Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

May 21, 2024 Virtual Meeting via Zoom







VULC Meetings



Active listening

Pay close attention to what others are saying and avoid interrupting



Respectful language

No personal attacks, name-calling or dismissive language



One speaker at a time

Wait for someone to finish their point before making yours



Be concise

Get your question or comment across clearly and efficiently

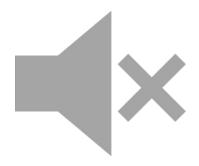


Respect the chair

The chair is responsible for making sure all agenda items are covered in a timely fashion, and discussion of certain items may need to continue outside of the meeting



Virtual Meetings





Please mute your phone or microphone when you are not speaking. A moderator may mute you. Ensure your name is displayed so that we know who you are.

We have a co-host who will watch the text chat and help make sure questions are addressed from online attendees.



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that HUB Cycling operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people. We recognize and respect the stewardship of this land and waters by these Indigenous communities, who have lived here for thousands of years and continue to do so. We acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous peoples have faced and continue to face, and we commit to working towards reconciliation and decolonization in our community and beyond.









Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new attendees
- Minutes from April meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?
 - Bike to Shop use cases for bike parking requests



Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, Action Item Review, Announcements and Upcoming Events
- Groups.io: What you missed
- Updates from Working Group leads
- Bike bites: (Brief updates: SoC1+, WEWP, NEFC, SEFC, Pac St, NLTOR)
- Assessment rides review
- Consultations/CoV Updates
- HUB Cycling Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
- VULC Correspondence/Meetings
- Meeting Adjourns (8:00 pm)



Action Items Review

- Van311 please report bike lane maintenance issues to the CoV using the smartphone app or by calling 311. Note the new features for reporting bike issues.
- Hold an Assessment Ride (Jeff) done x 2

- Hold an April Social Ride (Anthony) done
- Schedule a May Social Ride (Anthony) done



Announcements

Go By Bike Week and Bike to School Week both start June 3rd.
 Early registration is open.

The <u>BCCC Active Transportation Summit</u> will be held June 18-19 in New Westminster

Adam Hawk has a <u>petition</u> (currently with 2029 signatures)
 calling on CoV staff to improve safety for cycling by following
 through on the CoV 2017 commitments related to local street
 bikeways. These changes are within the existing mandate of the
 City Engineer.



groups.io

If you're subscribed to "special announcements only" you missed discussions like these:

HUB Vancouver UBC Local Committee Meeting Tuesday May 21st - 6:30 pm @ #MonthlyMeeting

Hi all, From the "it's still Friday somewhere" department, here's the agenda for our monthly VULC meeting, coming up...

Started by Anthony Floyd @ May 17 · •

UK: sidestepping Highways Dept to speed up building new cycle path

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/may/16/cycle-network-strawberry-line-somerset-volunteers
Started by Cynthia Nugent @ May 16 · •

Bike Film Festival complementary tickets available

This Saturday evening, HUB is presenting the Bike Film Festival at the Rio: https://bikehub.ca/bicycle-film-festival The... Started by Anthony Floyd @ May 15 · •

Seawall path reopened #InfrastructureAlert

The Seawall between Habitat Island and the Cambie Bridge is open once more.

Started by Anthony Floyd @ May 3 ·

HUB State of Cycling report update released

HUB has released an update to its 2020 "State of Cycling" report. The new report, "The State of Cycling in Metro... Started by Anthony Floyd @ May 2 ·

NE False Creek takes another step forward

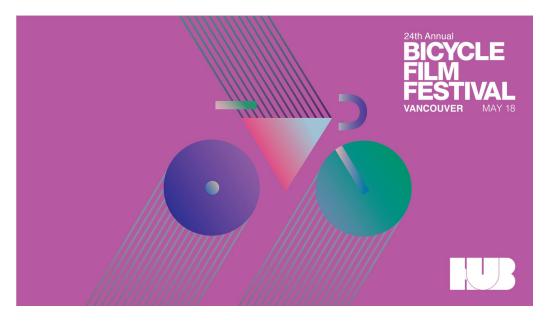
We had some discussion about NE False Creek and the viaducts at the assessment ride a few weeks ago, and the... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Apr 30 · •

Social Ride April 28th, 1pm, Vancouver Centre Loop 2 #SocialRides

April 28th, 1pm, meet in the Olympic Village Plaza just south of The Birds sculptures. SIGN UP LINK BELOW. We will be... Started by Anthony Floyd @ Apr 18 · Most recent @ Apr 27 · •

Assessment Ride Saturday May 4 #AssessmentRides

Please ioin us on an assessment ride in Fast Vancouver. We will review the 22nd St Rikeway, the proposed Kerr St





Working Group Updates





Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides Jeff, Anthony Two rides happened in East Van, April 20th and May 4th. Ride notes circulated; more discussion later in the agenda
- Cycling in Parks Lisa Quick update
- Arbutus Greenway Stan/Jeff/Anthony No update
- Broadway Subway Anthony No update
- Elections Working Group Lisa No update
- NE Quadrant Greenway Clark No update
- Secure Bike Parking Melanie/Eric Bike theft heat map, discussions with VPD, Easy Park, Translink, Bike to Shop bike parking
- Social Rides Anthony Sunday, May 26th, 1pm start @ Olympic Village

