Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

June 18, 2024

In Person Meeting at Creekside Community Centre

Zoom Link available

www.bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc





Your Cycling Connection



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

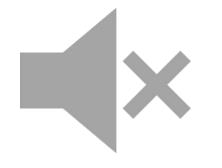


Respect the chair

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 May meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, Action Item Review, Announcements and Upcoming Events
- Groups.io: What you missed
- Updates from Working Group leads
- Deep Dive The Broadway Plan Implementation Update
- Consultations/CoV Updates
- VULC Correspondence/Meetings
- Meeting Adjourns (8:00 pm)



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 Ride Notes for 2 Assessment Rides (Jeff) **done**
- Hold an May Social Ride (Anthony) done
- Schedule a June Social Ride (Anthony) done



Announcements

- Adam Hawk has a <u>petition</u> (currently with 2029 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.
- We are considering having an informal social event in conjunction with our July meeting. Add your expressions of interest to the chat. We have a volunteer organizer but could use another to help out.



VULC Social Rides

- Social pace rides (15 km/h average)
- Targeting ~20 km group riding (+ to/from)
- No drops! (No one left behind)
- All rides are loops
- Rain will not deter us
- Not assessment rides!











VULC Social Rides

Sunday June 23rd @ 1 pm Olympic Village to Milltown Pub and back



25 km Start/stop @ Olympic Village Square ("The Birds") South on the Arbutus Greenway to the Milltown Pub Back on the Heather Bikeway

NEXT RIDE

No gravel. Look for <u>Eventbrite registration link</u> on groups.io

Required: Eventbrite registration, online waiver, helmet

Contact anthonyfloyd@gmail.com



groups.io

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

F How to follow topics (hashtags) 2 @

Here are the steps required to follow topics ("hashtags") in groups.io:: 1) Log in to the groups.io website https://hubcycling.groups.io/g/vancouver-ubc 2) Click "Subscription" from the bar on the left: 3) Set your email delivery to "Individu... Started by Anthony Floyd @ 06/05/23 · Most recent @ 07/06/23 · 💌

Ontario @ Riley park 3

Curious about changes on Ontario voice 32nd ave seems like the traffic filters are being changed further by being removed and the speed bump I... Started by Luke Campbell @ Jun 10 · Most recent @ Jun 16 · 🗣

VULC Social Ride, June 23rd, 1pm, MILLTOWN PUB #SocialRides

New social ride just got posted. Get your tickets while they're still available! Next Sunday, 1pm. Olympic Village to Milltown and back.... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Jun 16 · 🗣

'The brain is very vulnerable': Dutch cyclists urged to wear helmets as road deaths rise

https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/jun/16/the-brain-is-very-vulnerable-dutch-cyclists-urged-to-wear-helmets-as-road-deaths-rise?... Started by Eric Schwartz @ Jun 16 · •

HUB Vancouver UBC Local Committee Meeting Tuesday June 18th - 6:30 pm 🥔 #MonthlyMeeting

Hi all, Here's the agenda for our monthly VULC meeting, coming up on Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30pm. We will meet at Creekside Community Centre.... Started by Jeff Leigh @ Jun 14 -

Today - Beach Ave. bikeway between Broughton and Cardero closed 2

Beach Ave. bikeway between Broughton and Cardero is blocked by construction work. If you are heading westbound there is no signal person to help you cross the eastbound lane into the westbound car lane. Use caution.



New BC minimum passing distance regulations, effective June 3rd 17

From June 3rd, 2024, motorists in BC must give people on bikes 1 m (3.3 ft) passing distance on roads <= 50 km/h, and 1.5 m (4.9 ft) on roads > 50... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Apr 4 · Most recent @ Jun 9 ·

VULC Meeting "Deep Dive" topics? 3 #MonthlyMeeting

Hi all, As Go By Bike Week comes to a close (you've been logging your rides, right? https://logmyride.gobybikebc.ca/) we turn our gaze to the next... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Jun 6 · Most recent @ Jun 9 ·

VULC No right turn on red letter to mayor and council 2

Today, on behalf of the VULC, we sent a letter to the mayor and council about prohibiting right turns on red lights. A similar letter has gone from ea... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Jun 3 · Most recent @ Jun 4 ·



Ontario @ Riley Park



Working Group Updates





Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides Jeff, Anthony Two rides happened in East Van, April 20th and May 4th. Ride notes completed; proposals being drafted now.
- Cycling in Parks Lisa PB Commissioner meeting
- Arbutus Greenway Stan/Jeff/Anthony No update
- Broadway Subway Anthony No update
- Elections Working Group Lisa Update
- NE Quadrant Greenway Clark No update
- Secure Bike Parking Melanie/Eric No update
- Social Rides Anthony Sunday, June 23rd, 1pm start @ Olympic Village



Secure Bike Parking Theft



Vancouver Public Library, Kensington Branch, June 2024



Secure Bike Parking at the PNE (No Bike Valet this year)





