas on the south and east sides of the city, and connections to cycle networks in neighbouring municipalities. *"There is more to a city than its downtown"* 

# Vancouver VULC Guiding Principles (cont')

#### **Speed limits**

To enhance safety, lobby for a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where people driving and cycling share space. At 50 km/h, 80% of pedestrians will die in a collision. At 30 km/h, 85% of pedestrians survive a collision.

"Speeding vehicles endanger people on bicycles"

#### **Bike crashes**

Use the term "crash" to emphasize that most accidents are preventable, and call for engineering solutions to reduce them. *"Crash, not accident*"

### Respect

Practice constructive collaboration with staff and elected officials to achieve long-term goals and maintain respectful and nurturing relationships.

"Work with politicians and staff, not against them"

### Theft

Push for safe and secure bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities. They play a critical role in encouraging more people to cycle regularly. People will choose not to cycle if there is a risk their bike will not be there when they return.

*"Bike thieves are everywhere"*