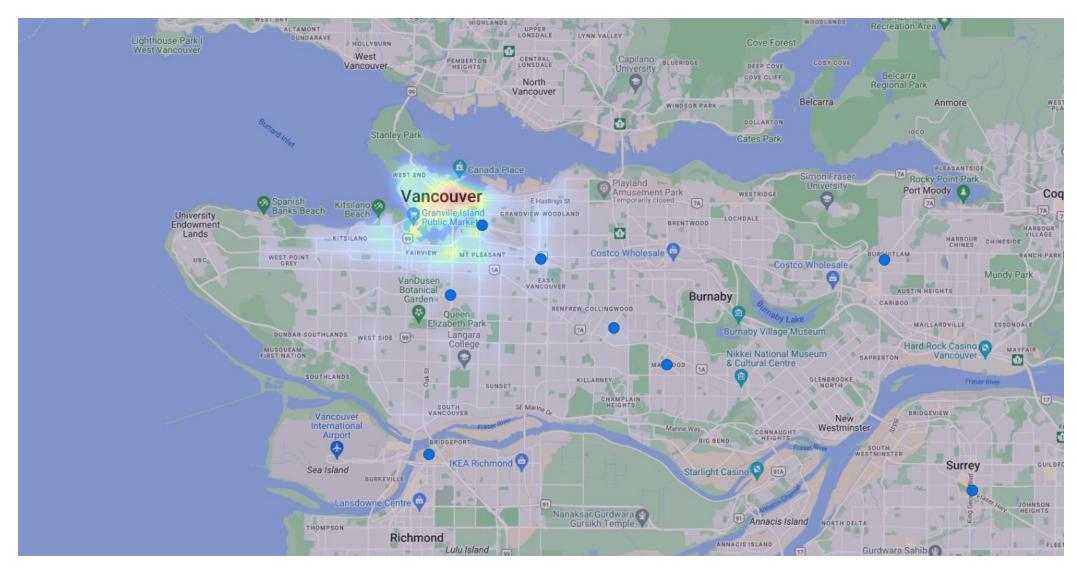


Secure Bike Parking WG

- Bicycle theft heat map
- EasyPark discussions
- Bicycle parking requests tied to Bike to Shop businesses through BIAs
- Interested? Ping Melanie Conn/Eric Schwartz



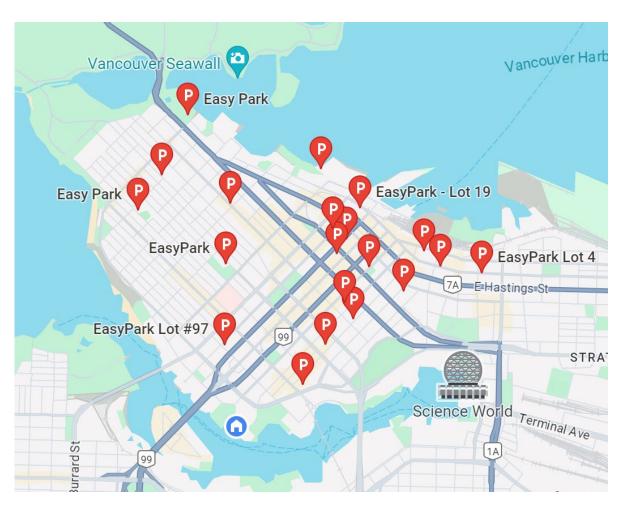
Secure Bike Parking WG





Bike Thefts vs Easy Park Locations







VULC Social Rides

- Social pace rides (15 km/h average)
- Targeting ~20 km group riding (+ to/from)
- No drops! (No one left behind)
- All rides are loops
- Rain will not deter us
- Not assessment rides!







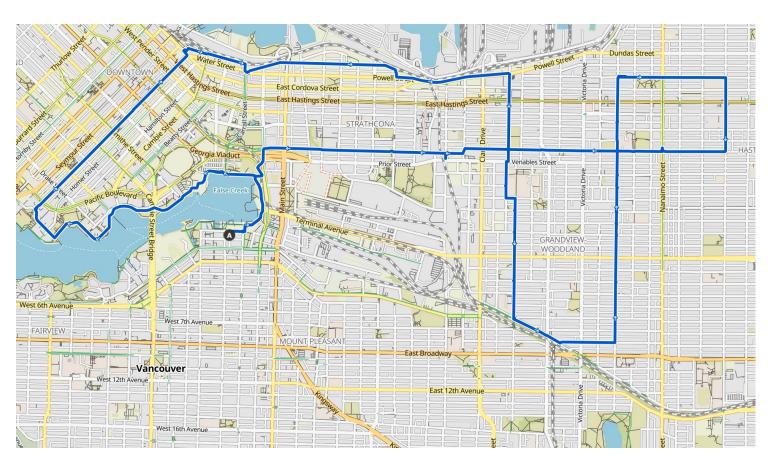






VULC Social Rides

Sunday May 26th @ 1 pm Downtown-Strathcona-Grandview/Woodland-Hastings/Sunrise



20 km. Start/stop @ Olympic Village Square ("The Birds")

No gravel. Gelato close to the end (Casa Gelato).

