Vancouver-UBC Local Committee

July 15, 2025 Online Meeting



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Your Cycling Connection



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 June meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, action item review, announcements
- Guest speaker: Paul Krueger, CoV
- Updates from Working Groups
- Updates from the Community
- Consultations / CoV updates
- VULC correspondence/meetings
- Meeting adjourns



Action Items Review

- Hold June Social Ride (Anthony, complete)
- Complete SW Marine assessment ride email (Jeff & Anthony, in progress)
- Complete Intersection Safety Camera Program Review survey (Anthony, complete)
- To report an urgent bikeway safety concern, contact the Vancouver Police Department Non-Emergency line at: 604-717-3321
- Report bike infrastructure upgrade or safety concerns, bike racks requests, and access a range of other cycling related inquiries and services on the Cycling and Micromobility menu of the Van311 website or smartphone app.



Announcements

- Visit <u>bikehub.ca</u> for up to date news
- SOCIAL get together: August 17th, bikes and beverages in a park (more later)
- Bike the Night returns September 13th. No charge for tickets but limited supply. Two departure times: 6:30pm (9 adult tickets remaining), 8:30pm (257 adult tickets remaining) (as of July 12th) <u>https://bikehub.ca/events/bike-night</u>
- <u>HUB Annual General Meeting</u> September 20th, online only.
 <u>Register here</u>





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Working Group Updates





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Secure Bike Parking Working Group

Promotions

- Go by Bike Week **Celebration Stations**
- HUB/VPD/529 Garage Events
- Newsletter Banner
- Email Signature





REQUEST A STREET BIKE RACK IN VANCOUVER

WHERE YOU SHOP, WORK, LIVE AND PLAY!







HUB / VPD / 529 Garage Bike Security Pop-Ups

60 Bikes Registered on 529 Garage

120 Bike Security Discount Coupons distributed

1st ABUS Bike Lock Raffle Winner

- 6 HUB Volunteers
- 6 VPD Volunteers
- 2 VPD Officers







Kits Beach July 2 Pop Up Event



HUB Vancouver Bike Security Pop-Ups Parks and Beaches in July and August

Please volunteer:

- Sun. July 27 John Hendry/Trout Lake
- Sat. Aug 2 **Arbutus Greenway - Kerrisdale**
- Wed. Aug 6 **3rd Beach Stanley Park**
- TBD **Kits Beach Park**

To Volunteer and Learn More

















Retail Bike Parking Assessments

- 83 Complete
- 16 Pending Assigned
- 3 Pending Unassigned
- 2 Awaiting Store Opening





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15	Additional access comments		Straight shot from Lakewood Dr. along Napier, however route from Adanac bikeway South along MacLean through Brittania School/Commu nity Center is	but not directly accessible from nearby		Constant flow of cars entering/exiting parking lot make this a poor location for a bike rack	very dark entrance from Highbury and	Very close to 10th, but Alberta is relatively steep			Walkway between parking lot and building is too narrow to comfortably wheel a bike in, so access to bike rack is via parking lot. There is no designated gap between stalls to wheel your bike through so		Accessibility depends on if you're arriving via Haro/Smithe (good bike lane) or Burrard Street (shared route with traffic, albeit Hornby is protected alternative).	Cyclists can make use of Robson Square from Hornby Street	



















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Social Rides 2025

Social rides are:

- Social!
- Casual pace (15 km/h avg or less)
- Target 20 km loops, 2ish hours total
- No-pressure: join/drop as needed
- Your chance to see new parts of Vancouver
- Not assessment rides
- Weather agnostic (except for snow/ice)
- Every month or so

Upcoming:

- NO JULY SOCIAL RIDE
- Sunday, August 17th: Bikes and beverages in a park. WHICH PARK?
- Next social ride: Steveston, combined with Burnaby, Richmond LCs?, Sunday, September 28th, time TBA





Bikes and Beverages in a Park



August 17th, time TBA

Which park? Your suggestions:

- Volunteer Park
- Kits Beach Park
- Memorial South Park
- QE Park (south lawn)
- New Brighton Park



September Social Ride: The Steveston Special



Sunday September 28th, time TBA

Meet at "The Birds" (Milton Wong Square in Olympic Village) or Riley Park or The Golden Tree (Cambie/SW Marine)

Distance: 48 km Time: ~5 hrs Elevation: 220 m Paths: Road, paved paths, and gravel

