

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

Date/Time: Thursday, July 11 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: In person, outside, at Richmond Public Library, Brighthouse Branch by the fountain (7700 Minoru Gate #100, Richmond, BC V6Y 1R8) and online via Google Meet

Google Meet Info

meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok

Co-Chairs: Jesse Li, Devyn Cairns

Attendees: Quincy, Vincent, Amy, Devyn, Victor, Donna, Yvonne, Ivan (online), Jesse, Sheryl, Anna

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; for new members, what they're interested about in the committee; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.

3. Items for Discussion

- Events last month:
 - Metro Vancouver climate dialogue
 - Quincy attended
 - Granville Street active transportation redesign will increase capacity to carry people to more than all other bridges in the area combined - it's really hard to transport large numbers of people by car
 - Thompson Community Center Picnic - June 20
 - The event was to promote electric bikes
 - Not the best target audience (miscommunication?)
 - HUB was under the impression that attendees would be 16+, but most people were less than 16
 - Mainly families attending with kids
 - Not the target group - must be 16+ to ride bike
 - Sheryl conveyed to Thompson Community Center manager that a better target would be seniors ride
 - GBHW group is much better target audience for this type of event
- E-bike classification and age limits
 - [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/e-bi-ke-rules-of-the-road](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/cycling/e-bike-rules-of-the-road) New BC regulations - light e-bikes, limited to 250W and 25km/hr, lower age limit (14, instead of 16 for standard e-bikes)

- Probably implemented because of Mobi bikes, limited to 250W. City of Vancouver didn't want people not used to cycling to go faster => likely CoV said this worked well.
 - Lime scooters & bikes are similarly limited.
 - US bikes have higher limit (750W, compared to 500W in BC)
 - Faster, more powerful bikes are heavier too, so they're more dangerous
 - Seems like a bit of wild west in terms of e-bike market. You can do whatever you want, get whatever you want.
 - Fear is that if things continue, someone is going to get hurt, then people are going to demand "cyclists need insurance"
 - Velometro (now out of business) - Enclosed vehicle (to protect you from the rain)
 - Mini one-person car, micro trunk. There wasn't any micromobility policy yet, so unclear/jurisdiction around going into bike lanes
 - BC jurisdiction is probably best.
 - Certification/classification for cargo e-bikes
 - E.g. if you're a handyman bringing a lot of tools.
 - Mass is a factor in terms of safety.
 - That being said, mass might be difficult to measure - it's payload dependent.
 - Power of e-bikes is possibly reasonable proxy.
 - In Netherlands, there's different demand patterns
 - Much higher density/continuity of commercial areas, so no need for weekly shopping trips - just get what you need whenever.
 - Is there anything we can contribute to this?
- About Here video on suburban bikes
 - Vincent noted that Surrey is getting more money per capita from Translink
- Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
 - Talked to Nathan, he believes design work is ongoing right now on sea Island Way & garden city
 - If there is something to talk about he'll bring it to RATC
 - We can be more proactive and talk to Nathan and express what exactly the issues are
 - **Action item** - identify issues and email Nathan
 - The southeast pedestrian crossing is not great - most of the time both cars and pedestrians are not permitted to cross.
 - Ivan brought up the safe passing distance signs with Nathan and will email him.

