### **Vancouver-UBC Local Committee**

May 20, 2025 Hybrid Meeting "UBC Day"



www.bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc



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

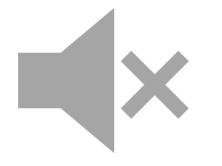


#### Respect the chair

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.

In particular, we recognize that this month we are holding our meeting on the unceded territory of the Musqueam people and are grateful for the opportunity.









## Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to guests and new attendees
- Minutes from April meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



# Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, action item review, announcements
- Introduction to HUB & the VULC
- Guest speaker: Dr. Alex Bigazzi
- Updates from Working Groups
- Consultations / CoV updates
- UBC Issues Discussion
- HUBMAP update
- VULC correspondence/meetings
- Meeting adjourns (8:00 pm)
- In-person mixer/networking



### **Action Items Review**

- Plan May Social Ride (Anthony, complete)
- Plan assessment ride (Jeff & Anthony, complete-ish)
- 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

 Spring Go By Bike Week will run May 31 - June 6 We are now combining Go By Bike Week with Bike to School Week, and Bike to Shop events. Consider volunteering at a Celebration Station!

https://bikehub.ca/gbbw





### Announcements

- Volunteer Opportunity:
  - Emily Carr Elementary School "Pedal Party" (a Bike to School Week event)
  - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-5pm + setup/teardown
  - 4070 Oak St (at 25th
  - HUB Cycling tent
  - Email cathy@bikehub.ca







# HUB Cycling 101



### What is HUB Cycling?



Metro Vancouver's Cycling Advocacy Organization Membership-based organization

### Who are we?

### Founded in 1998 as the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC)

# VISION

...that the cycling community could have a significant impact working together across Metro Vancouver for better roads and connections, protected bike lanes, and better rules, laws, and education to make cycling a lot better in the region. **Our mission** 