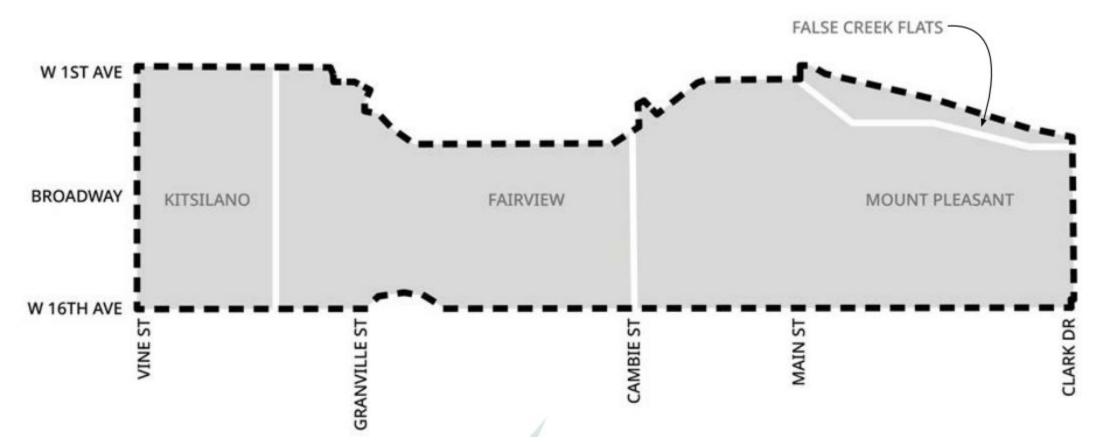
Deep Dive The Broadway Plan - Implementation





The Broadway Plan

- 30 year plan to guide development
- Covers land use and transportation
- Some plan revisions due to provincial legislation, other updates





Broadway Plan - Review

- New provincial legislation that sets requirements for land use planning in Transit Oriented Areas
- Special focus on areas around transit stations
- Restrictions on building height limits and densities below certain minimums (for residential parcels, not industrial)
- Changes are being made to the Broadway Plan to comply with this legislation

It is an open question whether provincial mandates regarding development regulations could be extended to apply to transportation policies and council decisions



Broadway Plan - City Hall Campus

- This plan will cover the South Block (including City Hall); the North Block; and the Broadway and Cambie Skytrain station
- The site is bisected by the 10th Ave Bikeway
- Existing City properties extend beyond the City Hall Campus





Broadway Plan - City Hall Campus Common Approaches to all Concepts

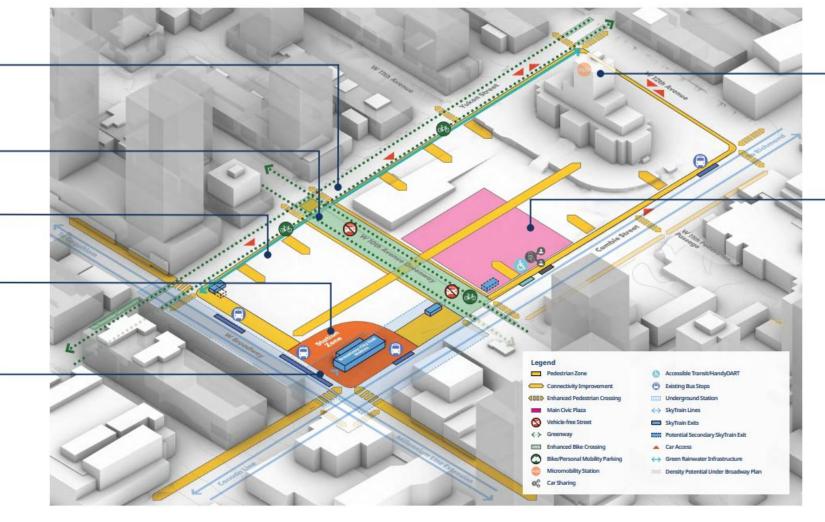
Yukon Street will be where vehicles access the site and is reconfigured for improved cycling and for stormwater management with a new Blue Green System.

West 10th Avenue will become a vehiclefree greenway lined by trees and paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

The North Block will be the first phase of development as a commercial mixed-use project.

There is a wide pedestrian connection from Broadway - City Hall Station to the central plaza and a new front door to City Hall. Steps and terraces will mediate the changes in elevation.

Broadway - City Hall Station will have more space around it for pedestrians with views and connections up to the existing City Hall.



- The existing City Hall building is retained and will be seismically upgraded in the future, continuing to provide civic offices.
- The landscape around West 12th Avenue will have minor changes. The north side will be designed to be more accessible and inviting to the public.

The portion of the South Block north of City Hall becomes a civic plaza, similar in size to the Vancouver Art Gallery Plaza šx*Åanaq Xwtl'e7énk Square. Line the plaza with spaces open to the public, such as municipal services, shops or cafes.



Broadway Plan - Three Concepts (Concept A Shown)



Site Plan

PROPOSED

TREES

EXISTING

ROOF TOP

TERRACE

OPEN SPACE

AMPHETHEATRE STEPS

10TH AVENUE

GREENWAY

BLUE-GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

BUILDING MAIN ENTRANCE

TREES

LEGEND:



- Streetscape Plan A Design Concept for the transformation of Broadway into a 'Great Street'
- Public Realm Plan Everything that can be seen at pedestrian eye level, including public spaces such as parks, plazas, etc





Initial Thoughts

- Council's decision to defer construction of protected lanes on Broadway flies in the face of the "Great Street" definition
- This update refers to future proofing the design for future Active Transportation lanes on Broadway, minimizing the need for costly reconstruction and ensuring adaptability
- None of the graphics in the Information Boards show a single bicycle on Broadway. That said, with the narrowed travel lanes, there is no space for a vehicle to overtake a person on a bike within the lane. Traffic will have to move at the speed of the slowest vehicle or bicycle unless there is an opportunity to overtake.