Stop for 45 min food/refreshment at Steveston Boardwalk

Route: Ontario to Golden Tree, to Canada Line Bridge, to North Dyke, to Railway MUP, to Steveston, to 2 Road MUP, to Steveston Hwy MUP, to Shell Road (+ Trail) to Canada Line Bridge, to Ontario



Updates from the Community





Water Street Counterflow Bike Lane

https://www.reddit.com/r/vancouver/comments/1lrko15/the_new_bike_lane_on_water_st/



• What's your experience? We're formulating feedback to the city after the trial



What's your "one" improvement to Vancouver's cycling infrastructure?

https://www.reddit.com/r/vancouvercycling/comments/1ll4cb8/whats_one_improvement_youd_love_to_see_in/

- Most upvoted comment:
 - "Better signage and connecting all the bike routes"
- Other top comments (paraphrased):
 - Centrally located secure, monitored bike parking garage
 - Make bike routes bike streets with modal filters, better signage
 - Extend the Arbutus Greenway to the Canada Line Bridge
 - Automated ticketing + red-light cameras
 - Fully protected bike lane along Broadway, Kingsway
 - Better east-side north/south connector
 - Safer cycling routes to UBC
 - Prohibit parking from 1 side of the street for all bike routes
 - Bikeable river trail from Marpole to UBC

Add yours in the meeting chat so we can keep track/follow up!



Translink Purchase of 9150 Bentley St





Marine Drive Multi-use Path (North end of LGB)



- Construction expected to conclude Oct/Nov 2025
- From "comfortable to few" to "comfortable for more"

h/t Duncan Wilcock, North Shore LC



City of Coquitlam United Blvd MUP Extension



h/t Colin Fowler, Tri-Cities LC



Consultations / CoV Updates





"Transportation Day"

- Annual Transportation and Public Space Directors' Update on July 9th, 2025
- <u>https://council.vancouver.ca/20250709/documents/staffpresentation1.pdf</u>
- Paul Storer (Director of Transportation) & Lisa Parker (Director of Public Space and Street Use)
- Selected slides follow...





Source: City of Vancouver panel surveys. Data typically collected between late September and late November. Columns may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Note: Significant changes beginning in 2020 due to global pandemic. Lower active travel counts in 2021 due to extreme weather conditions / atmospheric river at time of survey.





Source: VPD traffic fatality data (fatalities), ICBC (injuries), Census (interpolated between census years)







Safer slower streets report



Recommendations

- A. Reduce the speed limit on all minor streets to 30 km/h (streets without a centre line)
- B. Implement, monitor, and evaluate 25 neighbourhood slow zones using speed limit gateway signage
- C. Streamline the Annual Speed Hump Program by removing the requirement for consultation
- D. Direct staff to report back with recommendations for setting speed limits on arterial and collector streets



Active transportation network

Building a network that is safe and comfortable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds

• 1,500+ km of city streets*

(over 2,800 lane km)

- 2,200+ km of city sidewalks (~80% complete)
- 300+ km of bike network

(~30% all ages and abilities)



* Including 220 km of arterial streets (1024 lane km), 140 km of collector streets (666 lane km), and 1190 km of local streets. Not including 770 km of laneways or 150 km of Parks/non-City streets.

Designing for all ages and abilities: no one-size-fits all approach



Physical protection on busy streets

Traffic calming on quiet shared streets



Neighbourhood Traffic Management

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Quick-build traffic calming to address safety issues like speeding and high vehicle volumes on local streets






Other safety improvements

	Deliverir	ng safe, a	accessib	le infras	structure
New Infrastructure or Intervention	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Signals (full or pedestrian/cyclist activated)	5	2	3	5	
Flashing beacons (RRFBs)	9	10	8	8	
Increased crossing time	29	31	22	24	
Signal accessibility upgrades (e.g. audible)	14	13	14	11	
Leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs)	12	16	14	15	
Curb ramp program	246	247	112	202	

Additional funds for pedestrian safety measures

In 2024, **Council approved an additional \$5.5 million** (a ~40% increase in the 2023-2026 budget) to increase the number of signals, flashing beacons, LPIs, increased walking time and crosswalks for 2025-2026.