# To get more people cycling more often



### What do we do?



**Events** 

### Education

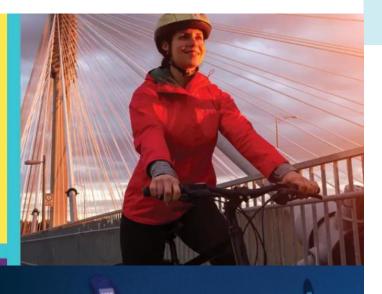
Research

Action



### METRO VANCOUVER go by bike week





10th Annual Virtual **Bike Awards** February 23rd | 7 - 8:30 PM



Education



Universal Bike Education in BC Schools



Learn2Ride



**Ride The Road** 



**Bike To School Week** 

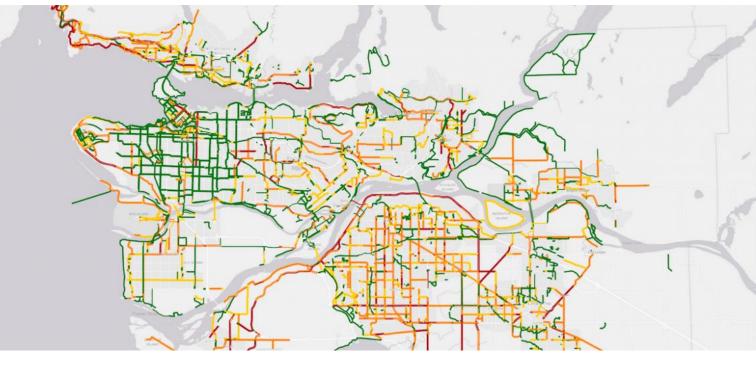


Everyone Rides Grades 4-5

### Research

### Cycle Highways Research





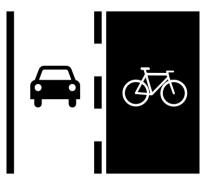
### Benchmarking the State of Cycling

### **Bike Friendly Building Consulting**





**Action** 

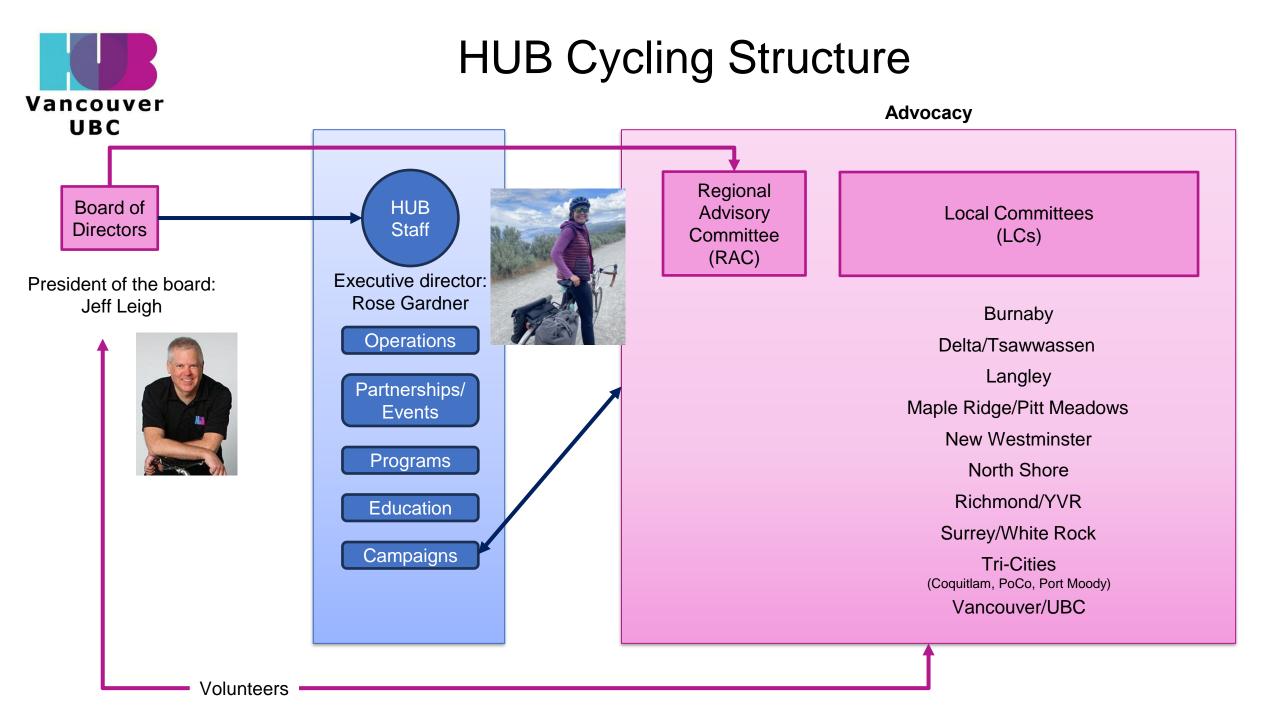






Infrastructure Improvements Legislative Changes

Building Public Support





## Vancouver/UBC Local Committee (VULC)

- Approximately 30 active members, 200+ on call-out list (65,000+ on HUB main mailing list)
- Monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month)
- Co-chairs: Jeff Leigh, Anthony Floyd
- Current working groups (sub-committees):
  - Assessment Rides
  - Cycling in Parks
  - Secure Bike Parking
  - Arbutus Greenway
  - Broadway Subway
  - Elections
  - Eastside Crosscut Greenway
  - Social Rides

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### Priorities/What We Do

- Action through working groups
  - Assessment Rides
  - Social Rides
- Consultations/participatory engagement with CoV staff including engineering and planning
- Consultations/engagement with other groups (MOTT, Translink, BSP, BIAs, private companies, other advocacy orgs) on CoV cycling-related matters
- Maintain Vancouver/UBC priority gap list for advocacy, discussion with CoV, Translink, MOTT, etc





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- Department of Civil Engineering, UBC (Transportation Engineering)
- Associate Professor and Associate Head (Undergraduate Program)
- Research focus: non-motorized and lightlymotorized travel





https://reactlab.civil.ubc.ca/





# Working Group Updates



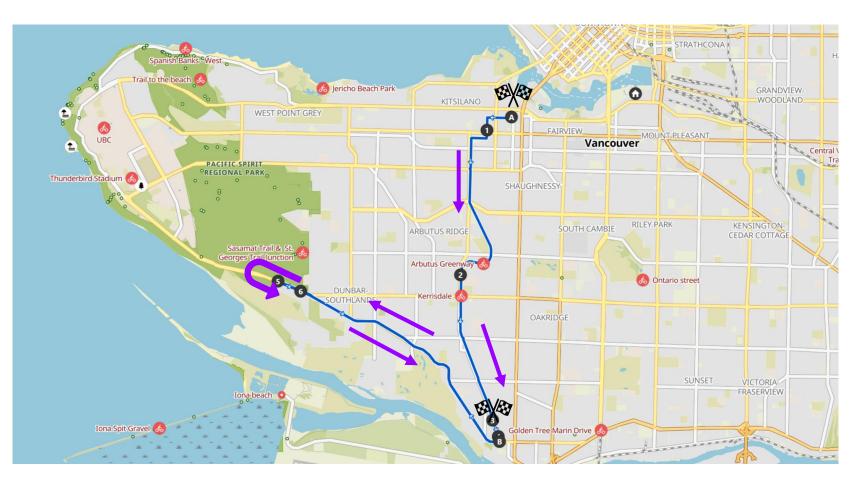


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# SW Marine Dr Assessment Ride



#### Sunday June 1st, time TBA

Two meeting points: Burrard Slopes Park, Riverview Park

Distance: 20 km (from Kits) 12 km (from Riverview Park) Time: ~2-2.5 hrs Elevation: 150 m ☑ ☑ Paths: Road, MUP

**Route:** Arbutus Greenway, WB SW Marine Drive, turn around at Kullahun Drive, EB SW Marine Drive back to Arbutus Greenway

