



Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Sam, Angelina, Kay, Stan, Donal, Mike V, Philippe, Tim, Susanna, Karole, Bruce C, Luke, Michael T, Aidan, Alix, Navdeep, Lisa, Dan, Enzo, Brooke, Eric S, Eleni, Lucy, Joanne, Bruce R, Ece, Clark, Shaun (30)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Mar: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to <b>311</b>, <b>@CityOfVancouver</b> on Twitter, or the <b>VanConnect</b> app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. <b>Ongoing</b></li> </ul>
2	Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete assessment ride report for UBC ride – <b>ride notes completed; letter to be sent</b></li> </ul>
3	Philippe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold assessment ride on Dumfries – <b>Ride held; report completed, and to be sent</b></li> </ul>
4	Stan/Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule meeting with Arbutus Greenway project team for an update - <b>outstanding</b></li> </ul>

4. Announcements (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords. When we can resume face to face meetings, we are considering holding a portion of them via Zoom, due to higher attendance and more participation.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up-to-date news
- The City of Vancouver is requesting feedback on how the diversions are working on Ontario, Heather, Charles, and two on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12th. These are not permanent diversions, and there is not a formal public engagement program. We encourage all those who ride these streets and have an opinion on the traffic calming to complete the [CoV Survey](#).
- HUB Cycling [Go by Bike Week](#) will run May 31st to June 6th. Also [Bike to School Week](#) to June 4th. Both will include online events promoting cycling, including webinars, classes, videos, and so on. Register to win prizes.
- [Everyone Rides Grade 4-5](#) heads into its second year, fully funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Over 8,000 youth will receive safe riding training this spring, in Metro Vancouver, Kelowna, and Victoria. Online classes also available at no charge. If you would like to see this program at your children’s school, see the link for more information.
- BC Government budget announcements today
  - Elimination of the PST on electric assist bikes, parts, and accessories
  - 170% increase in active transportation infrastructure funding for next year
  - Transit now free for children up to 12

## 5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff ([Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Updates from Working Groups</b>		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Anthony, Philippe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Kent Ave Bikeway proposal update is underway. Two other reports (UBC and Dumfries) now with Jeff.</li> <li>Additional rides are on hold pending improvements in the public health situation. Philippe has a list of names of those interested and will contact people when things improve.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Philippe:</b> organize upcoming rides after changes to PH orders. <b>Jeff:</b> update Kent Ave report, and submit finalized reports</p>
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff.</li> <li>Two working group priorities for 2021 are Seaside Greenway near Kits Beach, and reallocation of road space in Stanley park (temporary lane now, permanent in the medium term) Discussions ongoing with commissioners.</li> <li>Temporary lane in Stanley Park is going ahead for this summer; implementation date not announced.</li> <li>Staff are working on the Kits Beach path issue and advised that they will be restarting the John Hendry Park/Trout Lake public engagement.</li> <li>The Kits Points Resident Association has come out with a <a href="#">greenway proposal</a> that supports improved active transportation infrastructure through the park.</li> <li>PB staff report to commissioners on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term expected in the fall.</li> </ul>	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>No update this month. Stan will request a meeting with the CoV project team for an update.</li> <li>Discussion on the variety of path designs used for the temporary path (equal width, offset, bark mulch, divided by grass). These were experimental as part of the pilot.</li> <li>Volunteers are encouraged to ride the AG and post videos on social media, encouraging use and celebrating the route.</li> </ul>	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Removal of PST on ebikes applies to electric assist cargo bikes as well.</li> <li>Fed Ex cargo bikes spotted in town.</li> <li>The HUB Cycling cargo bike seminar held on March 4<sup>th</sup> can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>. Thanks to Sam for putting this on.</li> </ul>	

Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds.</li> <li>• Construction work for the Arbutus subway station will result in a detour on the Arbutus Greenway from 10<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and Cypress, to be implemented shortly.</li> <li>• Construction work for the Great Northern Way station will result in a detour on GNW and Scotia. We were advised that this is being implemented this week., with a protected bidirectional bikeway.</li> </ul>	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential north/south route from around the PNE, towards the Fraser river</li> <li>• No update this month.</li> </ul>	