- **Action item (Jesse)** - give list of locations identified last meeting to Ivan
 - RTOR
 - no data to support it being dangerous from RTOR everywhere, but possibly doable on case-by-case basis
 - Victor - looked thru videos. Has issues, where he's on green and RTOR in cross direction cause issues
 - Quincy - his problem is that he tries to pull over to the right due to pressure, then once green light, drivers turn right, in front of cyclist
- Transit Oriented Development
 - Richmond completed theirs
 - Burnaby didn't do anything (decided to wait); June 30 deadline passed. Province semi-blinked - gave them 90 days and said "if you don't do anything, we're redoing your bylaws for you"
 - Richmond's development isn't proactive - they wait for development to happen before doing anything.
 - Can the city use funding from Translink to buy off small parcels of land?
 - We should look to Montreal - pedestrian streets so popular they're planning 9 more streets thru downtown that are pedestrian only
 - Similar - Ackroyd would be good option. High density, opportunity to practice woonerf
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
 - Not a lot of infrastructure being built in Ladner, which is not great since the tunnel is coming in.
 - Someone hired as project leader, environmental
- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
 - [June 19 council meeting \(Transportation/public works\)](#) - 1 year pilot project to fund bike reuse program.
 - Done by the Pedal Foundation
 - Pedal Foundation has been struggling financially. Ironically, reduced bike theft has led to reduced availability of bike parts...
 - Project starting sometime this year
 - Steveston Village transit exchange - disagreement in council there. Translink wants to move it (build an actual bus loop near Garry Point Park), Council doesn't

- Devyn's so-so on it. One issue is that it's farther away. On the other hand, Chatham is not a great street for transit - it's wide and people are just running across.
 - Design for Steveston Streetscape is agnostic - going to adapt to whatever happens.
- Vincent's article on e-bikes
 - Vincent talked with Henry Yao (MLA) about E-bike rebate
- Engagement opportunities/upcoming events:
 - Capstan Public Realm (Lets Talk Richmond)
 - Bike parking is present.
 - Keep bike parking sheltered
 - **Action** - everyone fill out this survey
 - New Housing Regulations (Lets Talk Richmond)
 - Higher density makes it easier to bike around.
 - July 14 - Guru Nanak Love all, feed all Bike/Walk <https://gnfk.org/bike-walk/>
 - It's a fundraising event (has things)
 - Bike to Shop (August)
 - Garlic Fest Ride (August 17)
 - Discuss - making this part of Bike to Shop and visiting Steveston?
 - We can get 10% off at Sanctuary
 - Maybe not good because to do that, we'd want it to be ride terminus, but we also want to end the bike ride with a BBQ as before.
 - Not really shopping.
 - We can bike down Chatham to show off shops.
 - **Action** - Devyn - to explain plan to An.
 - [Bike the Night \(Sept 14\)](#)
 - Donna - amazing volunteer event. One of the funnest things she's participated in
 - Only second to Tour de Cure
 - Tickets are \$10 now, spots limited
 - **Action** - link the ride
 - Tour de Cure (cancer ride)
 - Donna: Volunteers needed. Really fun!
 - August 26
 - Donna & her husband volunteering as caboose captains

- You can just cheer people on.
 - Lot of activities that can be done as a volunteer
 - **Action** - Donna to send out
 - Victor @ KPU - having Fall design on bike parking. Possibility for us to show up
 - Victor will need to do work to better understand product/requirements
 - Review action items from last meeting
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- City of Vancouver has eliminated all parking requirements
 - Simplifies rezoning process
 - Less incentive for cars
 - (time permitting) - Review progress on the initiatives list

5. Action Items

- **Jesse** - send followup email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Jesse, Anna, Devyn, anyone who's free** - help with reaching out to other stakeholders on RTOR; see this spreadsheet: 📄 No RTOR Coalition
- Minimum passing distance signage:
 - **Ivan** - contact Nathan about signage at River Rd
 - **Jesse** - give list of locations for passing distance signage identified last meeting to Ivan
- **Devyn** - fill in template letter for minimum passing distance and sent to city council
 - **Jesse** - double check that Nathan OK'd it
- **Devyn, Donna** - Start working on Victoria 2-day bike ride trip
- **Devyn, Donna, Abbas** - hash out details of ride to Hamilton/Queensborough for end of July 27 (last Saturday) social ride.
 - River road heading there, Westminster Hwy heading back
- **Everyone** - fill out surveys on Lets Talk Richmond
- **Donna** - Send volunteers needed email to groups.io email
- **Vincent** - proactively identify issues & improvements to Garden City & Sea Island Way intersection and contact Nathan

6. Next meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca