



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Stan, Tassillie, DeeDee, Mark, Kevin M, Dan, Alix, Eric W, Michael M, Kristin, Ivan, Clark, Bobo, Bruce, Lucy, Mike T, Keith, Ron, Stuart, David F, Margaret, Mike V, Kieran, Eric S (27)

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1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: Approved
3. Minutes from Oct: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Jeff	Finalize updated Kent Ave Bikeway proposal Done; document approved, and posted
2	Philippe/Jeff	CVG Assessment Ride Report – Draft report completed
3	Philippe	Ontario Bikeway assessment ride – Ride held and report being drafted
4	Jeff	Complete Stanley Park Assessment Ride report – Draft completed

4. **Announcements** (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))
 - The Musqueam Indian Band has signed a relationship agreement with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Both groups are involved in the proposed active transportation paths along the Fraser River.
 - There are a great many surveys and opportunities for feedback on planned transportation improvements open now. Please consider completing a survey or attending a virtual public engagement. Details in this agenda and the Current Consultations sheet
 - We will again have breakout rooms set up for smaller working group discussions at 8:00 pm. There is no need to log in again, and participants can decide which room they would like to attend

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, Philippe, Mike V)	<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 advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. • CVG ride completed, draft report completed and forwarded to Jeff. Ontario Bikeway ride held (Philippe) • Assessment ride of Stanley Park completed, and report drafted (Mike V) 	Jeff: finalize drafts of assessment ride reports completed for Stanley Park, and the CVG. Philippe: complete assessment ride report for Ontario

Cycling in Parks (Anthony for Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Board consultation on now for path improvements at Kits Beach Park. Options were reviewed in the meeting. We agree with the cycle path parallel to Cornwall, both options. We prefer option E in Zone 2. We agree with the cycle path parallel to Arbutus, both options. We want to see Zone 4 addressed and not ignored. • Park Board commissioners voted to maintain the Stanley Park temporary protected lane until at least July 2022, when the Mobility Study is due from staff. • Regular meetings with PB staff have been deferred to 2022. • Public engagement is being launched on the John Hendry Park Renewal Plan, building on the 2015 Master Plan draft that was never adopted by the Park Board. 	
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. • Improvements to Pine St and 1st are planned to connect the AG to False Creek. These will be interim for now but are planned to be comfortable for most users. • The CoV is preparing to release plans for improvements to the King Edward and AG intersection. 	
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. • No update this month. 	
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. • We have been advised by the CoV that the protected lane on 10th running east from the Arbutus Greenway (the subway construction detour) is being extended to Cypress. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River. • The CoV is preparing for public engagement on the Portside Greenway (Alexander St to Wall, and around to New Brighton Park) early in 2022. 	
Municipal Election (Kristin for Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This new working group is preparing for the 2022 municipal election. Work includes creating a voting history record for incumbents and drafting questions that will be posed to all candidates, with the responses published. 	

6. Consultations (Jeff)

- Stanley Park: We are very happy to see that the protected lane will remain in place to at least July when the staff Mobility Study is due to be presented by staff. The commissioner vote was 5 to 2.
- Kits Beach Park public engagement on the proposed paths (conceptual designs) is running now. Please complete the survey (links in the consultation summary). We prefer option E in Zone 2 and would like to see Zone 4 addressed and not ignored.
- [Imagine West End Waterfront Plan](#) – workshops are underway now and we participated in a specific workshop on transportation issues.
- [The Jericho Lands planning process](#) has launched the next phase of their public engagement. This is a very significant development. There is a focus on active transportation. The survey has been extended until November 21.
- The [Smithe St bidirectional bike lane](#) construction is proceeding quickly. More details in the meeting

presentation.

- [Richards St. Bikeway](#) improvements are nearing completion at Pacific Blvd, with new protected lanes on Pacific (south side, both east and west of Richards).
- Bute St improvements (utility work) is underway. A consultation will be launched in spring 2022 regarding a new Bute St Greenway, running “shore to shore” (Coal Harbour to Burrard Inlet), including both active transportation improvements and more permanent plazas.
- The [St George Rainway](#) public engagement is underway. Design Concepts were presented as part of the third round of public engagement. Preferred design concepts are planned for spring 2022
- [Central Valley Greenway and BC Parkway](#) improvements are being implemented from John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) through to Clark Drive. This addresses long standing concerns over both unsafe crossings of Broadway, and motor vehicle volume and speed issues. Based on concerns from residents, there have been some modifications to the original plan, particularly around Lakewood.
- [The John Hendry Park Renewal Plan](#) is being launched on November 27th. We were invited to meet with Park Board staff in advance of this. This Park includes a section of the BC Parkway, a key active transportation connection. The 2015 John Hendry Park Master Plan was drafted, but never adopted.
- Broadway Plan (Revised Emerging Directions) consultations continue. We met with planning staff to discuss the lack of consideration for active transportation along Broadway and to the new subway stations. Planning staff continue to prioritize walking and driving over cycling and have not been able to show how people on bikes will be able to access all of the new subway stations.
- A Transport Pricing study is being launched by the CoV. This is part of the CoV Climate Emergency Action Plan. We are meeting with the team to discuss priorities, concerns, and potential benefits. Transport Pricing is seen as a strategy to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads and increase the amount of road space for sustainable travel modes, thus enabling more people and goods to move into, and through the city, with more reliable travel times.
- Discussions are underway with proponents of a potential council motion to allow mobility aids/wheelchairs in bike lanes. Opinions were solicited from meeting attendees to consider as we develop a position on this. There was general support for allowing mobility devices in bike lanes, with some concerns on the speed differential and the safety risks that can pose for users of all modes. We will follow up and see what other jurisdictions are doing.
- We held a regular update meeting with CoV Transportation Engineering staff. We discussed the need to restart the Kent Ave Bikeway project (part of the 2018-2022 capital plan); address the Pender Corridor gap (the CoV is looking at this now, and considering Melville alongside Pender and Hastings, which was our recommendation); address the reduction in secure street bike parking due to the removal of CoV parking meters (the CoV will convert 33% of the meters to secure bike parking with locking loops); the need to address School Street issues with infrastructure and not just rely on volunteer flaggers twice each day; the progress on the 30 km/hr neighbourhood reduced speed pilot in Grandview Woodlands (going well, and potential to expand to additional neighbourhoods after Feb 2022 when the trial ends); the need for traffic calming on Ontario between 49th and 57th; the proposed Portside Greenway from Alexander to Wall St and New Brighton Park (public engagement planned for February); connecting the Arbutus Greenway to False Creek (improvements are planned along Pine and 1st, interim for now); and a new bikeway along Stainsbury to connect to the BC Parkway, Nanaimo station, and the Dumfries bikeway.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the [presentation](#).

7. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update (Jeff) – no update this month

8. Board Update (Jeff) – no update this month

9. Other Business - none

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, East Van, and General Discussion)

Note: No meeting is planned for December

Next meeting January 18th, 2022, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)