Transit: 2024 Ridership Snapshot

Vancouver is a transit leader in North America

- 4th highest rapid rail ridership
- 3rd highest bus ridership
- 22nd most populous region (across USA and Canada)





Vancouver & UBC account for **almost half** of the region's transit boardings



Sources: TransLink Accountability Centre, TransLink 2024 Transit Service Performance Review



Pacific Street upgrades

Recently completed in coordination with Route 023 upgrades

A direct eastbound cycling connection from Beach Ave to the Burrard Bridge





- Address a major safety gap
- Enabled by street upgrades to allow larger buses



Arbutus Corridor upgrades

W King Edward Avenue Intersection

Enhance safety and accessibility on the Arbutus Greenway

- Separate crosswalks for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improve safety with protected signal phasing
- Enhance cycling connections with West King Edward Avenue
- Rainwater management, trees, and seating areas









Mobi: Growing Role in Regional Transport



+1,300 Community Pass Members



SFU research: 4 e-bikes achieve the **same CO₂ reduction** as replacing one conventional car with an EV.



TransLink Compass Pilot



Spanish Banks Summer Station



"Transportation Day"

• Watch the video:

https://csg001-harmony.sliq.net/00317/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/Powe rBrowserV2/20250711/-1/20763?mediaStartTime=20250709093200&me diaEndTime=20250709210215&viewMode=3

• Read the slides:

https://council.vancouver.ca/20250709/documents/staffpresentation1.pdf



Consultations/CoV Updates

• Metro Vancouver Columbia St Sewer emergency repairs





Kent Ave Phase 1



- Widen existing off-street path, separating pedestrians & cyclists
- Convert East Kent S from Gladstone-Riverside Park to Victoria Dr to WB vehicles only
- Convert Kent Ave N from Elliot to Riverside Park to WB vehicles only
- Two-way bicycle traffic (sharrows)
- Remove parking along Kent Ave
- Add curb bulges, etc
- 700m of 8km route (9%)

Van 3-1-1 Cycling and Micro-mobility Update

Meeting with the City's <u>Van3-1-1.ca</u> team:

Celebrating options that work well ex. Bike Rack Requests

Improve:

- Wording People on Bikes relate to
- Refer to **Bikeways** consistently
- Menu organization
- More issues people on bikes encounter

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Van 3-1-1 Cycling and Micro-mobility Update

IMPORTANT

Cycling and Micromobility menus are intelligent shortcuts to Van3-1-1 service requests

Example:

Bike racks \rightarrow New

→ Street Furniture

 \rightarrow Maintenance \rightarrow General

Street Issues



Cycling and micromobility

Request information about and report issues with cycling and micromobility infrastructure.

Specify type of cycling or micromobility request: *

- New bike route or greenway request
- Existing bike infrastructure upgrade or safety concern
- Micromobility enquiries (bike share, skateboarding, e-scooters, and more)
- O Cycling maps, events and resources
- Bike racks (new, maintenance, abandoned bikes)
- Bikeway concerns (obstruction, urgent safety concerns)

Van 3-1-1 Cycling and Micro-mobility Update

Bikeway obstructions and safety reports

- greenery growing into lane
- greenery obscuring traffic light or signage
- divider knocked out of place
- broken pavement
- mud, leaves or trash
- pooled water / clogged drain
- vehicles parked in bikeway
- construction site without bypass
- unsafe construction site bypass
- cars turning onto protected bikeway
- Non-Standard Speed bump endangering cyclists

... support more issues people on bikes encounter



Issues to be explored

Urgent bikeway safety requests

- Referred to Van PD **Non-Urgent** phone line ... where VPD isn't taking any action
- Identify issues better referred to
 Street Services 24-hr response teams



Consultations/CoV Updates

- Victoria Drive stop light active soon!
- Granville Connector opening soon! (Includes Pacific and Drake upgrades) LOOKING FOR July 26th Volunteers, 11am-2pm, need commitment today
- Water Street Car Light modifications with contra flow bike lane, closed to vehicles on Sundays



Anticipated consultations/reports

- Portside: Wall St preferred design option (Fall, engagement summary released)
- Civic District (incl 10th Ave between Cambie & Yukon)
- Killarney neighbourhood traffic management plan due this summer (including 45th Ave)
- Kent Ave consultation coming up (Elliot to Victoria)



VULC Correspondence/Meetings





Correspondence/Meetings

- Supportive submission on Vision Zero motion by Cllr Maloney (it passed)
- Supportive submission on staff report re: blanket 30km/h local road speed limit (accepted by council)



Upcoming Community Meeting

- We would like to hold one of our monthly meetings in south or southeast Vancouver
- This would be an in person meeting, similar in concept to our recent UBC meeting
- Would you be likely to attend in person?
- LOCATION??? (Preferably community centre. Sunset?)



Wrap Up



NEXT MEETING: September 16th ONLINE ONLY!



Appendices





Van/UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (June 2025)



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CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023









Vancouver Greenways Plan





Translink Major Bikeway Network





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"