Inclusion of Active Transportation

- One Draft Strategy is to reallocate road space to uses that support sustainable travel
- Another Draft Strategy is to focus on improving connectivity barriers along Greenways, Commercial High Streets and other important pedestrian routes that connect with key destinations. This specifically includes completing active transportation connections to stations.
- The Guiding Principles for the Broadway Subway Project include multi modal access to all stations.



Broadway Plan - Neighbourhood Routes

Greenway

It is not just about Broadway itself, but all the neighbourhood routes as well, with a focus on where they cross Broadway



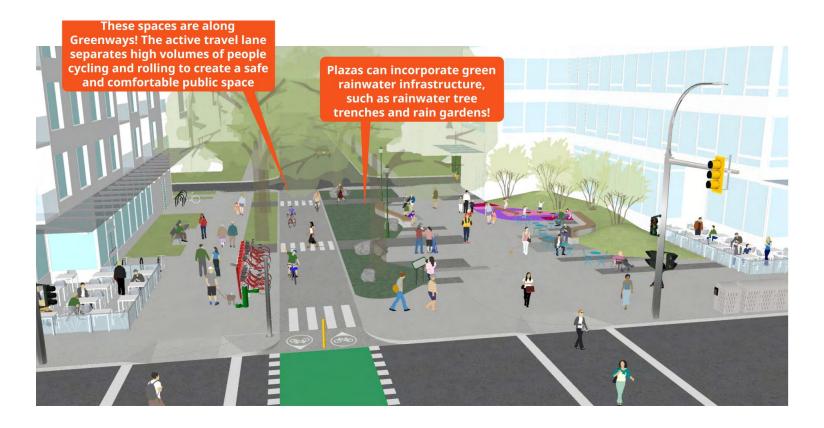


 The concept plans include closing cross streets to vehicle traffic and creating plazas.





 Where these plazas are along Greenways, through cycle paths are shown





Broadway Plan - Make Your Voice Heard

• From June 13 to July 14 you can share your feedback on three projects related to Broadway Plan implementation.

 There are open houses, pop up events, and an online survey

 Please keep in mind the need to push for active transportation facilities along Broadway, and specifically to each subway station



Consultations / CoV Updates









- Public Consultation on this project started in 2017
- In 2023 alone, engagement work included:



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4,600

Visitors to Shape Your City project website



Online community workshop (16 participants)



Stakeholder meetings

residents



Pop-up attendees



Social media interactions



Emails and 3-1-1 interactions



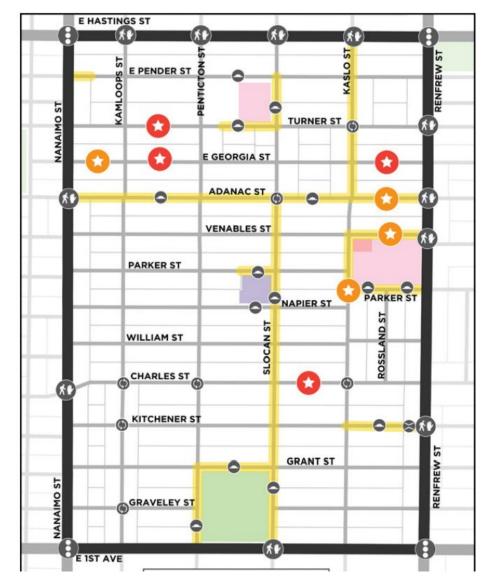
Contributors to the online neighbourhood mapping tool

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- Measured Vehicle Speeds
 are high
- Yellow lines are existing 30 km/hr zones
- Orange icons indicated moderate vehicle speeds (40-45 km/hr)
- Red icons indicate high vehicle speeds (45-50 km/hr)
- Vehicle volumes are also high, westbound in the AM and eastbound in the PM





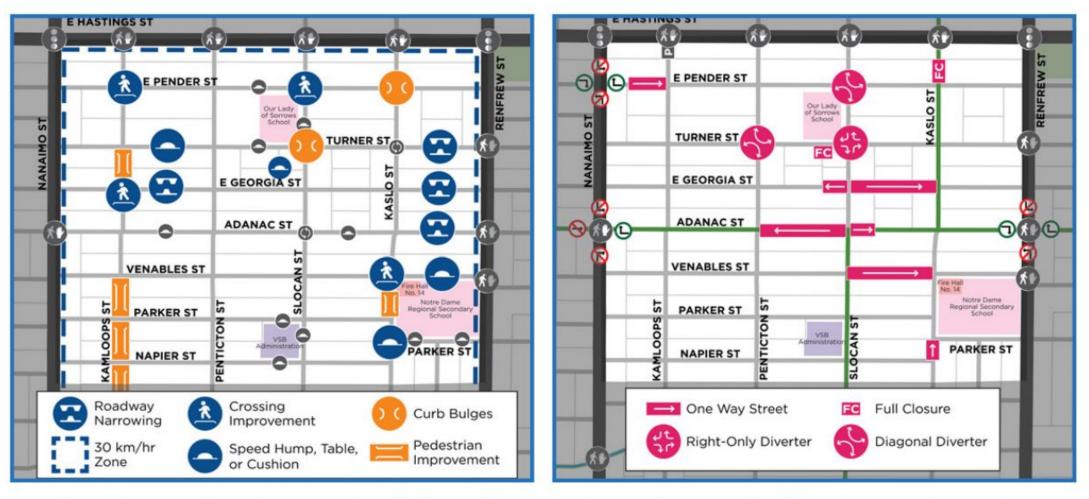


Figure 7. Zone 1 (North) proposed vehicle speed reduction & safety measures.

