

2021 Action Plan

HUB Cycling Vancouver UBC Local Committee

HUB Mission: Get more people cycling, more often.

From the HUB Cycling 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

Values to focus on:

Community, Sustainability, Collaboration, Inclusivity, Innovation, Responsibility

Goals, focusing on those deemed most applicable to our Local Committee

Achieve an expanded cycling network, focused on infrastructure comfortable for most people.

A network of strong Local Committees

Strengthened relationships with the communities we serve.

Increased cycling among groups that may face social, cultural, and or financial barriers.

Better capture and utilize data that supports evidence-based decision making.

Key Local Committee Actions & Successes from 2020

- *Shifted to virtual meetings due to the pandemic. Our LC held 9 meetings (a usual year would be 10 meetings), with record attendance and much increased participation due to the virtual format (eg chat window reaching 17 pages of text)*
- *Assessment Ride Report completed for the Balaclava Bikeway and rides completed at UBC and along Kent. New Assessment Ride leaders named.*
- *Ongoing involvement with CoV Engineering and Planning and consultations on the Slow Streets, Streets for People, Arbutus Greenway; Beach Ave, the Granville Connector; Richards Street; Drake St; the Broadway Subway; 10th Ave; and the Powell Corridor and bypass*
- *Completion of Phase 1 of the Richards St bikeway (Cordova to Smithe)*
- *Held a public engagement event on the Beach Ave bikeway as part of a successful campaign to make it permanent. We ran both petition and letter writing campaigns, conducted direct advocacy with officials, ran a media campaign, and we were ultimately successful with the CoV decision to make the Beach Ave bikeway more permanent, with poured concrete curbs and crossing/signal improvements.*
- *Ongoing involvement with the Park Board on Kits Beach path improvements; the Stanley Park Cycling Plan; the temporary protected cycle lane in Stanley Park, and longer-term plans to reduce vehicle traffic volumes in Stanley Park.*
- *Progress on a pilot project to implement neighbourhood 30 km/hr speed limits, now launched in Grandview-Woodlands.*
- *Regular virtual meetings held with CoV Transportation officials. CoV staff initiated meetings with our local committee on multiple topics.*
- *Participation via the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) with both MoTI and Translink.*

- *Improved committee meetings with presentations and monthly Deep Dive topics to promote discussion and attendee engagement. LC mailing list now has 258 members.*
- *Active working groups for Cycling in Parks, Broadway Subway, Assessment Rides, Cargo Bikes and Freight, the Arbutus Greenway, and the East Van Greenway.*
- *Supported the School Streets program, working with a local PAC and CoV staff. LC members are participating in the April 2021 pilot program (3 schools).*
- *Reached out to and met with a group promoting Hand Cycling, working with the BC Spinal Cord Injury Association. Advocated for safe and accessible routes for non-traditional cycles.*
- *Updated our LC Priority Gap List, mapped all route segments, and merged the data with the State of Cycling route inventory and assessment data, showing all LC priority gaps in the context of assessed current AT infrastructure.*

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Continuously improve committee functioning

Work to make LC meetings relevant for all attendees. Post documents promptly and provide links to more information. Plan to hold 10 meetings in 2021, virtually while the pandemic continues. Consider a mix of virtual and in person meetings after that. Maintain the Current Consultations list (updated twice monthly) to encourage LC member participation in City consultations, particularly those requiring expressions of public support to be more likely to be approved by staff and council. Agendas will be distributed in the week prior to meetings; minutes will be distributed promptly and posted online for public access. Committee email responses will be timely. Ensure agendas don't get too bloated, focus on working groups that are functioning as independent teams with progress between LC meetings. Respond to all new committee attendee email enquiries and expressions of interest; invite members to attend a meeting and follow up with them at meetings and afterwards to improve our onboarding.

Strengthen working groups

Focus on those working groups with identified leaders and regular team activity, especially those active between monthly LC meetings. Continue to encourage people to step forward for work on specific issues, spreading the load among more committee members. Utilize the working group structure to balance the workload between the chair and other LC members.

Working Groups – Assessment Rides

Plan to hold four assessment rides this year, with reports completed and submitted on each one. Focus on current LC top infrastructure priorities, as well as identified City projects as they come up, and ensure that there is a committee position developed for each one. Look back at completed projects and do follow up assessment rides where appropriate. Following submission of assessment ride reports, meet with City staff to review in person and discuss the next steps.

