

Delta HUB Local Committee Meeting

Jun 3, 2025 6:30 PM

Attendance: Neil Pope, Sandra Jones, Barbara Hinson, Kelly Bauman, Cathy Acuna, Chris S

1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** - Land acknowledgment to be included moving forward in every agenda/meeting
2. **Cycling Infrastructure Projects Update**

Neil updates the group on several cycling infrastructure projects. **The River Road protected cycling path** has been approved for extension westwards to Deas Island, with long-term plans to connect it to the new casino and tunnel. Neil is waiting to update the priority list before contacting the city about the **12th Avenue multi-use path design options**. A meeting with Delta city officials is being arranged to discuss infrastructure plans.

Alex has created a mapping tool of the priority list items for easier visualization. HUB Cycling is hosting a workshop on July 2nd to introduce a new, simplified version of their Gap Map project for identifying and prioritizing cycling infrastructure needs.

3. **Delta Committee Advocacy Planning discussion**

The group discusses various aspects of cycling advocacy in Delta, including the need for better organization of their achievements and ongoing projects.

- Barbara suggests **categorizing their work into "achieved," "in progress," and "big projects,"** as well as **breaking it down by community** (North Delta, Ladner, and Tsawwassen).
- The group also addresses the need for more **cycling education**, particularly in schools and for e-bike users. Chris raises concerns about illegal motorized bikes being mistaken for e-bikes, while Sandra mentions increased education efforts in schools and suggests inviting ICBC to a meeting to discuss policies for various mobility devices.

4. **MVA Reform: Safe Passing Distance Law Implementation Challenges**

The group discussed challenges with implementing and enforcing the new 1 metre and at higher speeds , 1.5-meter safe passing distance law for cyclists in British Columbia. They note that the law is not well-known or enforced, with a lack of signage and public awareness.

HUB Cycling has been advocating for more education and implementation, but faces resistance from ICBC and limited resources from the Ministry of Transportation. The group brainstorms ideas for community education, including trivia nights and targeting drivers at ICBC offices (such as when going to renew drivers licenses), but acknowledges the need for political support to make significant changes

- See [HUB Press release on City of Vancouver/VPD recent case](#)

5. Great Blue Heron Way Video - see video [via link here](#)

Sandra introduced a video about the Great Blue Heron Way.

The Great Blue Heron Way is a trail project that connects First Nations around the Salish Sea and up the Fraser Valley, starting on Tsawwassen First Nation land. Sandra describes the video as powerful, explaining the reasoning behind Elder Ruth's initiation of the project.

6. Millennium Trail and Fraser Tunnel updates

Sandra provides an update on the Millennium Trail during the tunnel construction. The trail will remain open for most of the construction, with only short closures when necessary for safety.

A sound barrier will be installed between the highway and the trail on the east side of Highway 99. Sandra emphasizes the importance of providing **input on the environmental assessment by June 23rd** and participating in the design process for the tunnel and local trail connections. HUB discusses a request from Road Safety BC and ICBC for input on locations for red light and speed cameras in Delta, with a deadline in August. The committee also briefly touches on the **Fraser Tunnel update**, noting that the design is still in progress and will include consultation with active transportation groups.

7. Delta Cycling Infrastructure Updates

Neil provides an update on various cycling infrastructure projects and issues in Delta.

- **Cow Tunnel roots removed** after years of advocacy
- the need for better enforcement of cycling lanes on **English Bluff**, and improvements on the **Barns to Beaches route**.
- Need for safety improvements on **72nd st** , concerns about construction signs blocking cycling lanes, and the dangerous conditions on **Ladner Trunk Road** west side bike lane due to ongoing construction.

- Ideas for future improvements, including an annual bike ride with city staff, community education programs, and specific infrastructure changes on various streets.

8. Intersection Safety Signage Discussion

Barbara raises concerns about the safety of the intersection at **12th Avenue and 50th Street**, particularly for vehicles turning right on a red light. She suggests installing a "No Right Turn on Red" sign to prevent potential accidents with eastbound traffic that has an advance green light.

Neil and Kelly acknowledge the issue and agree to discuss it with engineering during the upcoming site review. They also mention that the intersection may be redesigned as part of a planned multi-use path project on 12th Avenue. Neil adds that the intersection at **12th Avenue and 53 A Street** is another safety concern that needs addressing.

9. Delta Cycling Infrastructure Safety Improvements

The group discusses improvements to cycling infrastructure in Delta, particularly on **28th Avenue between 52 St and 56 St where ditches are either side of a 70 km 2-lane roadway**. 28th Ave is an important cycling connector route to cross Highway 17 safely via a cycle-only overpass and connects Salish Sea Way on TFN with 64th St (Barns to Beaches route) and the Boundary Bay Park dike trail. .

Sandra and Kelly agree that the stretch between 28th and 56th Street is dangerous for cyclists and suggest potential solutions like adding a pathway, covering a ditch with a culvert, and installing signage to raise awareness. Neil mentioned he has been trying get a no passing or at least pass with caution line over the years with no success so far. The group also discusses the idea of creating a regular column in the local newspaper featuring bicycle stories and experiences. Including positive experiences to have people cycle more often.