**6. Consultations (Jeff)** - Note: many more details on these items are in our [meeting presentation on our wiki](#)

- Discussion on the Stanley Park Protected Lane. The decision was made by commissioners (5-2 vote) but no implementation date yet. The motion did not address the Seawall path; staff will determine the plan there. A return route has been requested along Pipeline Road. A reminder that the left lane is not just a car lane, but rather a general travel lane, for vehicles, horse drawn carriages, and people on bikes overtaking slower riders. The PB collected data last year, and we will continue to encourage this key activity. Staff will continue to look for ways to improve accessibility for those who need to drive. We have requested that the slip lanes at the north end of the causeway be closed to reduce drivers rat running through the park. We will also be preparing for a fall debate and campaign on longer term measures to reduce vehicle volumes in the park, when the staff report is presented. A [video was viewed showing people cycling on the seawall path and the roadway](#) (prior to any protected lane implementation) and it appears that many are choosing to ride on the roadway over the seawall path, likely for the increased space. Support was expressed for organizing another Celebration Station, this time in Stanley Park, when it is possible to hold a public event.
- Beach Ave bikeway construction continues. Signal heads installed, lines painted, new transit stops, signage, and crosswalks. The local bus has been returned to this route. Be aware of people walking who are crossing the bikeway. People in crosswalks have priority. Signal your stop so that riders behind you know you are stopping and consider calling it out.
- Slow Streets – **feedback is required from all of us to the City on how the diversions are working.** The Wall St diversion was removed due to negative public response. Ontario at Riley Park appears to be working, as does the one on Charles. Two new diversions were announced on Glen Drive, at Broadway and at 12<sup>th</sup>. We need feedback to the City on whether these are working, or not, as there is no other public engagement planned, and these are temporary installations. Please complete the [CoV Survey](#) about this question. We are not talking here about the Slow Street implementations where portable barriers are continually shifted off the roadway, but are focused here on the concrete barriers, which are immovable.
- School Streets Pilot Program – 3 schools agreed to participate (Lord Roberts, Hastings, Van Horne); pilot runs from April 12 to May 7. Contact the School Streets program if you would like to see this at your child’s school (potential for all Vancouver schools in September) This pilot phase of the program involves bike permeable road closures with barricades, in effect at pick up and drop off times only. Volunteers will place the barricades. Program includes monitoring before/after, including air quality. Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down and monitor the barriers. Some shifts are still available.
  - \* Lord Roberts Elementary - Email [robertsactivetransportation@gmail.com](mailto:robertsactivetransportation@gmail.com)
  - \* Van Horne Elementary - Email [volunteer@vanhornepac.com](mailto:volunteer@vanhornepac.com)
  - \* Hastings Elementary - Fill out this quick form: [bit.ly/hastingsvolunteer](https://bit.ly/hastingsvolunteer) [bit.ly]
- The School Streets vehicle diversion for one block (out of four) was predicted by pundits to result in traffic chaos. As expected, this did not occur. We had a discussion on traffic evaporation (dissuaded

demand), the inverse of induced demand. At Lord Roberts, instead of the 25% of parents who drive their children to school converging on a single driveway at the same time, they used the surrounding streets abutting the school, and this dispersal, along with an observed reduction in the numbers of those driving, resulted in no traffic chaos. The streets were remarkable calm. [Video here](#).

- Ontario St bikeway improvements have been implemented at 5<sup>th</sup>, and at 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Broadway Corridor Plan – Public engagement has concluded for this phase. The CoV has published their [Emerging Directions](#) report to show progress to date. We are heartened by much in the report, including reimagining Broadway as a Great Street, with a focus on healthy transportation options. We are not in agreement with the City's complete lack of consideration of protected bikeways along Broadway itself. With access to additional bike parking planned, including at the new subway stations, as well as all of the shops and services on Broadway itself, not including cycling infrastructure, also usable by stand-up electric scooters, those users are likely to revert to the widened sidewalks, which would be a negative for users of all modes. The reduction of Broadway to two vehicle lanes in each direction allows greatly enhanced active transportation options, and we encourage the City to rethink their plan here. Please take a look at the information online, and if you share your thoughts via email with [broadwayplan@vancouver.ca](mailto:broadwayplan@vancouver.ca) please cc us at [vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:vancouver@bikehub.ca) so that we can consolidate the responses. We have sent a formal letter to the CoV on this topic and are in discussions with elected officials.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the [presentation](#).

#### **7. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)**

- Discussions underway with the project team regarding Active Transportation connections for the new Patullo Bridge.
- Discussions underway with the project team, and minister responsible, re the lack of cycling infrastructure planned for the proposed widening of Hwy 7 east of Maple Ridge.

#### **8. Board Update (Jeff)**

- No update this month

#### **9. Other Business**

20:00 Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)**