Look for <u>Eventbrite registration link</u> on groups.io

Required: Eventbrite registration, online waiver, helmet

Contact anthonyfloyd@gmail.com

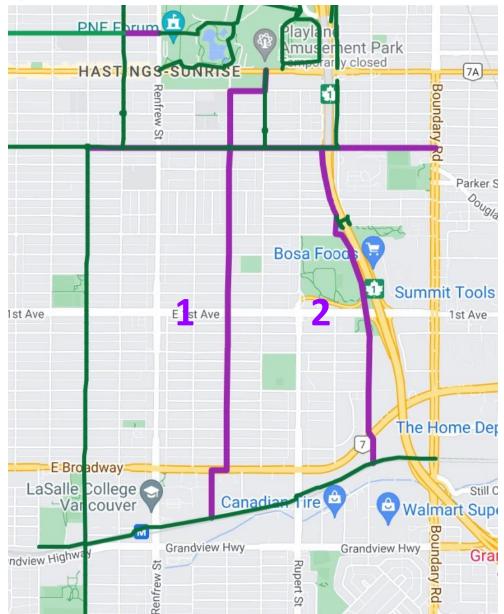


Assessment Rides

- All assessment ride route segments were drawn from our current local committee Priority Gap List
- Several route segments are included on the CoV Active Mobility Plan (2023-2027) for planned improvements
- We focused on East Side routes
- Assessment rides and reports inform our advocacy efforts for improvements on these routes



Assessment Ride - April 20th 2024



Segment 1

- Lillooet, from Hastings
 Park to the CVG
- Future route of the East Side Crosscut Greenway

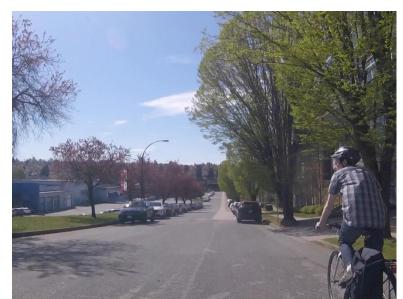
Segment 2

- Future Skeena Bikeway, from Adanac to the CVG
- Potential future extension south to the Kerr Bikeway

Assessment Ride - Lillooet Greenway Route



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Assessment Ride - Skeena Bikeway Route











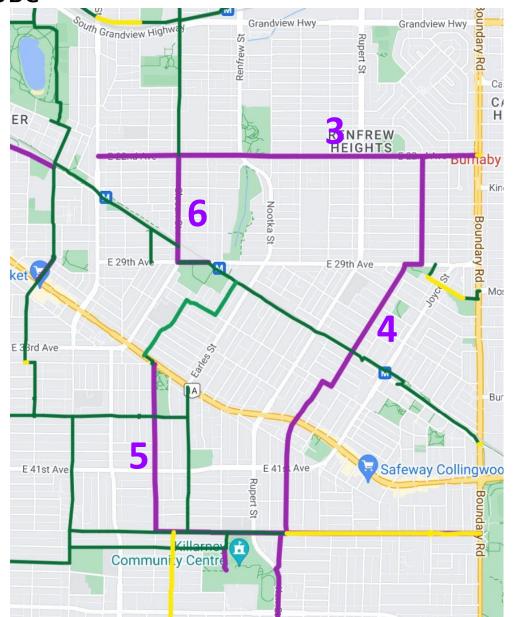
Assessment Ride - Skeena Bikeway Route







Assessment Ride - May 4th 2024



Segment 3

22nd St, Nanaimo to Boundary

Segment 4

 Kerr Bikeway, 22nd St to 49th St

Segment 5

 Wales Bikeway, 45th St to Duchess Bikeway (to 29th St)

Segment 6

 29th St Station to the Slocan Bikeway (part of the BC Parkway) then on the Slocan Bikeway to 22nd St



Assessment Ride - 22nd St Bikeway











Assessment Ride - Future Kerr Bikeway







Assessment Ride - Wales Bikeway











Assessment Ride - 29th St (BCP)









Assessment Ride - Slocan Bikeway







Bike Bites





- HUB Released "The State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver 2016-2021: Benchmarking Our Regional Bike Route Network's Growth, Use, Safety, Health, and Climate Resiliency"
- https://bikehub.b-cdn.net/sites/default/files/24_st ate of cycling 2 april 29 v2.pdf
- Supplements original State of Cycling report with some additional data and analysis
- Translink will be releasing an updated State of Cycling (v2) later this year



- Updated analysis considers the effect of the pandemic including
 - Improvements to the cycle route network over time
 - Changes in cycling rates, particularly commuting
 - Demographics and trends
 - Cycling education direction and impacts
- Also added safety, health and wellness, and climate resilience analysis
 - Pollution and air quality
 - Noise
 - Heat
 - Tree cover
 - Slopes
- Includes consideration of:
 - Disabilities and cycling accessibility/safety
 - Growth of electric bicycles



Figure 7: 2016 and 2021 Metro Vancouver Cycle Route Total Kilometres by Comfort Classification

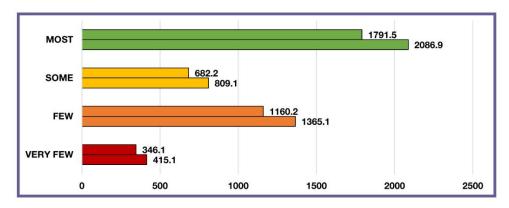
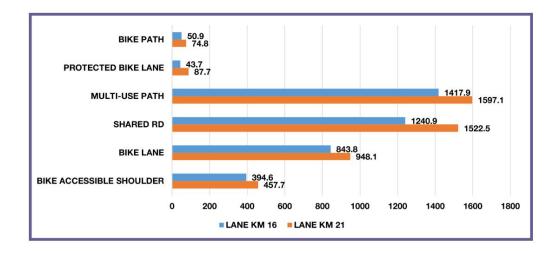
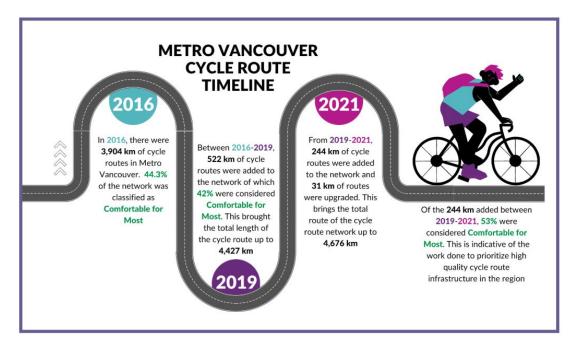


Figure 8: Total 2016 and 2021 Metro Vancouver Bike Network Kilometres by Facility Type



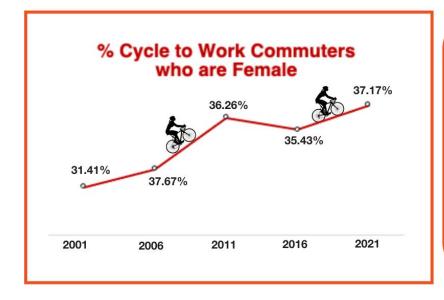


	Total Distance of Cycle Route Network (Km)	% of Network Classified as "Comfortable for Most"	Total Distance Added to Network from 2016 - 2021 (Km)	% of Distance Added to Network from 2016 - 2021 Classified as "Comfortable for Most"	% of Population within 400 m of a "Comfortable for Most" Route
Metro Vancouver Region	4676	45%	244	53%	67%
Vancouver/UBC					
Electoral Area A (UBC)	91.5	32%	8.5	36%	96%
Vancouver	626.9	78%	70.7	64%	90%



40	% of Commuters who Primarily Cycle to Work (2021)	% Change in Cycling Commuters (2016 to 2021)	% of Cycling Commuters that are Female (2021)	% Change in Female Cycling Commuters (2016 to 2021)
Metro Vancouver Region	1.86%	-0.49%	37.17%	1.75%
Vancouver/UBC				
Electoral Area A (UBC)	8.3%	-0.4%	25.4%	-9.7%
Vancouver	5.3%	-0.9%	42.2%	3.1%

Figure 13: Proportions of Canadian Cycle to Work Commuters who are Female



Female ridership varies broadly around the world. In the Netherlands and Japan, female ridership makes up 54% and 56% of all cycle trips, respectively. By comparison, in the USA, females comprise only 30% of cyclists and in England they comprise only 26% of cyclists (#35).

Figure 12: Bicycle Commuting by Income Bracket - 2016-2021



Figure 16: Cycle to School Rates for Vancouver and Surrey Elementary School Students - 2021

	Number of Elementary Schools Surveyed	Number of Students Surveyed	% of Students Who Cycle to School	% of Municipality that Cycles to Work
Vancouver School Board	65	13,166	3.5%	5.3%*
Surrey School District	97	23,941	1.3%	0.3%



Comfortable for Most People

(green segments): These bikeways are either fully protected from motor vehicle traffic or are on shared roadways with low posted speed limits (i.e. 30 km/h or less) and low motor vehicle traffic volumes (i.e. less than 2,000 vehicles per day).

Comfortable for Some People

(yellow segments): Most of these bikeways are shared roadways where posted speed limits are higher (i.e. up to 50 km/h) and there is more motor vehicle traffic (i.e. up to 3,000 vehicles per day). Some painted bike lanes and bike accessible shoulders also fall into this category, as well as a small portion of bikeways that are protected from motor vehicle traffic but are narrower in width than is recommended by current design standards.

Comfortable for Few People

(orange segments): The majority of these bikeways are painted bike lanes or bike accessible shoulders on roadways with higher posted speed limits (i.e. 50 km/h or greater) and more traffic (i.e. more than 4,000 vehicles per day). Some shared roadways with higher posted speed limits and higher volumes of motor vehicle traffic also fall into this category.

Comfortable for Very Few People

(red segments): Many of these bikeways are shared roadways where posted speed limits are higher (i.e. greater than 50 km/h) and there are higher traffic volumes (i.e. 6,000 or more vehicles per day). Some painted bike lanes and bike accessible shoulders also fall into this category, including those with adjacent curbside parking and higher speed limits (i.e. greater





- **Network Classification System Limitations**
 - Data sampling (low)
 - Intersections (not assessed)
 - "AAA" Bikeways. CoV classifies 25% of network as AAA but SoC classifies 78% as "Comfortable for Most"

30 km/h posted limit V Comfortable for Most?



Imagine West End Waterfront Plan





Imagine West End Waterfront Plan

- Passed by Vancouver Park Board in April
- Referred back to staff by Vancouver City Council on May 8th
 - Amendment passed to allow for "Phase 1" road changes, which replace current Beach Ave bike lane + 1 motor vehicle lane west of Denman with 2-way motor vehicle traffic, a new separated AAA bike lane, and a new sidewalk on the water-side of the existing trees

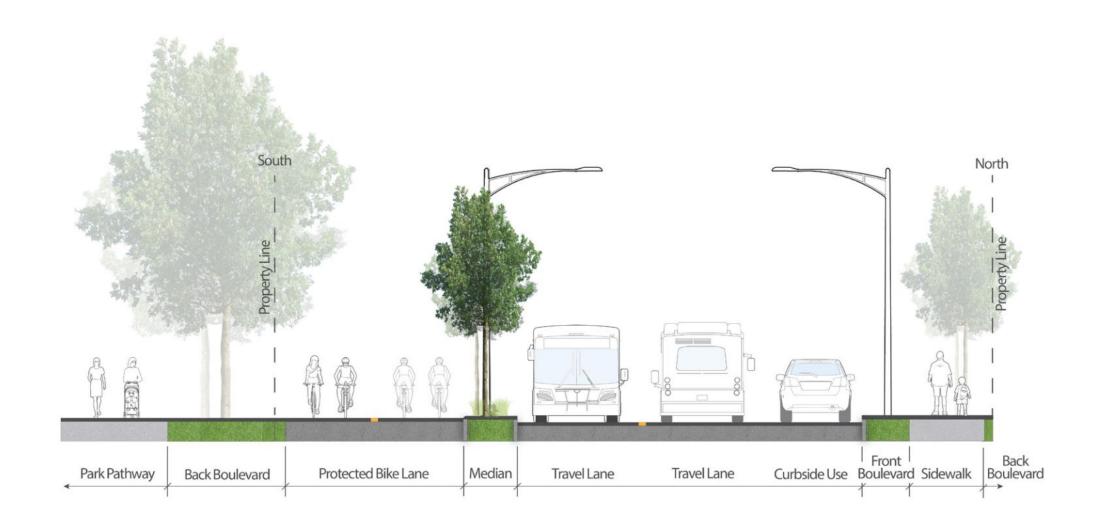


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 Land transfer agreement concluded, pays for changes to road network, allows for city-delegated management of 3 social housing sites

https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/northeast-false-creek.aspx

 CIVITAS Studio vision video surfaces https://vimeo.com/836326590



New Street Network



Illustrative plan of the new street network



















SE False Creek Seawall path



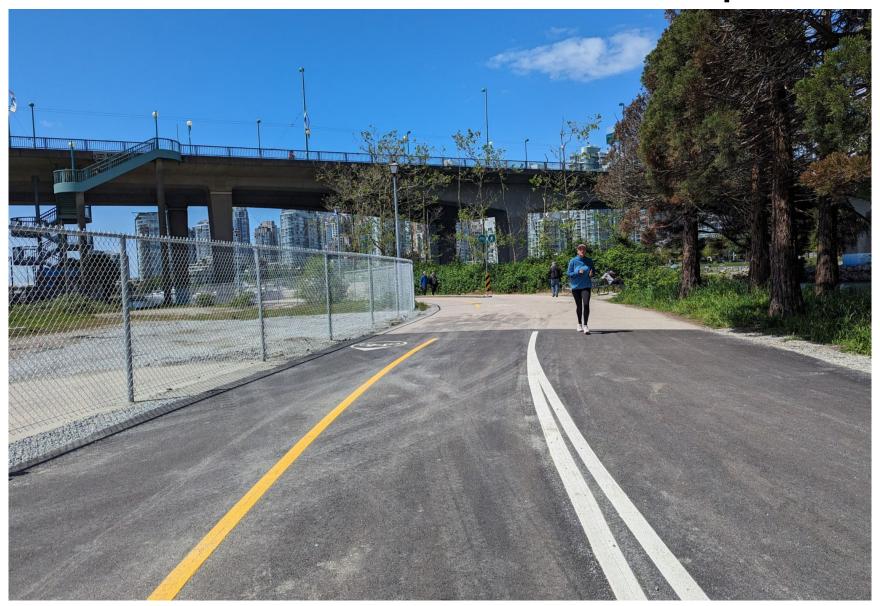


SE False Creek Seawall path





SE False Creek Seawall path





Pacific St: Richards → Howe?





No Right Turn on Red update

- Planned UBCM motion shelved
- Lack of support at Metro Vancouver
- CNV pivoting to focus on speed cameras
- HUB staff have asked all LCs to send a letter to Mayor and Council asking municipalities to look into the feasibility of adopting NRTOR and to explore establishing a pilot project with the province to do so



East Van Assessment Rides





Consultations / CoV Updates





CoV Consultations/Updates

- See last month's consultation list
- No new consultations in the past month
- Upcoming consultations expected:
 - Portside Greenway
 - Granville St Planning, Broadway Public Realm (Q2/Q3)
 - Burrard Slopes Park (Q3)
 - Kent Ave, downtown cycling network/Melville extension (Q4)



RAC / Board Updates





RAC Update

- Additional changes proposed for Motor Vehicle Act:
 - Neighbourhood speed limits default to 30 km/h
 - Pedestrian Advance (LPI or Leading Pedestrian Indicators) crossing signals to allow people on bikes to start crossing
 - Riding on sidewalks for either under a certain age (eg
 6) or by wheel size (eg 40 cm)
 - Helmet law



HUB Board Update

No update this month



VULC Correspondence/Meetings





Correspondence/Meetings

- Ongoing meetings re: bike room access for Pacific Centre employees, expanded into general meetings between EasyPark, CoV
- Request for meeting with Park Board commissioners re: Stanley Park Mobility Study (accepted, in the midst of scheduling)



Wrap Up





Breakout Rooms

- Cycling in Parks (Lisa)
- Social Rides (Anthony)
- General discussion (Jeff)

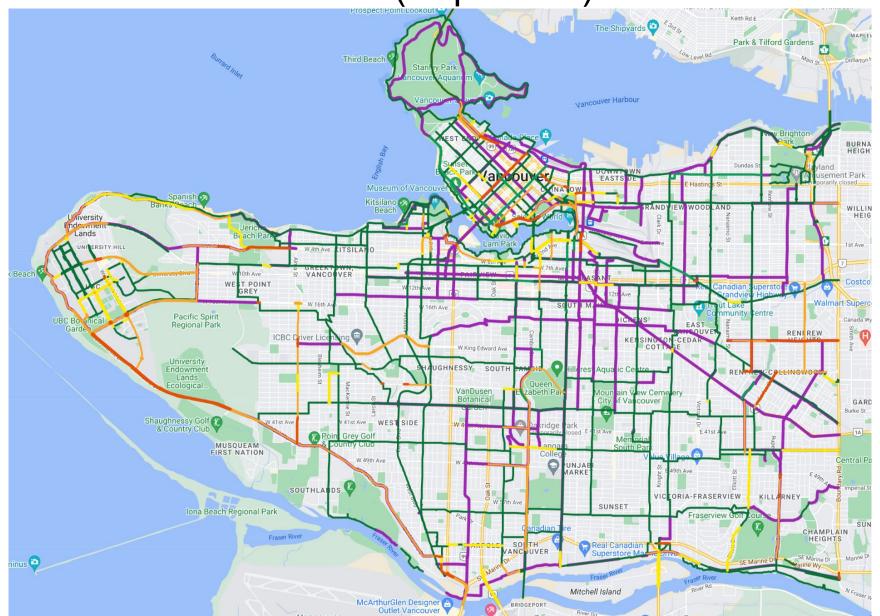


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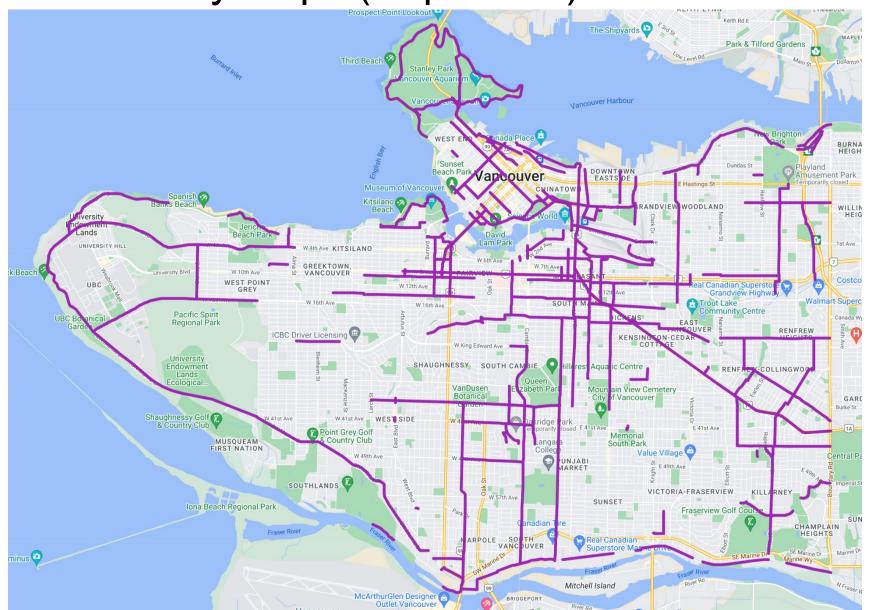


Prototype Gap Map (Vancouver/UBC) with SoC Route Data (Sept 2023)





Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)





CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023







4/3/2023 1/2014





- The Mobi Station Zone is







Bicycle with Arrow Indicates the bike route direction is



Shared Pathway Indicates an off-street pathway shared by people walking and cycling



on associated signs or pavement markings. When combined with a bicycle this symbol indicates a dedicated bicycle lane. People cycling in the City of Vancouver are allowed to ride in these lanes.







Highlights potential conflict areas with motor vehicles. Commonly used along protected bike lanes at intersections and driveways.



Bicycle Box Indicates where people cycling should position themselves at a red signal, allowing them to turn left, right, or go straight in advance of





Turning Left Using a Bike Box Go straight through the intersection when the signal is green and wait in



Register your Bike with Project 529

Bike Parkades are indoor bike parking facilities for registered Compass customers and are available in Vancouver at Main Street-Science World, King Edward, Commercial-Broadway, and Joyce-Collingwood.

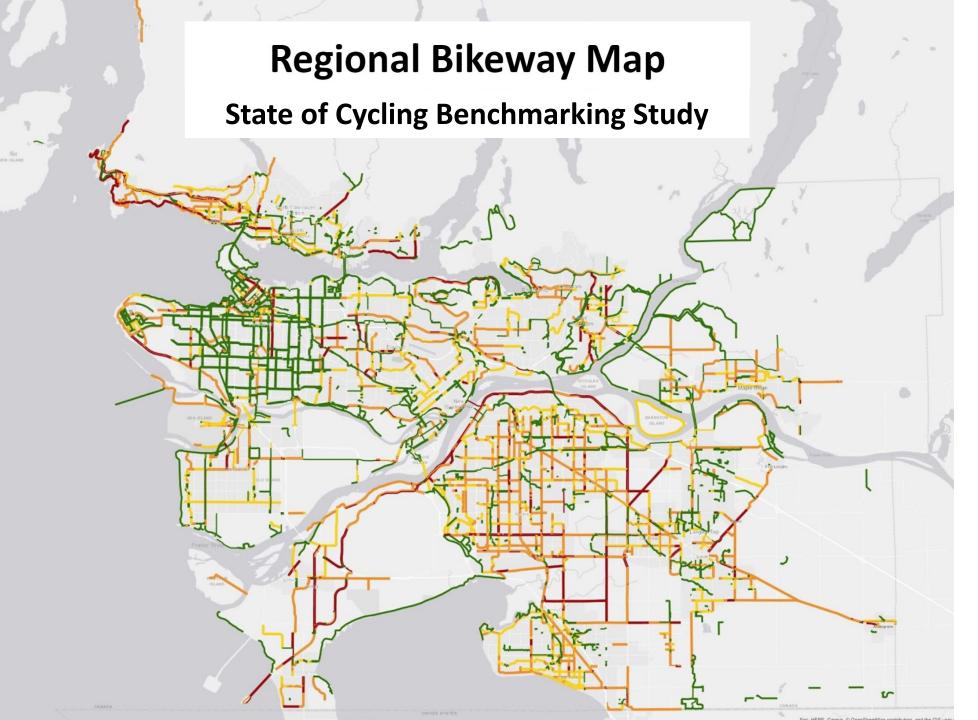
For more information, visit: translink.ca/rider-guide/blke-and-ride-on-transit