Figure 8. Zone 1 (North) proposed vehicle volume reduction measures.

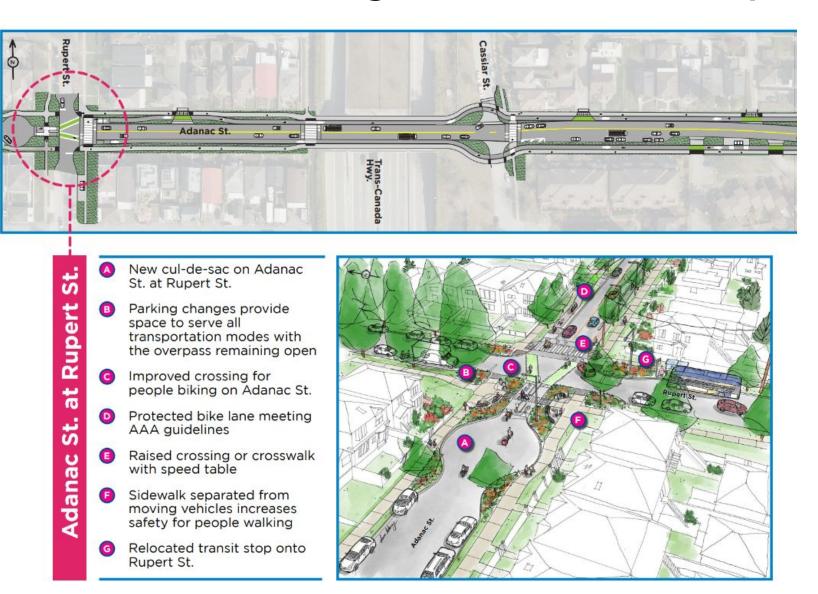


Public Feedback

- Speeds are high. Good support for speed reduction measures
- Respondents were comfortable with reducing vehicle volumes, but with caveats:
 - Concerns over taking longer to reach destinations
 - Concerns over diversions shifting traffic to adjacent streets.
 - Pushback over closures except for special events
 - Roadway narrowing reducing street parking

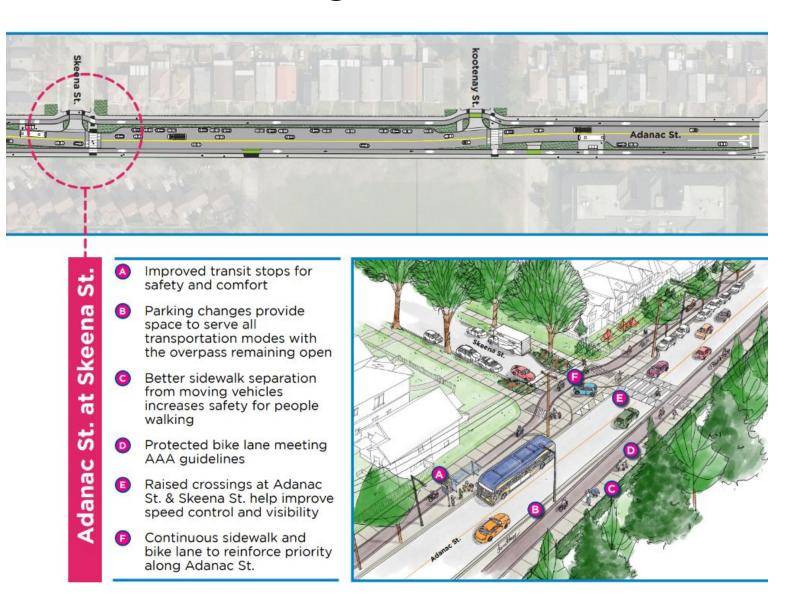


Consultations - Hastings Sunrise Traffic Calming - Adanac Overpass





Consultations - Hastings Sunrise Traffic Calming - Skeena to Boundary





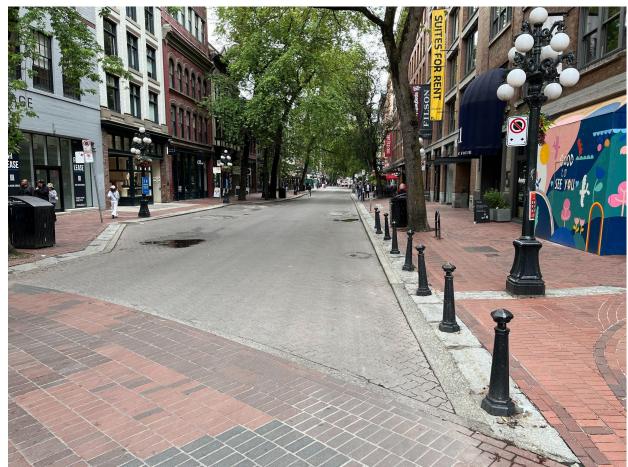
Consultations - Changes to the MVA

- Additional changes being sought include:
 - Side by side riding
 - Advance green for people walking (include all AT)
 - Helmet Law
- Public campaign re safe overtaking distances
 - Government media releases, public awareness campaign
 - ICBC driver training changes



Consultations - Water Street and Maple Tree Square Road Repairs Completed







Consultations - Gastown Car Free Pilot

Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot

July and August 2024



*This map is not to scale. It shows anticipated patio locations. Patio locations are subject to change as staff continue to work with individual businesses.



Consultations - ICBC Crash Statistics

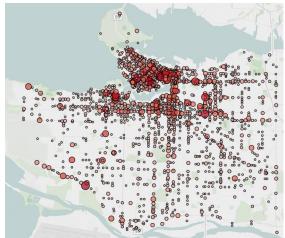
- ICBC has released 2018-2022 statistics for <u>crashes</u> involving cyclists
- These statistics are based on ICBC data, so don't include other crashes (eg bike/bike)
- 1708 crashes involving cyclists and motor vehicles in the Lower Mainland in 2022
- 983 cyclists were injured in 2022
- 3 fatal cyclist crashes in 2022



Vancouver Cyclist Crashes - Top 10

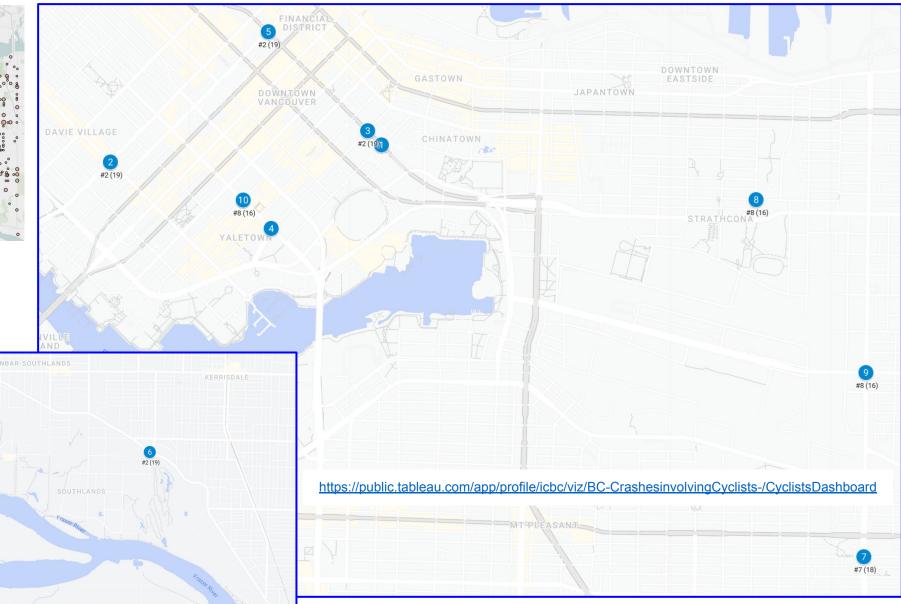
- Beatty Street and Dunsmuir Street and Dunsmuir Viaduct
- Burrard Street and Davie Street
- Cambie Street and Dunsmuir Street
- Cambie Street and Nelson Street
- Dunsmuir Street and Hornby Street
- Macdonald Street and SW Marine Drive
- Clark Drive and E10th Avenue
- Campbell Avenue and Union Street
- Clark Drive and E 1st Avenue and Grandview Viaduct
- Homer and Nelson Street

Vancouver Cyclist Crashes - Top 10



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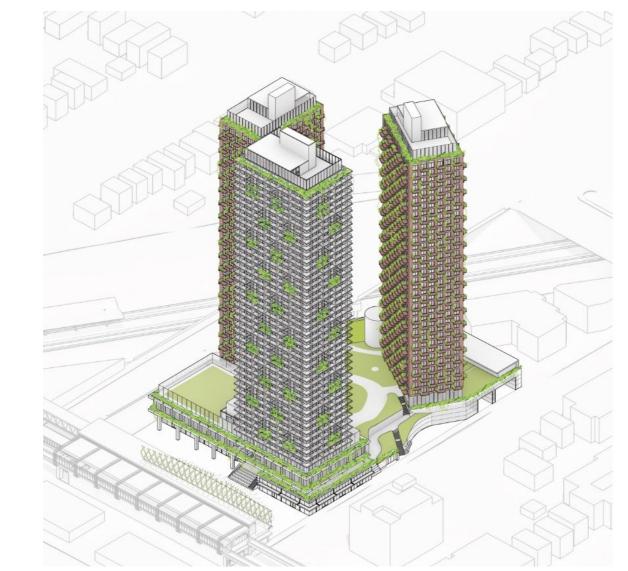
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Consultations - Safeway Site at Commercial and Broadway

- Proposed residential towers with retail
- On the 10th Ave and Victoria bikeways, adjacent to Skytrain
- Multiple applications for development over the years
- Latest proposal has 2006 bike parking spaces
- Impacted by provincial TOD regulations
- Not included in the Broadway Plan (GW Neighbourhood Plan)
- Information Session June 25 2024





Consultations - SFU Engineering Students Capstone Project

- Proposed blind spot detector for people cycling, with audible alert. Mounted on seatpost, interfaced to smartphone.
- Design is under development. Questions posed to us relate to:
 - What is most important? Knowing the lateral distance to an overtaking vehicle, or being aware when a vehicle is approaching from further away?
 - Alerts could be audible, LED, handlebar vibrations, etc. What would be most effective?
- Feedback in the chat, or breakout discussion