Watch groups.io for more details, expect Eventbrite link

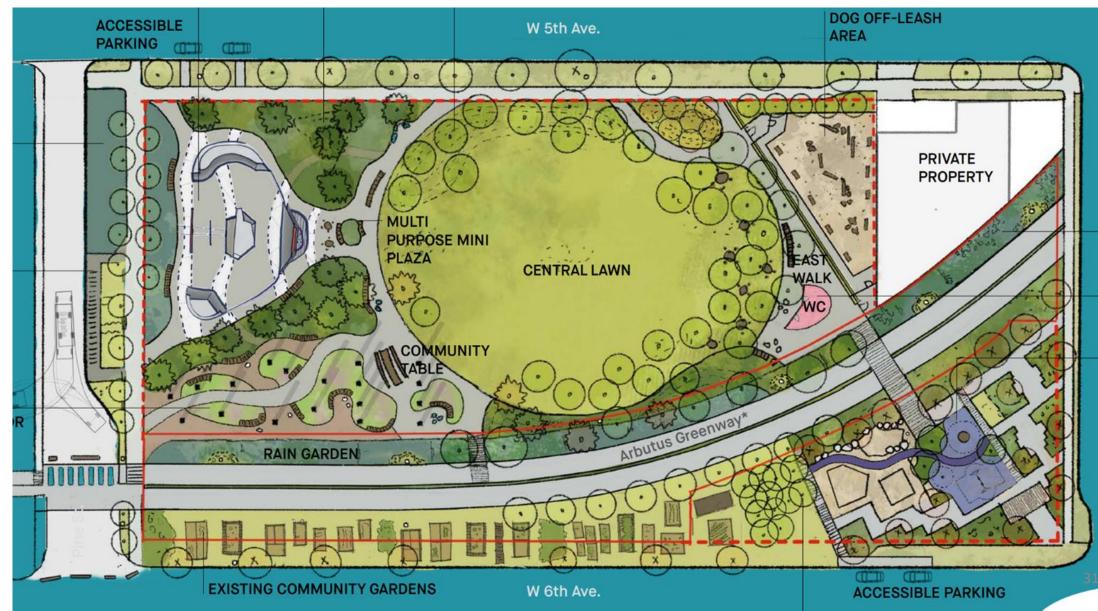
Updates 2015 assessment ride



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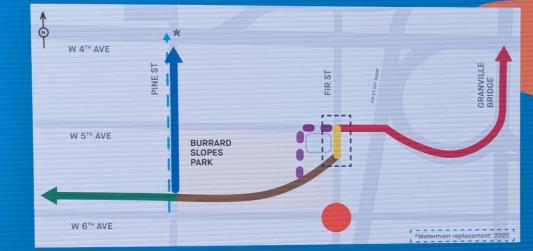
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### Future nearby transportation changes



Burrard Slopes Park: 2027 - 2028

- Seaside Greenway Connection: 2026+
- Continuing community conversations with updated design in late 2025 early 2026.
- Arbutus Greenway (West): 2026+ Delivering the Arbutus Greenway Vision by upgrading walking and cycling experiences.
- Arbutus Greenway (East): 2027-2028 Coordinating upgrades with Burrard Slopes Park.

- Granville Connector: 2025 Creating new accessible walking and cycling connection between downtown and Central Broadway.
- Temporary Bike Lane: 2025
   Safer cycling from Granville Connector to Arbutus Greenway. Removed when park construction begins.
- - Safer permanent cycling connection onto Granville Connector.
- Fir & 6<sup>th</sup> Upgrades: 2026 Intersection upgrades to improve safety.

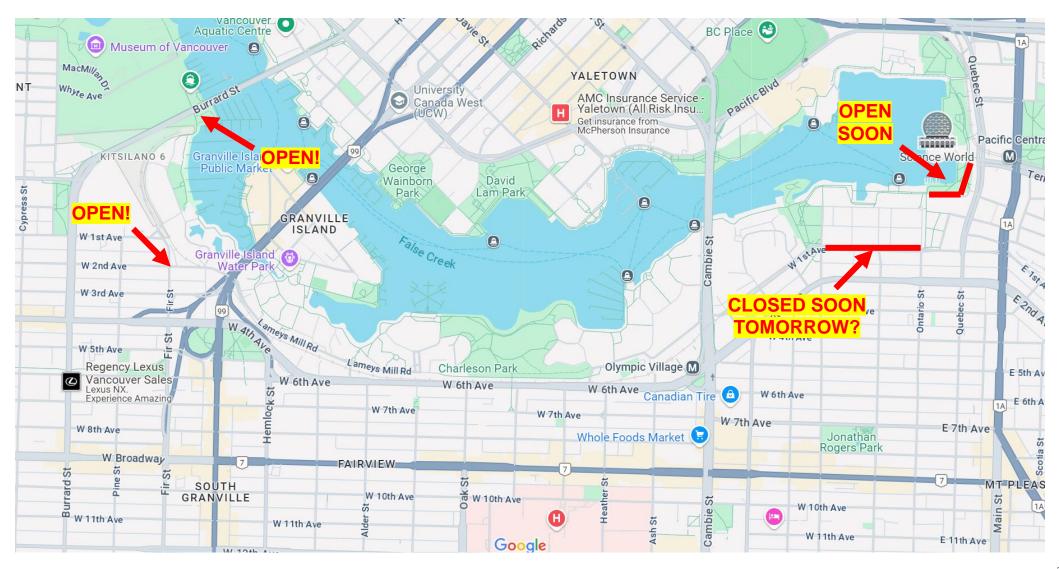
The Burrard Slopes Park is located where the Granville Connector and the Arbutus Greenway meet. These are two of the most important regional walking and cycling connections. Pine St will also connect the Arbutus and Seaside Greenways. The City is working to coordinate transportation upgrades with the park development.

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### Seaside Greenway Detours





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### Agenda:

- 1. Request a Street Bike Rack Campaign
- 2. BC Bike Valet Parking Grants
- 3. Retail Bike Parking Assessment Project



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 WHERE YOU SHOP, WORK, LIVE AND PLAY!



Frustrated by a lack of secure bike parking options?

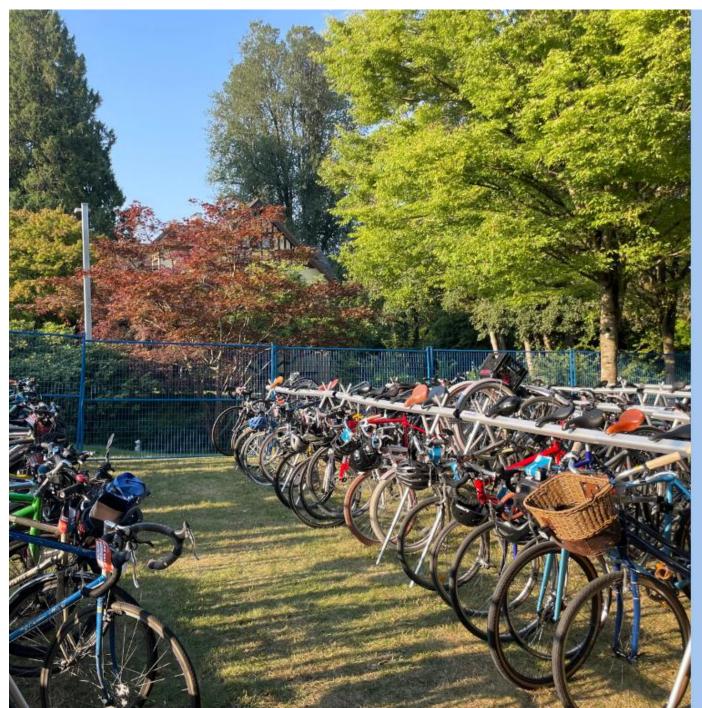
Request a street bike rack from the City of Vancouver!





Scan the QR to Request or visit this URL:

https://van311.ca/services/cyclingand-micromobility





## 2025 BC Bike Valet Parking Grant

**© <sup>™</sup> BCCC** 

**Download Application** 



### 2025 BC Bike Valet Parking Grants

- Helped 3 New Vancouver BIAs apply
- BEST Service Partner
- HUB Letters of Support
- Waiting to hear good news!







### #BiketoShop



### Retail Bike Parking Assessment Project

#BiketoShop



# Secure Bike Parking Assessment - Retail Locations

On clicking [Submit] on the last page of this form, you will receive an emailed link to reopen the form and complete or change assessment values.

- Submit a separate assessment form for <u>each bike parking area</u> at the retail location.
  Complete questions 1-5 on each form submitted.
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   Bits access info is only entered on the first form submitted for the retail location.
   Reporting No bike parking is available at the retail location will result in skipping to the lost page of the form.

Note: <u>City of Vancouver 2024 Parking By-law: Section 6</u> Class-B Off Street Parking Regulations - Retail Locations, regulate bike parking areas in <u>new</u> construction.

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The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

\* Indicates required question



### Retail Bike Parking Assessments

### #BiketoShop

Bike Parking Assessment 🗸 屇						
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Canadian Tire	SW Marine Dr					8277 Ontario St, Vancouver, BC
CIBC Bank	SW Marine Dr					496 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver, I
Costco	Expo Blvd	Eric	Eric			605 Expo Blvd, Vancouver, BC \
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Loblaws City Market	South Granville			Currently closed		1477 W Broadway, Vancouver, I
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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



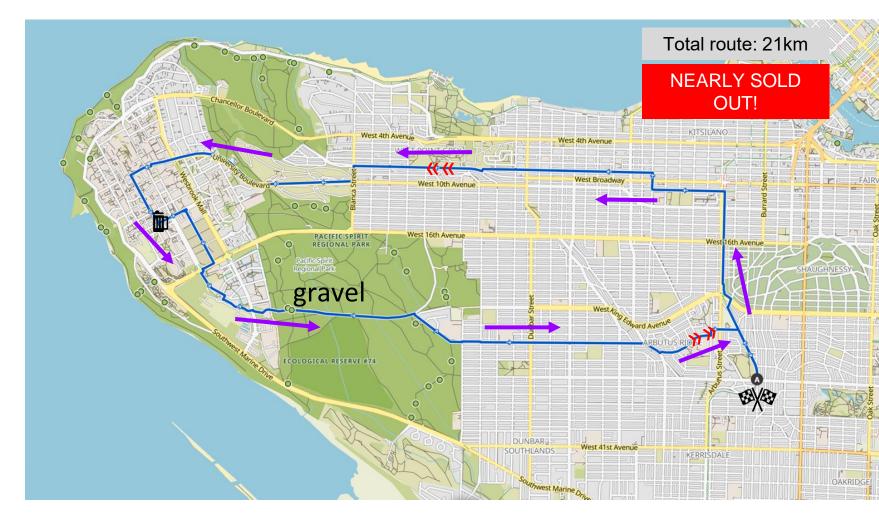
### Questions:

- Day of the week? Previously Sundays (Winter) or Tuesdays (Summer)
- Time of day? Previously: Sundays 10am, 11am, 1pm; Tuesdays: 7pm
- Where? Routes? Destinations?
- Next: Sunday, May 25th, 11am





## May Social Ride: UBC



### Sunday May 25th, 11am

Meet at the SE corner of Quilchena Park between the Arbutus Greenway and Pine Cres

Distance: 20.5 km Time: ~2-2.5 hrs Elevation: 170 m 🛛 🕥 Paths: Road, MUP, and 2km gravel

Stop for lunch/refreshment at **Bean Around the World** 

**Route:** Arbutus Greenway, Off-Broadway, University Blvd, Main Mall, The Old Barn Community Centre (Bean Around the World), Athletics Fields MUP, South Campus, Pacific Spirit Park, 37th Ave



# Consultations / CoV Updates





## Consultations/CoV Updates

- Burrard Slopes Park
- Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park/Olympic Village
- King Edward Cycle Lanes (west of Macdonald): Bike-protected parking will remain
- Clark Drive intersection at 10th Ave Bikeway: CoV continues to study if there's an issue
- Granville Connector opening soon! (Includes Pacific upgrades)
- Victoria Drive stop light active soon!
- Kent Ave consultation delayed, update soon?



## New light @ Victoria / 10<sup>th</sup> Ave





## Anticipated consultations/reports

- Portside: Wall St preferred design option (Fall, engagement summary released today)
- Civic District (incl 10<sup>th</sup> Ave between Cambie & Yukon)
- Killarney neighbourhood traffic management
- CoV "Transportation Day" upcoming



# UBC Issues Discussion





## **UBC** Issues Discussion

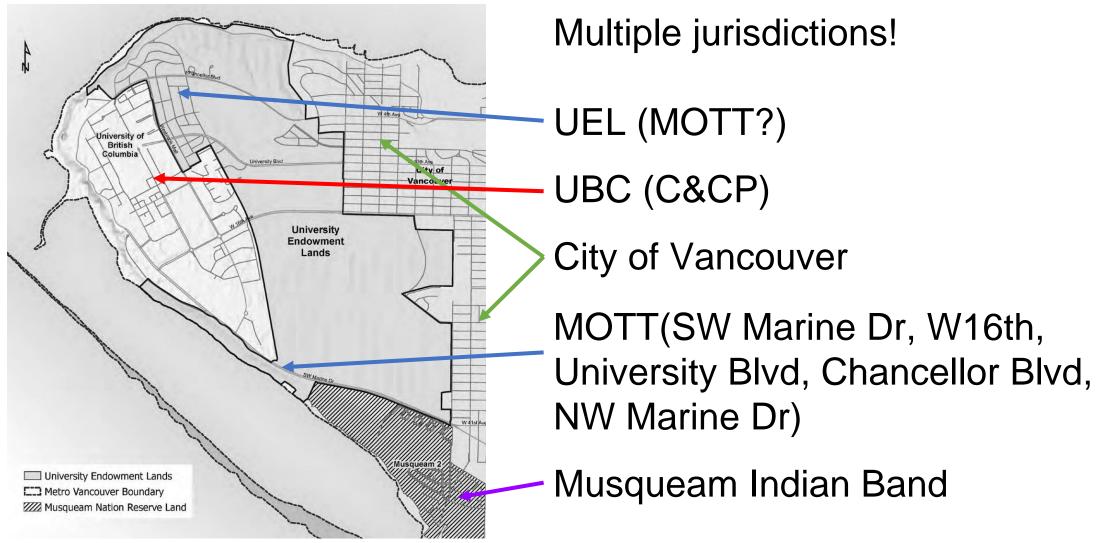
- What cycling issues exist west of Blanca/Camosun?
  - Infrastructure? Wayfinding? Advocacy?
- What cycling issues exist on UBC Campus?

 How can the VULC establish/improve/maintain relations with people/orgs west of Blanca/Camosun?

 What role should the VULC play in cycling advocacy west of Blanca/Camosun?



## **UBC** Jurisdictions Reference Map





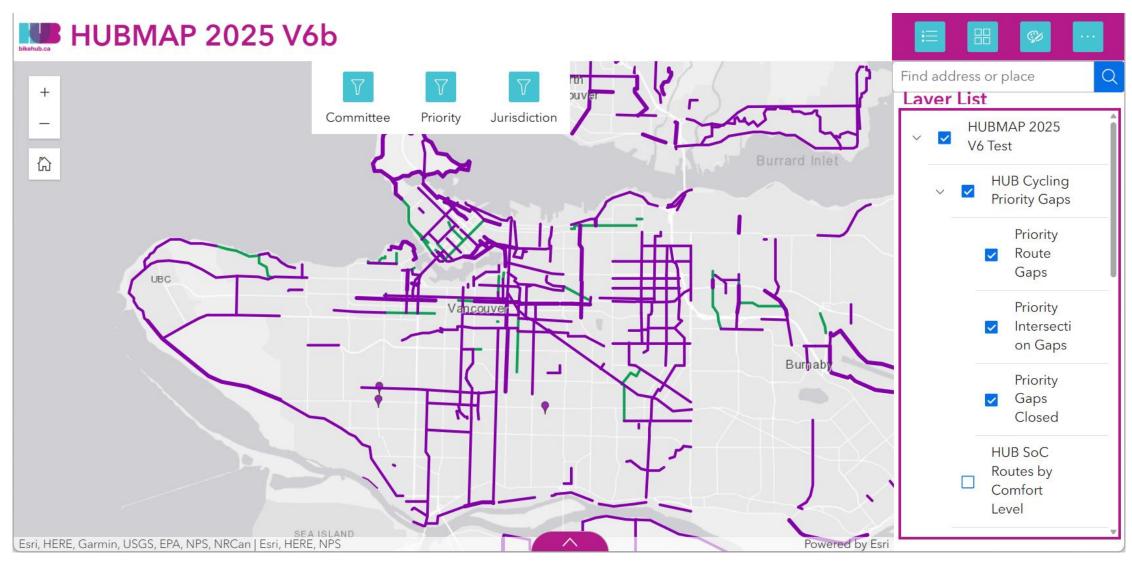
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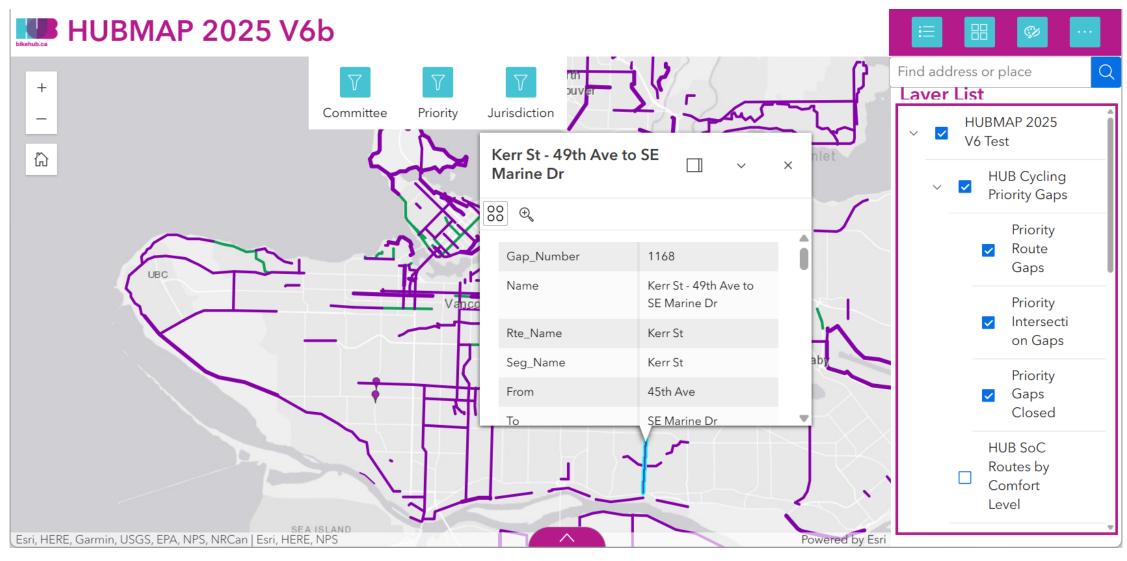


- Jeff has been working hard on HUBMAP which captures and displays data from gap lists, State of Cycling, municipal GIS databases, Translink, etc
- Goal is to make it accessible to the public (view only), local committees (some editing possible), and administrators (full editing)
- Anticipated integration with upcoming update to the HUB Cycling website

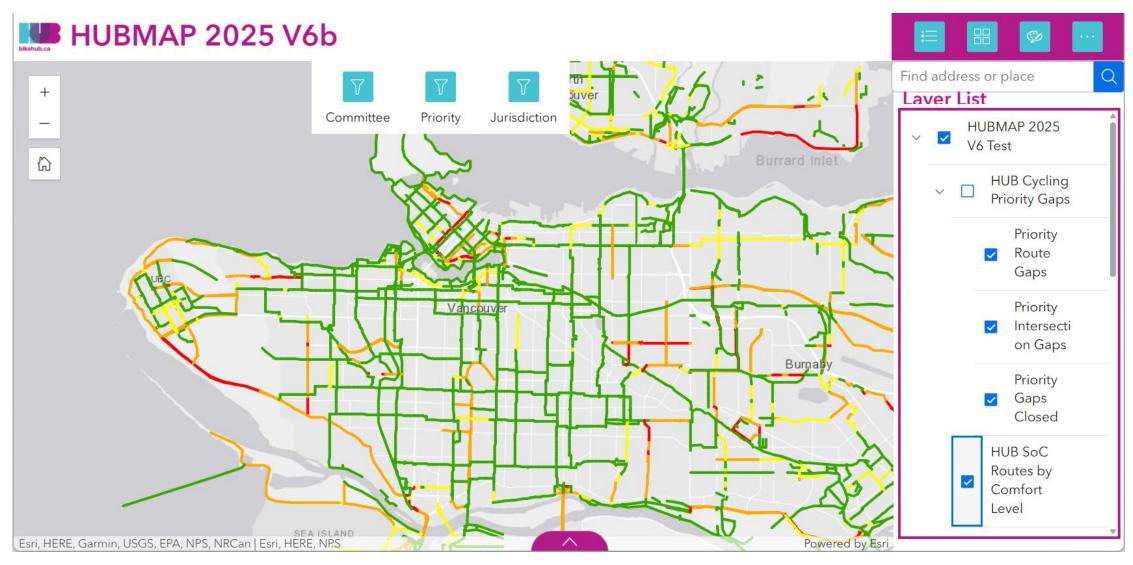














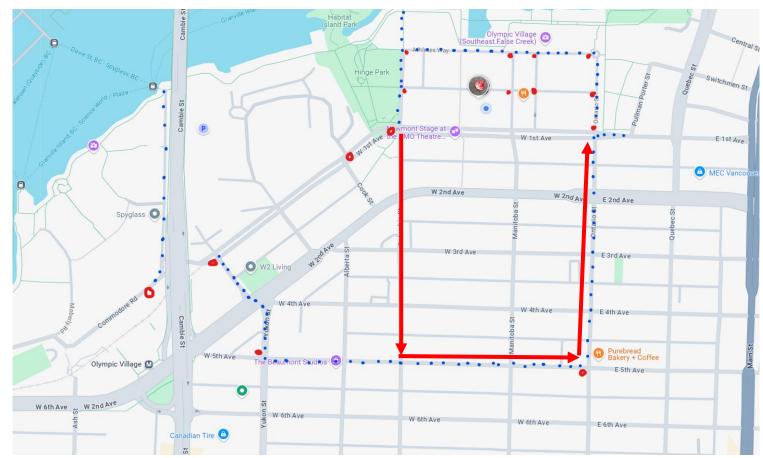
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 Email discussion with Metro Vancouver re: W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Detour





# Wrap Up



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# **UBC** Mixer





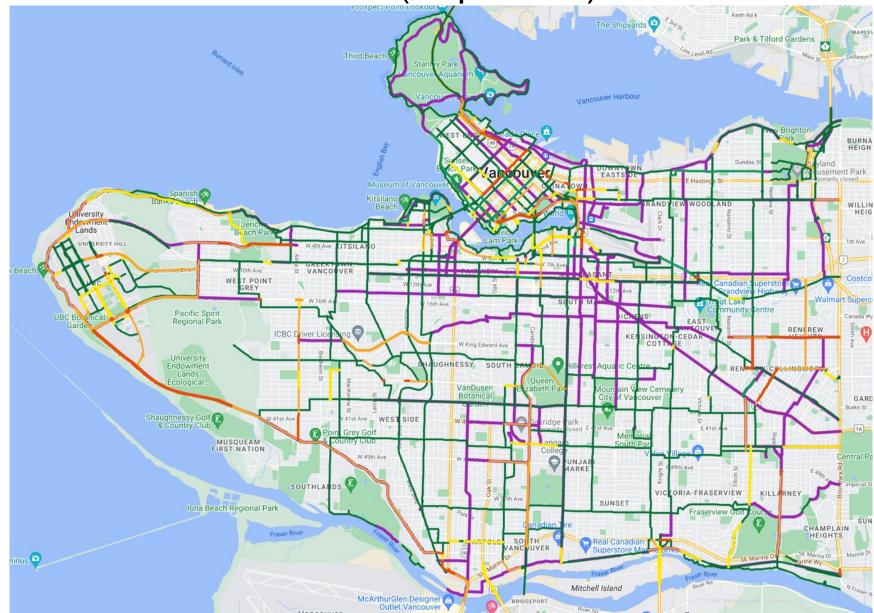


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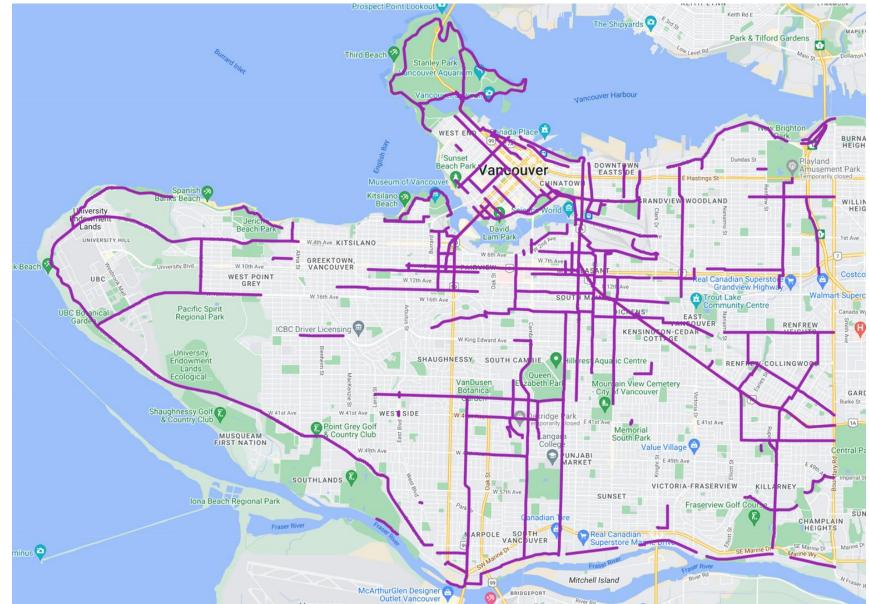
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### Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)