Vancouver Greenways Plan

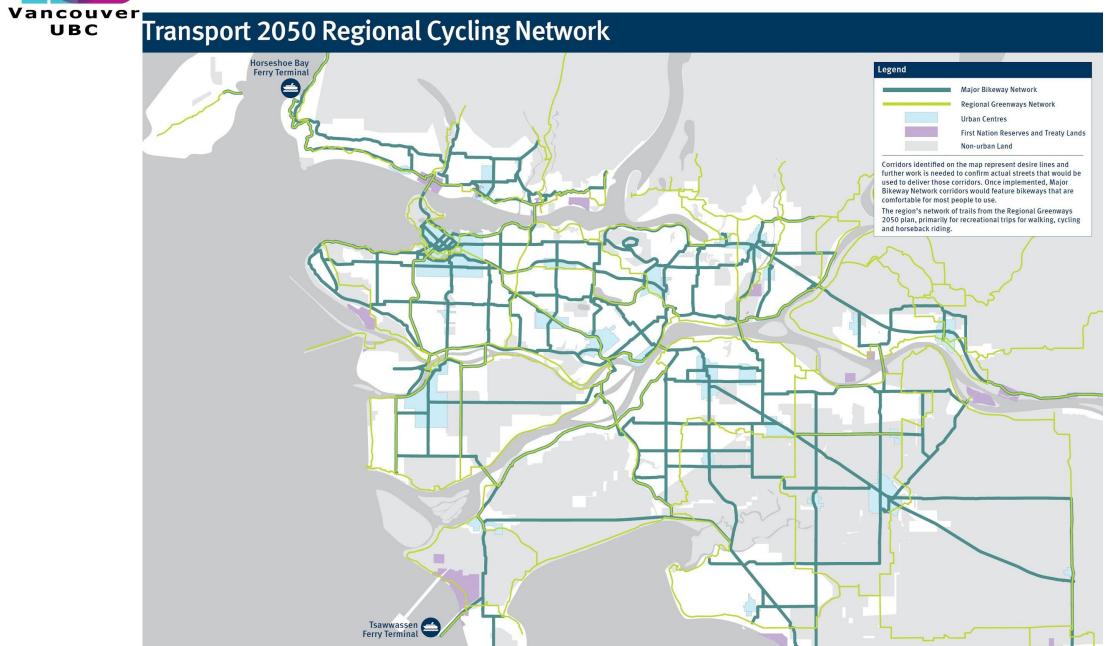






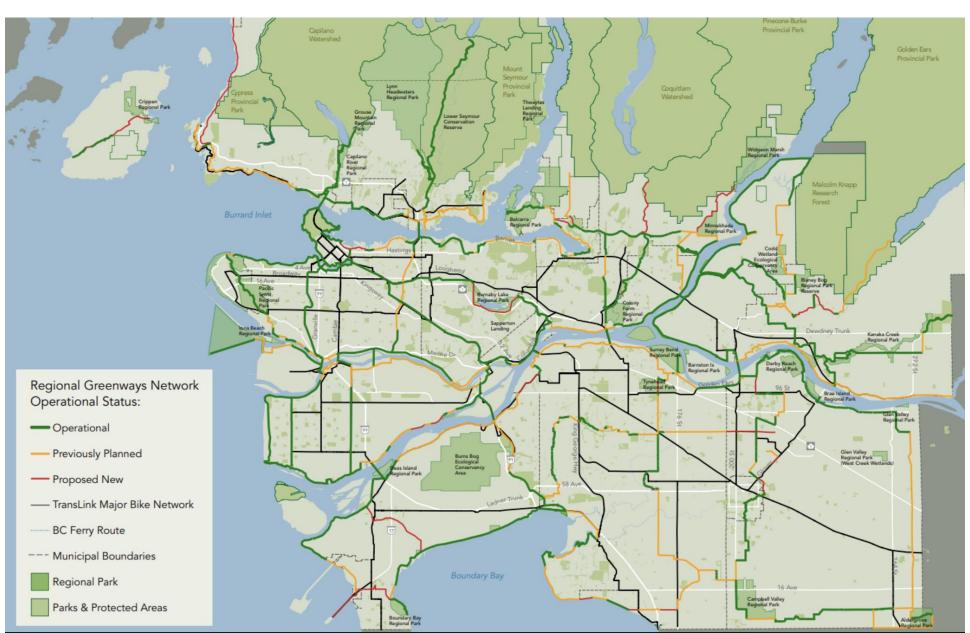


Translink MBN October 2021





Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan





VULC Guiding Principles

Choice of infrastructure

Prioritize separated lanes and phase-separated signals over painted markings to assure safety and comfort for people on bikes. "Paint is not infrastructure"

Choice of location

Prefer areas where people frequently travel, such as commercial high streets, transit nodes, work centers, schools, cross-town routes connecting these destinations, interregional routes, and other desirable destinations.

"Put infrastructure where people want to go"

Choice of route

Cycle routes that are winding and indirect have been shown to discourage cycling and can compromise safety.

"Prioritize direct routes for people on bikes, instead of unnecessarily winding paths"

Help for the vulnerable

Focus on infrastructure that encourages the use of bicycles by vulnerable and equity-deserving riders, and develop safe bypass routes for fast and confident riders.

"New improvements should appeal to people new to cycling, not just avid cyclists"

Infrastructure for parks

Advocate for safe and accessible cycling routes, not just to parks but also inside parks. People on bikes are park users.

"To and through parks"

Equitable advocacy

Consider the diverse needs of individuals and devices, including all ages and abilities, genders, children and families, incomes, backgrounds, people new and experienced in cycling, older people, people cycling with disabilities, and all types of bicycles including e-bikes, cargo bikes, recumbent bikes, hand-bikes, and other useful inventions.

"Equitable advocacy helps everyone"

Fresh ideas

Promote novel ideas like school streets, cycle-permeable parklets and plazas, and car-free blocks to encourage safe and comfortable cycling throughout the city.

"Roads are for people, not cars"

AAA cycling network

Encourage expansion of the AAA cycling network beyond Downtown and the Broadway Corridor, with a specific focus on underdeveloped areas on the south and east sides of the city, and connections to cycle networks in neighbouring municipalities.

"There is more to a city than its downtown"



Vancouver VULC Guiding Principles (cont')

Speed limits

To enhance safety, lobby for a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where people driving and cycling share space. At 50 km/h, 80% of pedestrians will die in a collision. At 30 km/h, 85% of pedestrians survive a collision.

"Speeding vehicles endanger people on bicycles"

Bike crashes

Use the term "crash" to emphasize that most accidents are preventable, and call for engineering solutions to reduce them. "Crash, not accident"

Respect

Practice constructive collaboration with staff and elected officials to achieve long-term goals and maintain respectful and nurturing relationships.

"Work with politicians and staff, not against them"

Theft

Push for safe and secure bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities. They play a critical role in encouraging more people to cycle regularly. People will choose not to cycle if there is a risk their bike will not be there when they return.

"Bike thieves are everywhere"