

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday February 27, 2025

Present:, Cathay Acuna (online), Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (online), Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:10 PM

1. Meeting Openers

Welcoming newcomers & introductions

Check-In

Review of Agenda

2. Advocacy

2025 Action Plans - Individual HUB-NW members have been encouraged to work on their own bicycle-related action plans. Also, HUB-NW will continue to support the City's implementation of Active Transportation Network Plan by participating in the City's consultation process.

ATNP Support and Feedback for the Active Transportation Network Plan - The City will shift the location of the bike lane along the East Sixth Avenue by t̄əm̄əsew̄tx̄w Aquatic and Community Centre to free up more roadscape. Concerns with the connection of the Crosstown Greenway (behind t̄əm̄əsew̄tx̄w) to Cumberland Street were raised. Construction of the bike route along Seventh Street is expected to begin in the spring. The reconfiguration of the BC Parkway along Stewardson Way is nearly complete. Construction along Sherbrooke Street and Fader Street is impeding use of the bike route.

Action: Heidi will talk to the construction companies operating at Sherbrooke and Fader.

Communicating Support for New West Bike Lanes - Shane countered anti-bike sentiments concerning the Belmont Plaza, which is not a bicycle project.

West Point Cycles has produced videos available on HUB Cycling's Instagram (@hubcycling) that address anti-bike complaints. Heidi suggests members experiment with Komoot as an alternative to Google Maps for bike route planning.

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - Andrew and Damian have contacted members of the School Board about the report.

Youth Advocates - Heidi has contacted Mr Pistore, the sponsoring teacher of the Environment Club at New Westminster Secondary School. Damian is planning to organize and lead a bike bus at Skwo:wech Elementary School in April. Transportation issues will be discussed at the April District Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Construction & Flagging Issues - Heidi and Andrew F met with Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation, CoNW and Michael Nguyen, Senior Engineering Technologist, CoNW regarding non-compliance of construction companies with the City's Traffic Control Guidelines. Heidi suggested rewording the Guidelines to stress the importance of compliance. Mike noted that the City has blacklisted a company for repeated non-compliance and recommended reporting vehicles parked on bike lanes to Parking Services (<https://www.newwestcity.ca/transportation/parking-and-towing/parking>). Andrew F reminded Mike about HUB-NW's request for a more gradual bike route by École Qayqayt Elementary.

Bike Parking in Shopping Districts (6th Street and 12th Street)

Action: Robert will contact Steven Mater, CoNW about whether the City plans to install more bike racks.

Connection from New West to Burnaby Midtown Greenway - Mike Anderson responded to Robert's letter requesting an extension of the bike route along McBride Boulevard to Tenth Avenue to connect Burnaby to the new Pattullo Bridge. The project is not currently a top priority of the City.

Stewardson Way New Bike Infrastructure - Mike Anderson confirmed that weave gates to reduce cyclist - motor vehicle driver conflicts along the new bike route are not planned.

In Meeting Actions - Members searched grant sources for refurbishing bikes and experimented with Komoot for bike route planning. Cathy also recommended some grant sources.

3. Activities

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL - Fulton connected the NWPL representative with Garey Carlson, who has offered to give a presentation about his family's local bike camping trips.

Climate Friendly Homes Tour (Saturday April 26) - Fulton has volunteered to lead a bike ride to the homes that are part of the tour. Volunteers are needed to help with the bike ride and tour.

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6) - No new information

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - Gordon Hobbis plans to register HUB-NW and participate in the parade. He will also downplay Cap's Bicycle Shop in his participation.

Community Bike Month Update - Gordon Hobbis has resumed refurbishing donated bikes after a winter break and Fulton has begun distributing the refurbished bikes using the applications received last year.

Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday March 27 (6 pm - 7:45 pm)