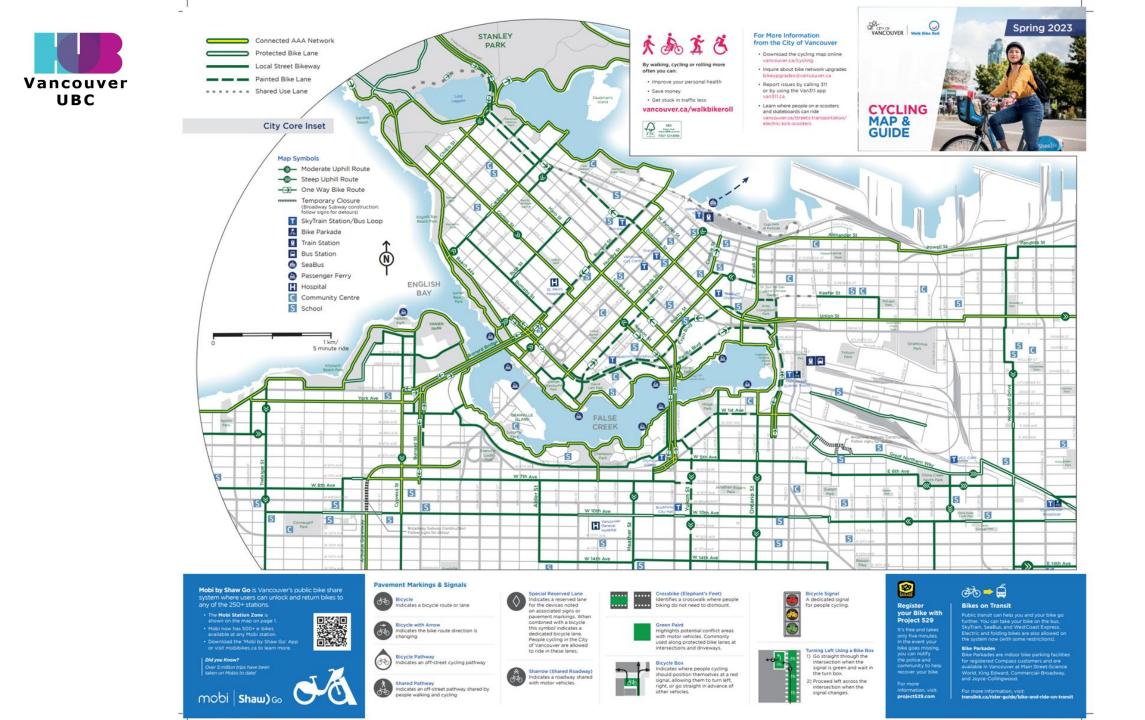
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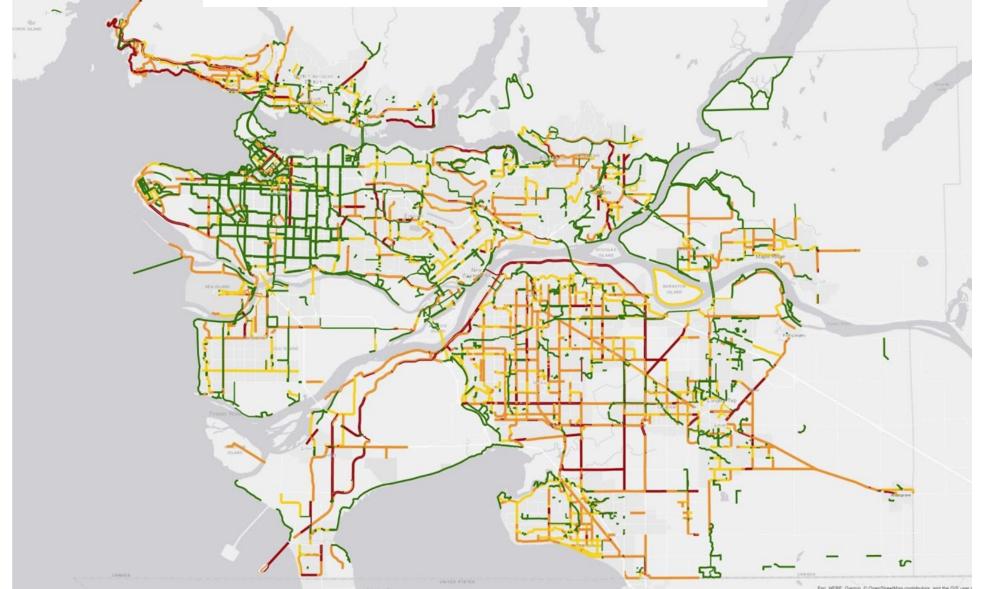
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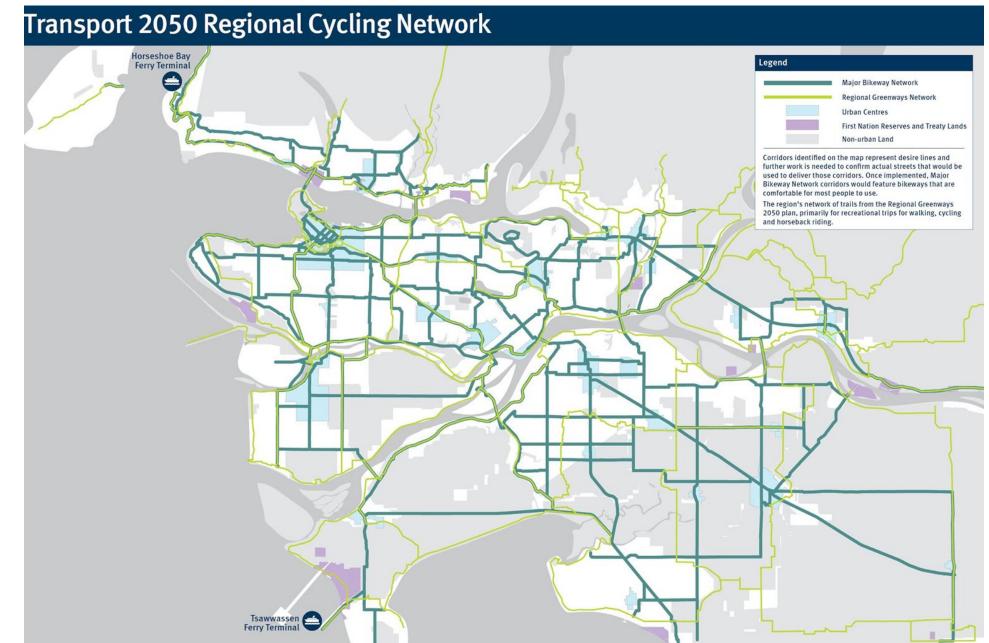
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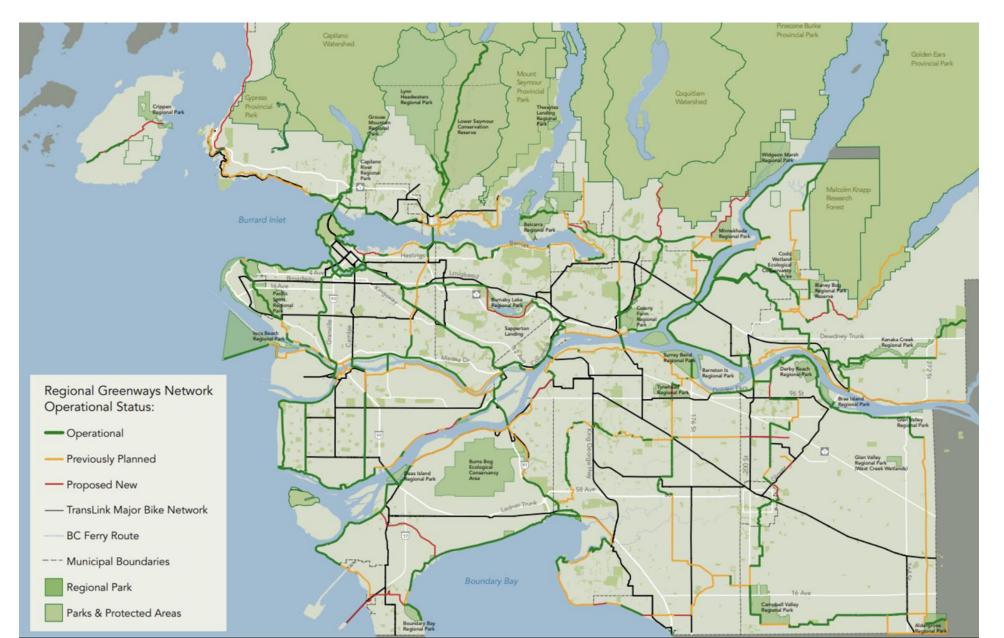


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