CoV Consultations/Updates

 More details on these and additional opportunities to provide feedback are listed in the Current Consultations list list

- Upcoming consultations expected:
 - Granville St Entertainment District Planning (summer 2024)
 - Burrard Slopes Park (Concept Plans 2025)
 - Portside Greenway (delayed)
 - Kent Ave, downtown cycling network/Melville extension



RAC / Board Updates





HUB Board Update

• No update this month



VULC Correspondence/Meetings





Correspondence/Meetings

- Ongoing meetings re: bike room access for Pacific Centre employees, with Cadillac Fairview and Easy Park
- Seniors Advisory Meeting attended June 3
- Letter sent to CoV re the HUB Cycling No Right Turn on Red campaign, with a request for support
- Communications received re the bikeway construction issues on 45th at Oakridge
- Communication with CoV re changes to the traffic filters on the Ontario Bikeway near 32nd
- Communication with CoV re the Cycling Dismount sign near the Burrard Civic Marina



Ontario St and Burrard Civic Marina







Wrap Up





Breakout Rooms

- Cycling in Parks and Elections (Lisa)
- Social Rides (Anthony)
- General discussion (Jeff)

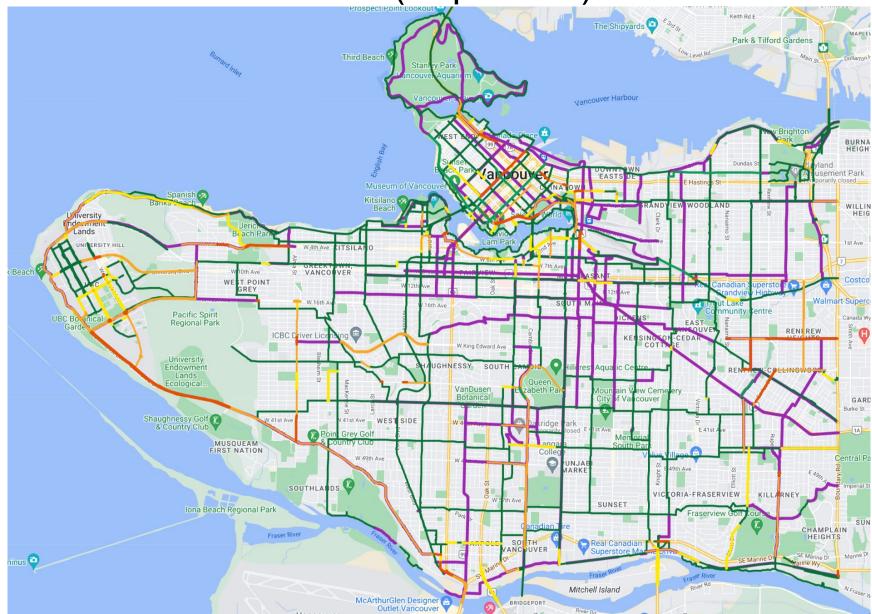


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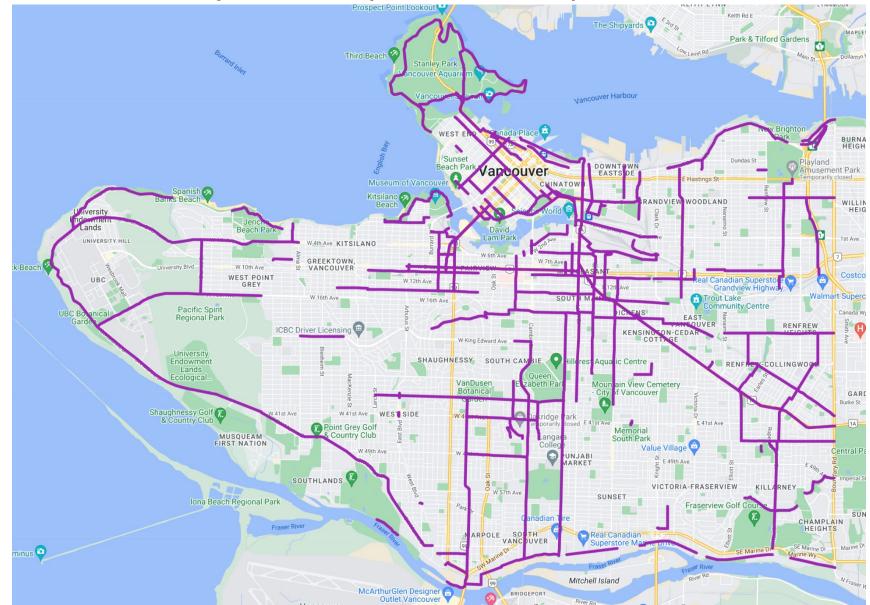
Prototype Gap Map (Vancouver/UBC) with SoC Route Data (Sept 2023)

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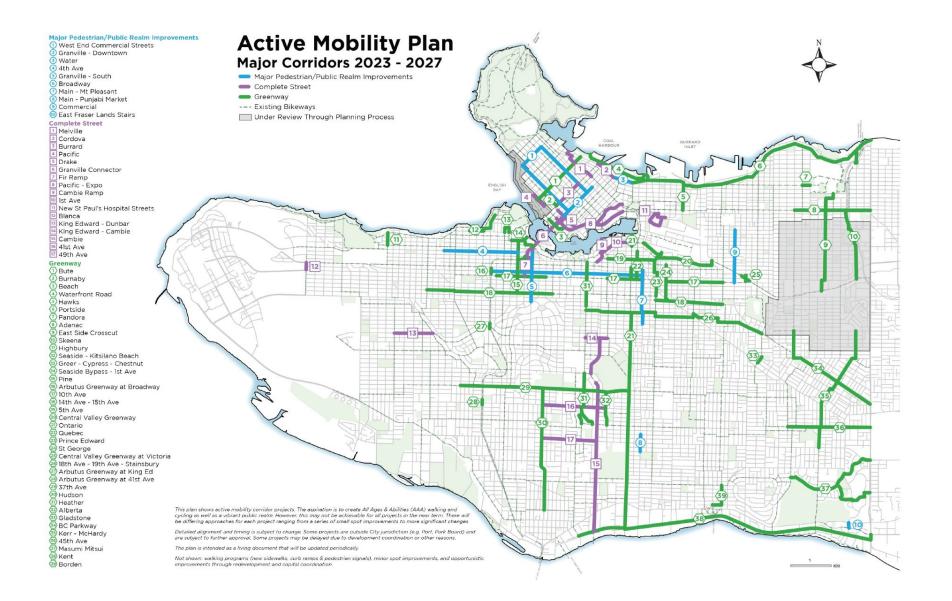


Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)