Working Group- Cycling in Parks

Engage with city staff and park commissioners while pushing for improvements on the Seaside South Greenway (seawall) from Vanier Park through the Kits Beach area. Promote the completion of this with the public, the City, and Commissioners on the Board of Parks. Follow up on other Park Board cycling initiatives, such as the 2012 Stanley Park Cycling Plan. Promote the new Park Board concept of “To, And Through” as a guiding principle for Park Board. Promote the temporary Stanley Park protected lane through summer 2021 and engage with PB staff and commissioners on the investigation for longer term reductions in vehicle traffic volumes in Stanley Park.

Working Group- Arbutus Greenway

Engage with the City and the public in the planning for permanent Greenway facilities, as design contracts are let for the first sections. Promote improved connections at either end of this route, to the Seaside Greenway, Granville Bridge Connector project, and Kent Ave Bikeway. Identify safety issues with the current temporary path and follow up with City staff, particularly with intersections.

Working Group- Cargo Bikes and Freight

Promote and encourage the use of cargo bikes for “last km” delivery through a focus on appropriate infrastructure, and new policy development. Act as a voice for bike delivery issues with other HUB Cycling initiatives (eg ensuring planned bike lanes are designed appropriately for use by cargo bikes).

Working Group – Broadway Subway and Broadway Plan

Engage with the CoV on the Broadway Planning process, advocating for a more complete street. Continue to engage with the Broadway Subway project team, on detours and roadwork. Monitor construction impacts and work to mitigate. Advocate for cycling connections to all subway stations.

Ongoing City Bikeway Improvement Plans

Continue to engage with the public and the City consultation processes on improvements planned throughout 2021, including Richards, Drake, the Granville Connector, Ontario, Ridgeway/Midtown, Adanac, Haro, Bute, 14th Ave, and the Portside Greenway, as well as other routes identified by the City from time to time. Meet with the CoV Safe Routes to Schools team and seek opportunities to specifically integrate school routes into our advocacy. Support the pilot School Streets program at three CoV elementary schools (roads closed to motor vehicles for one block adjacent to each school, at morning and afternoon pickup and dropoff.

Kent Avenue

Determine how to increase the CoV focus on addressing Kent Ave issues during the capital investment cycle ending in 2022 (these improvements are currently on that capital plan but are not being advanced due to CoV workload issues.

10th Ave Bikeway Improvements

Continue to engage with the public and the City consultation processes on walking and cycling improvements to 10th Ave (Trafalgar to Victoria). Push for AAA standards along this full route. Monitor work in 2021 on the Willow to Ash section. Push for improvements of the Granville and 10th section, particularly with the Granville Subway station construction upcoming.

State of Cycling Benchmarking Report

Leverage the HUB Cycling State of Cycling (SoC) benchmarking report, identifying issues raised in that report specific to Vancouver and UBC and advocating for resolution of them. Incorporate the Vancouver UBC Gap Priority List and associated map into the SoC GIS database, and maintain these combined maps.

Top Infrastructure Improvement Opportunities

Maintain our Gap Priority List process (portfolio management) and enter all Vancouver/UBC gaps brought forward, adding items as the year progresses and new issues arise. Update the Gap Priority List quarterly as action is taken by the City and other agencies on various items. Maintain prototype maps of our Gap Priority List along with maps of the SoC assessed routes to further identify priority gaps. Participate in expanding and supporting the Gap List with all other Metro local committees. Identify quick fix opportunities.

RAC Liaison

Ensure coordination with the HUB Board Regional Advisory Committee. Participate in RAC region-wide initiatives such as #ungapthemap and represent the Vancouver UBC Local Committee. Provide an RAC update at each Local Committee meeting.

Liaison with other Local Committees

Maintain communications with other Local Committees. Participate in workshops and regular teleconferences held by HUB staff to share best practices across all local committees.

Relationship Management (City Council & staff, UBC, MoTI, Translink)

Build and maintain strong relationships with relevant government departments and elected officials to present HUB Cycling positions and improve alignment. This includes CoV staff in Engineering, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Greenest City/Smart City teams, Climate Emergency Action Plan team, and special projects teams such as NE False Creek and the Broadway Subway. The relationship with City staff remains positive, with CoV teams reaching out regularly for LC input and seeking opportunities to present at LC meetings. Build relationships with key councillors and Park Board commissioners. Engage with authorities at UBC, including UBC planning, UEL, and MoTI to address identified gaps in the bikeway network.