Next Meeting: Next meeting August 28th 6:30 PM

ACTION ITEMS:

- Neil, Kelly, Antonio and Gary : Schedule and conduct a meeting at South Delta Rec to finish updating the priority list and incorporate more North Delta items
- Chris: Create and provide suggestions for North Delta cycling infrastructure gaps to be added to the priority list
- HUB Committee: Distribute the updated priority list to all Hub members for review before submitting to the City of Delta

- Neil: Follow up with Steven Lan and engineering contacts regarding the updated priority list and arrange a meeting
 - Neil: Add cycling education course proposal to the priority list for Delta's recreational programs
 - Neil: Add wayfinding signage push for the Barns to Beaches route to priority items for discussion with Delta
 - Neil: Follow up with Delta Police regarding enforcement statistics of the new safe passing distance law
 - Sandra: Coordinate with Fraser Health, Delta Police, City of Delta, and ICBC regarding active and safe routes to school initiatives
 - Send email to Neil and Antonio regarding nonprofit number and insurance requirements for South Delta Rec meeting location.
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- Neil: Contact Richmond HUB committee regarding safety concerns at Steveston Highway interchange construction site
 - Delta Committee: Submit survey response to Road Safety BC/ICBC regarding suggested locations for safety cameras by August
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- HUB members : Attend upcoming Fraser Tunnel open house to provide input on active transportation design in Tunnel and connections to park and communities either end
 - Neil: Investigate and propose enforcement solutions for vehicles parking in bike lanes on English Bluff Road
 - Kelly: Connect with John from the Langley Committee regarding cycling signage implementation for 28th Avenue
- HUB Committee: Share the Great Blue Heron Way video link in the meeting minutes
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- Sandra: Continue monitoring and providing feedback on the Steveston Interchange Project's pedestrian and cyclist safety measures
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- Delta Committee: Prepare and submit proposal for "no right turn on red" signage at specific intersections
 - Neil: Follow up with Delta regarding the tree removal/maintenance at dangerous portion of 72nd st for cyclist safety
 - Delta Committee: Request construction sign placement review to prevent blocking cycling lanes
 - Delta Committee: Request increased cleaning of Ladner Trunk Road due to construction debris

- Delta Committee: Suggest implementation of dotted line and 15km speed limit signage at River Road and Ferry Road MUP
 - HUB Delta Committee/Cathy : Coordinate with Richmond Committee to organize a joint bike ride on the Great Blue Heron Way
 - Delta Committee: Request update on cycling education funding in Delta elementary schools
 - Delta Committee: Suggest implementation of bike button at Hornby and Ladner trunk intersection
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Discussion on MVA Safe Passing Distance Law

- HUB recently published press release in regards to Vancouver case/VPD safe passing distance incident. [See article here](#)

2. Delta Committee Discussions with City on any infrastructure plans and updates since last meeting: Neil (15 min)

- a. Any committee members input on plans or any suggested points to bring up with the City?

3. Steveston Interchange update: Roel (5 min)

4. Great Blue Heron Way Video and update on GBHW - Sandra (15 min)

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HMq0tb89SQ&feature=youtu.be>

5. Millennial Trail - Tunnel Building - Sandra (5 min)

6. Delta Wayfinding Article - Neil (2 min)

7. HUB Update and Request from MoTT on Safety Cameras (Speed and Red Light Cameras at Intersections) - Cathy (10 min)

REMINDER Fraser Tunnel Concept Design - (reminder to take the survey)

a. Open House June 4, Cascades Casino (4-8pm)

b. Update on Environmental Assessment Application: The Environmental Assessment Application identifies potential Project effects and proposed mitigation measures. Participating First Nations, the public, and interested parties have the opportunity to review and provide input on the Application, helping to inform the assessment and ensure community interests are considered:
<https://engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/FraserTunnel-AR>.

Quick recap

The meeting began with casual conversation and technical difficulties as members joined, followed by updates on cycling infrastructure projects and advocacy efforts in Delta. The group discussed various challenges including the need for better organization of achievements, cycling education, and enforcement of the 1.5-meter safe passing distance law. The conversation ended with updates

on the Great Blue Heron Way trail project and Millennium Trail, as well as discussions about improving cycling safety and infrastructure in various locations throughout Delta.

Next steps

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Sandra: Continue monitoring and providing feedback on the Steveston Interchange Project's pedestrian and cyclist safety measures

Neil: Develop proposal for regular cycling column in the Delta Optimist

Delta Committee: Prepare and submit proposal for "no right turn on red" signage at specific intersections

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Delta Committee: Request review of cycling safety improvements for 28th Avenue connector route

HUB Committee: Circulate meeting minutes by the end of the week

Summary

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Great Blue Heron Cultural Trail

Ruth Adams, a member of the Tsawwassen First Nation, introduces the Great Blue Heron Way, a visionary trail system connecting communities, cultures, and nature in British Columbia. She explains that the trail is named after the great blue heron, which she sees as a warrior bird for First Nations, symbolizing patience and perseverance. Ruth emphasizes that the Great Blue Heron Way is more than just a trail; it's a way to connect First Nations, share their history, and foster understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous people living in traditional territories. She invites everyone to join in this legacy, which aims to honor ancestors, educate youth, and promote reconciliation.

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