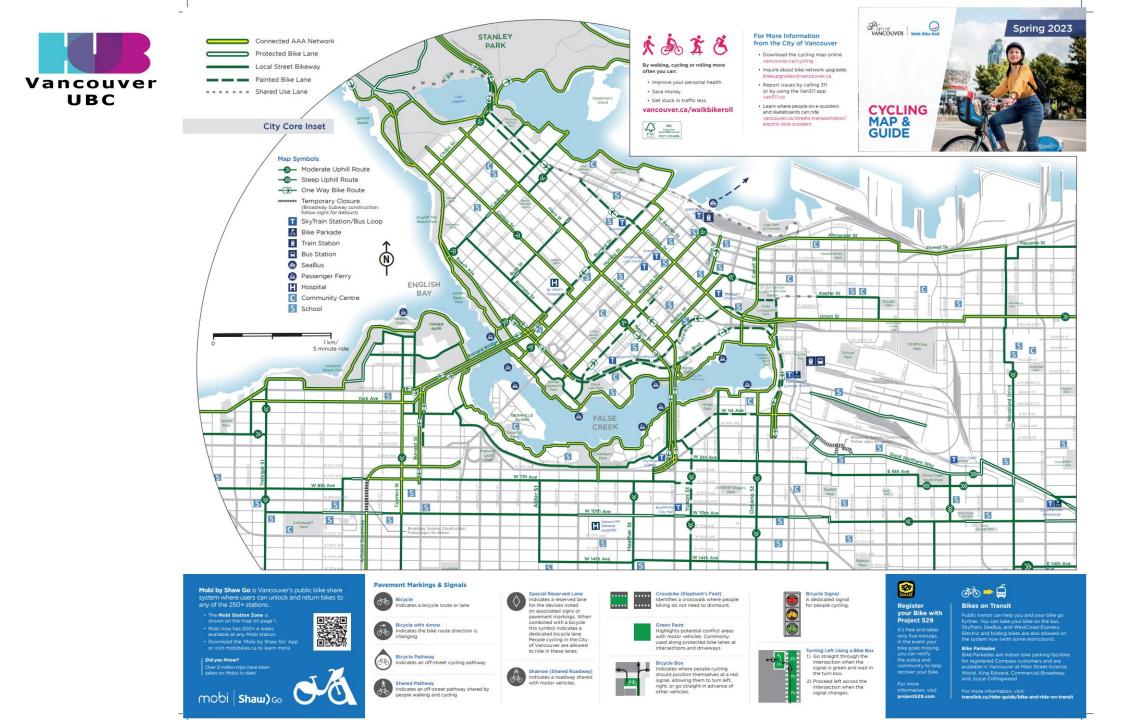




CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023











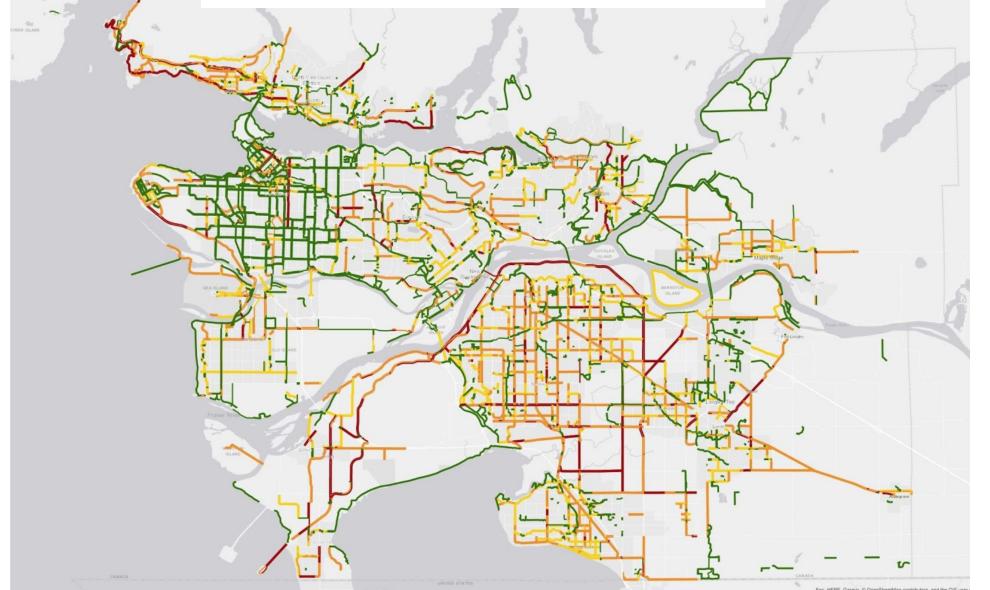
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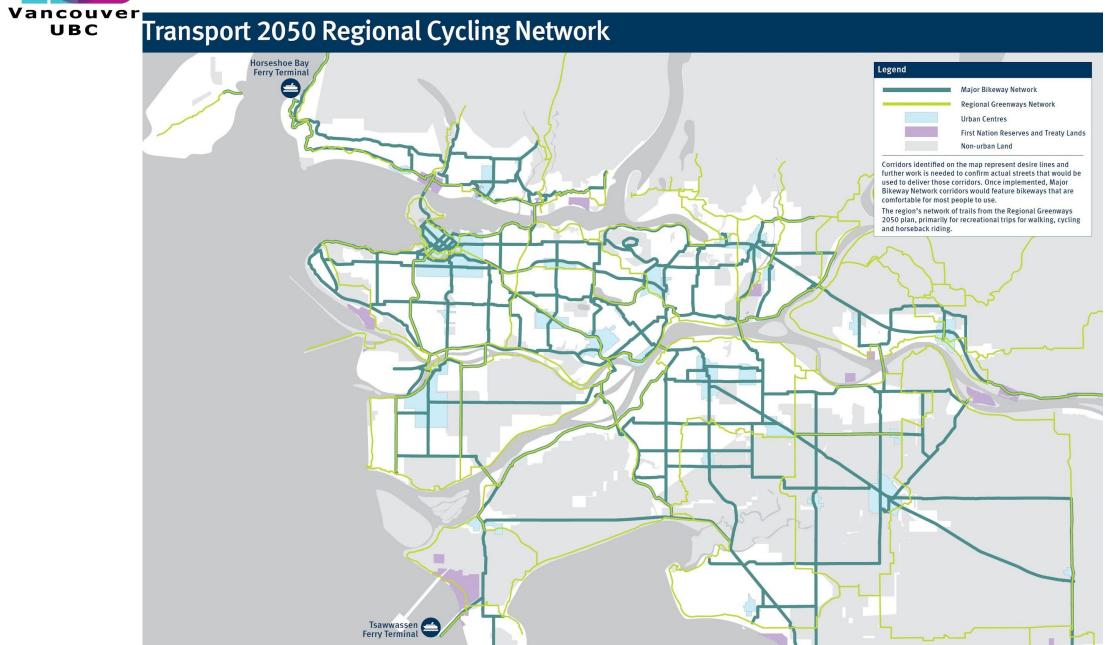
Regional Bikeway Map

State of Cycling Benchmarking Study

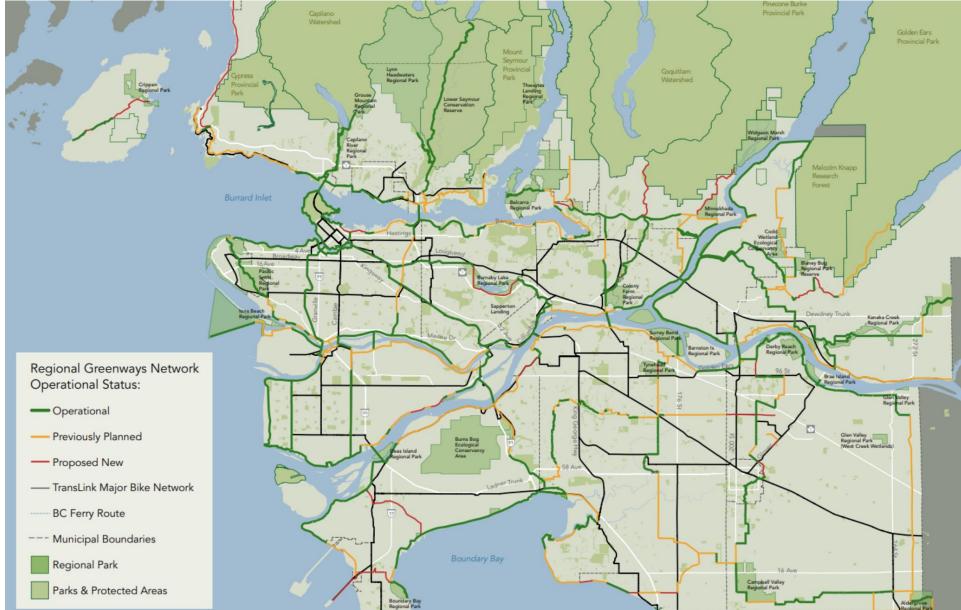




Translink MBN October 2021



Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan



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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"