



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16th, 2021
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Geneviève, Ivan, Mike T, DeeDee, Lucy, Sam, Eric, Mike V, Karolina, Tassillie, Dan, Lisa, Enzo, Ece, Clark, Tim, Kay, Bruce, Brooke, Mathai (23)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Jan: Approved

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

4. Announcements (see 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.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
- HUB Cycling [Bike Awards](#) are coming up February 22nd.
- The City of Vancouver is requesting feedback on how the diversions are working on Ontario, Heather, Charles, and two upcoming sites. 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](#) .

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Anthony, Philippe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. UBC ride completed, report is circulated for comments (Anthony). Dumfries ride held, and report circulated for comments. Additional rides to be planned (Philippe) Kent Ave report to be updated with new info and photos (Jeff) 	<p>Anthony: finalize UBC ride report. Philippe: organize upcoming rides. Jeff: update Kent Ave report, and submit finalized reports</p>

Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • Update meeting held with PB staff set. Staff advise they have no current plans to reinstitute a protected lane in Stanley Park for this season. Discussions ongoing with commissioners. • Additional PB staff hired with experience in AT infrastructure, including the Arbutus Greenway. We expect more robust public engagement going forward. Staff are working on the Kits Beach path issue, and will be restarting the John Hendry Park/Trout Lake public engagement. • Awaiting PB staff report to commissioners on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term. • Recent communications with PB have now been posted on our wiki. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • No update this month. Stan and Jeff will request a meeting with the CoV project team for an update. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • CoV are not planning on implementing micro transportation hubs for last mile delivery services by cargo bike, as other cities have done, as they see themselves as more of an enabler than an implementer. • Upcoming cargo bike seminar on March 4th. Info here 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. • Construction work for the Arbutus subway station will result in a detour on the Arbutus Greenway from 10th to 7th and Cypress, to be implemented shortly • Construction work for the Great Northern Way station will result in a detour on GNW and Scotia. This will include full protection and a bidirectional bikeway. • There is overlap with the Broadway Corridor planning process by the CoV, which is reported on under Consultations. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update this month. 	

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

- Richards St construction progress. Completion to Pacific planned by the end of the summer. Trees planted. Celebration/media event being planned by CoV for September time frame.
- Beach Ave Bikeway construction progress. Signal changes, bike lane and roadway centre lines, edge lines, and other paint including crosswalks are all in progress. We have expressed our interest in the CoV extending the protected lanes along Pacific from Jervis to Thurlow to access the Burrard Bridge. The City has anticipated this and designed the Jervis intersection for this connection. Strong interest was expressed in our Local Committee holding a celebration when appropriate/safe. This will be linked to a push for reinstatement of the temporary protected lane around Stanley Park drive.
- Proposed design for NW Marine Drive MUP to UBC (MoTI). Challenges exist with the proposed concept design, including safety on the descent with people of different abilities on a bidirectional

path. Issues raised with MoTI. MoTI advise that they have no budget, or plan, for construction at this time (contract was design only). MoTI had scheduled no consultation on any of these projects.

- 16th Ave Bikeway improvements near UBC are reported by MoTI to be completed. Work involved paving the MUP in the trees and trimming some vegetation. Issues raised re the on-road bike lane, with signed parking permitted in the bike lane, faded stencils, a door zone, a lack of wayfinding signage, and so on. Issues raised with the repaved path related to personal safety, particularly after dark. Users report additional conflicts on the MUP with users of different modes. Actions to improve the on-road bike lane requested.
- Planned Lions Gate Bridge and Causeway improvements. Meetings held with MoTI to discuss the planned concrete barriers at the north end (between vehicles and people on bikes), as well as proposed signage changes related to passing, trail access, and so on. It was suggested to MoTI that these planned signs to Stanley Park trails need to be coordinated with the park board.
- Granville Connector detailed design contract is being awarded and the work kicked off shortly. Timing of street changes at north end to be advised. The CoV confirms that the design contract will be as per the proposed designs from the extensive consultation period.
- The 30 km/hr Neighbourhood Reduced Speed Pilot is starting now in Grandview Woodlands. The project area is bounded by 1st/Clark/Commercial/Grandview Hwy. Signage will be installed on every block and at entrances; The CoV will conduct monitoring.
- There will be construction detours related to the Broadway Subway (Great Northern Way, and Arbutus). We have asked the project team to confirm that the detours will be protected bikeways, given that is what was there. Confirmed for Great Northern Way. The 10th Ave detour is protected for one block to Maple, but not yet to Cypress, which is also not protected. School construction on the Maple to Cypress block is reported to be complete now. The project team are following up.
- 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 public response. The CoV is monitoring the Heather vehicle volumes as additional work may be required to achieve the vehicle volume reduction targeted. Ontario at Riley Park appears to be working, as does Charles. There are two or three additional diversions coming shortly. 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 underwhelmed with the Slow Street implementations where portable barriers are continually shifted off the roadway, and have advised the CoV, but are focused here on the concrete barriers, not the moveable barricades.
- Construction is recommencing on 10th Ave improvements (Willow to Ash) - Feb 16th until September. Alternate routes available. 10th will remain open, but there will be traffic control and there may be delays, so consider using alternate routes if you can.
- School Streets Pilot Program – 3 schools have agreed to participate, implementation is planned in April, running through to the end of the school year in June. One school is Lord Roberts, which we have been asking for (Comox bikeway) This program will involve 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. Program includes AT promotion. Lessons learned from similar programs in other cities.
- Other CoV Transportation Demand Management actions are planned – a report card, employer resources, a walking school bus pilot, scoping of a Sunday Streets program, discussion on CoV e bike rebates. All of these are encouraging.
- Construction detour on the BC Parkway at Nanaimo Station - Translink - Feb 16 to early March
- Ontario Bikeway improvements are being implemented now with vehicle diversions at 5th and 7th to reduce vehicle volumes plus vehicle turning restrictions/realignment at the intersection at 16th (2022). We have asked the CoV to add vehicle diversions to their list for the Ontario bikeway between 49th and 57th, due to observed vehicle speeds.
- Broadway Corridor Plan – [public engagement has been relaunched](#). 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 scooters, those users are likely revert to the widened sidewalks, which would be a negative for users of all modes. The reduction of Broadway to 2 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, [complete the survey](#), and if you share your thoughts via email with broadwayplan@vancouver.ca please cc us at vancouver@bikehub.ca so that we can consolidate the responses. We will be sending a formal letter to the CoV on this topic.

7. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- Discussions being held with ICBC regarding the new No Fault/Customer Care model, and the impacts on people cycling.

8. Board Update (Jeff)

- No update this month

9. Other Business

- Discussion has commenced on when we will return to face-to-face meetings. (Not yet). Interest was expressed in a combination of in person and online meetings, whether hybrid (some attendees online, some in person) or alternating month to month, noting that we have had more attendees and broader participation in our on line meetings. No decisions yet, and we will carry on the discussion over the coming months.

20:00 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 16th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)