



HUB Burnaby Meeting Minutes- 11.DEC.2018

Meeting start- 18:39

In Attendance: Moreno Z., Simon C., Cathy G., Debbie R., Stephen, James S., Eric.

1. **Agenda** approved without changes.
2. **November Meeting Minutes** adopted without changes. Motion to approve Cathy, 2nd Debbie
3. **Finances:** approx. 140\$ (70\$ in committee funding, 70\$ in donations) remain.
4. **Quarterly Meetings with City of Burnaby Staff:**
 - a. Re-format quarterly meetings with Leah to instead meet with traffic engineering staff: Doug Louie, Moudud Hasan, and Zulfiqar Rafiq.
⇒ ***Request Councillor Joe Keithley facilitate regular (quarterly) meetings with transportation engineering staff.***
 - b. Continued need for delegations to Parks commission to improve maintenance of multi-use paths (Urban Trails).
5. **S2RB & GWUT**
 - a. At 19.NOV.2018 Meeting, City Council approved recommendation of Director of Planning to include Gilmore Avenue between Lougheed Hwy and Canada Way to TransLink's Major Road Network (MRN).
 - b. Committee drafted a letter to TransLink staff and Burnaby City Council recommending Gilmore Diversion not be added to the MRN citing possible constraints on future roadway space reallocations for cycling infrastructure between Still Creek Avenue and Canada Way (Appendix I).
⇒ ***BLOCKED by HUB Central.***

- c. HUB central arranged a conference call with Rex Henderson (TL staff) on 11.DEC.2018 so we could assess impacts of Gilmore's addition to MRN; on call from HUB: Peter S., MZ, DR, Andrew P., and Navdeep.
 - i. Future addition of cycle facility on Gilmore not precluded by addition to MRN though technical evaluations and approval from TransLink will be required to make changes to the roadway or the road's operations.
 - ii. Rex informed us that CoB staff are pursuing scoping changes to the expiring cost-share agreement originally granted for the GWUT connection (780 000\$ cost-share through MRNB programme in 2014/15). No details of the agreement changes were available.
- d. No updates from MLA Janet Routledge related to Gilmore overpass replacement by Ministry of Transportation. Telephone town hall proved unhelpful (MZ and DR attended by phone).
 - ⇒ **Debbie to reach out to Janet's office for updates on Ministry intentions.**
- e. Delegation request to Burnaby City Council booked for 11.FEB.2019 (earliest available spot). MZ and DR speaking.
 - i. Intend for a letter outlining issue and recommendation be sent to Council in advance of our delegation; presentation being prepared.

6. Campaign Updates:

- a. Fortis Project complete for year;
 - ⇒ **Discuss poor communications and lack of safe cycling accommodation during road works with Councillor Joe Keithley (at scheduled meeting).**
- b. Gilmore roadworks north of Lougheed Hwy: Zulfiqar requested our recommendation for a bus/bike lane northbound be officially submitted for consideration by Traffic Engineering staff (ZR, MH, and DL).
 - ⇒ **DEFERRED until clear evaluation criteria for the approval process are developed by HUB Central. See item 5(b).**
- c. BC Parkway (Diversion in south BBY): No updates available.

7. Transportation Plan Update:

- a. No updates from Deidre.

⇒ ***Cathy to send email to Deidre; cc' Peter.***

b. No updates relating to Forum summary document.

8. Meeting with Mayor:

a. Ken emailed summary of his (and Brian Nassau's) meeting with Mayor Mike Hurley (emailed update 23.NOV.2018). Provided 'how-to' instructions to CG to schedule a meeting with Mayor Mike Hurley.

b. Committee meeting with Councillor Joe Keithley a priority.

⇒ ***Cathy to schedule meeting with Councillor Keithley after Peter's return (18.DEC) and before February delegation to council.***

c. Desire for meeting with Mayor Hurley to outline HUB BBY priorities.

⇒ ***Chair to schedule HUB BBY meeting with Mayor for January or early February 2019 (and after meeting with Councillor Keithley).***

9. HUB Meetings:

a. All Committee Meeting (29.NOV):

i. PDF/PPT presentations from event not yet received by email.

⇒ ***Circulate to committee members when available.***

ii. Simon and Cathy sent Andrew feedback intended to improve future workshops.

b. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC): No updates available. Next RAC meeting 20.DEC.2018

Meeting adjourned- 20:26

Next HUB BBY Meeting- 08.JAN.2019, 18:15-20:15, BCIT SE12, Rm.101Q

APPENDIX I: HUB Burnaby Letter Blocked by HUB Central



10 December 2018

Matt Craig
Manager, System Plans, TransLink

RE: Proposed Expansion of the Major Road Network in Burnaby

Dear Mr Craig,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization that works to make cycling better through education, events and collaboration. We work to make cycling an attractive choice for everyone.

At their 19 November 2018 meeting, Burnaby City Council approved a staff report recommending the addition of several roads, including Gilmore Avenue/Diversion, to TransLink’s Major Road Network (MRN). This portion of Gilmore forms part of Burnaby’s Sea to River Bikeway; however, between Still Creek Avenue and Canada Way people cycling must share a four-lane roadway with high volumes of fast-moving cars.

In January 2016, a City of Burnaby plan to reallocate road space for a bike lane and a multi-use path adjacent to the roadway was suspended after an over-height truck caused damage to the overpass structure. Instead of building the path, City Council at that time chose to lobby the Province for a new overpass. We have confirmed with Provincial staff that a new overpass is “not in [their] current plans”.

Alternative strategies to remedy this safety challenge that the City of Burnaby could implement in the short term, include:

- reallocating road space for dedicated cycling infrastructure as outlined in the City’s January 2016 plan; or
- reallocating road space to create interim cycling infrastructure pending future reconstruction of the overpass.

Unfortunately, adding Gilmore Avenue/Diversion to the MRN would constrain Burnaby’s ability to implement this vitally needed connection as changes to the people-carrying capacity of the road would require TransLink approval.

We respectfully ask that TransLink **not** approve the City of Burnaby’s request that Gilmore Avenue/Diversion between Lougheed highway and Canada Way be added to the Major Road Network until a safe cycling solution is implemented to close this critical gap in Burnaby’s cycle network.

Sincerely,
Cathy Griffin
Chair, HUB Burnaby Committee
Moreno Zanotto
Member, HUB Burnaby Committee
Peter ~~Stary~~
Member, HUB Burnaby Committee
Debbie Reid
Member, HUB Burnaby Committee

Cc:
Mayor and Council, City of Burnaby
Lou Pelletier, Director of Planning & Building, City of Burnaby
Rex Hodgson, Senior Transit Planner, TransLink