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HUB Langley Local Committee

Minutes of Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Meeting

Virtual

Chair & Minutes: John Evanochko

Co-Chairs: Barry Azevedo, Sarah Kikkert

In Attendance: John Evanochko, Randy Killick, Mitchell Nurse, Jordan Ducheminsky, Andrew Brumby, Tomer Curiel

1. Review and Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2024 Meeting

John moved for approval and seconded by Mitchell Nurse.

2. Old Business

a) Langley City Updates - no business arising

b) Langley Township Updates

i) MUP on 40th Avenue

The Township had submitted a request for funding to develop a MUP on the stretch of 40th Avenue between 200th and 204th Streets and adjacent to Belmont Elementary School. The HUB Langley had provided a letter of support for this project earlier in the year. The project is nearing completion.

ii) Gap List: Barry has completed the list and a copy has been submitted to HUB Central for inclusion in their data bank for Metro Vancouver. A significant amount of the analysis work involved breaking the gaps into segments to reflect how the ToL often does road upgrades - in segments. By identifying segments, it will be easier to report on changes in our Gap Lists. An updated copy has also been provided to the ToL Transportation Engineering Department for inclusion in the final report being developed for the Transportation and Mobility Strategy. The preliminary list was included in the report that the consultants presented to Council in June. A copy of the list along with a map will be distributed to the Committee for their information. Intent is to review the Gap list at the Committee level on at least on a bi annual basis for updates.

iii) Maple Ridge letter of support for MR-Langley BRT Plans.



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The letter has been held off on as funding has not been confirmed for any of the projects, considering the funding challenges facing Translink.

c) Other:

i) Feedback on Metroview Strava Data - Michael

Michael Bennett has advised that he will not be participating in the Wednesday meetings as he is volunteering with a community youth group that meets on Wednesdays. May rejoin in May when that program winds up for the season.

3. New Business

a) Maze Gates and Bollards Initiative.

Many of the maze gates and bollards are proving to be barriers to Active Transportation, be it by bike, trailers and mobility devices used by the mobility challenged.

This issue has been brought to ToL's attention by prior Committee leadership and by this Committee at the April Stakeholder's meeting re the Transportation and Mobility Strategy. Subsequently a community member brought up the matter on HUB Langley's Gmail page and developed a map of specific problematic barriers to which HUB Committee members have been contributing. The ToL of Langley Transportation Engineering Dept staff had requested a list from HUB Langley of the maze gates and bollards that we consider problematic and a priority for removal or remediation, which we have done. We have subsequently received an email from that department informing us that staff have requested funding in the 2025 Operating Budget to retrofit problematic areas. Staff have developed their own list and subject to funding approval, priorities we have identified will be considered alongside locations identified by staff as priority areas to address in the next few budget cycles.

By the way, we have lost a strong Active Transportation ally in that department as Meghan Woods has left the Township and moved to Vancouver Island.

b) City Upgrades to 202 St (south of 48th Ave)



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The City has repaved the street, installed signage advising that the street is a bike route and painted Sharrows on the roadways. Also, a maze gate has been replaced with a bollard system wide enough to allow passage of bike trailers and mobility scooters. HUB Langley would like to think that the cycling infrastructure improvements were the result of a meeting that the Committee had with the City's Infrastructure Engineer in April 2024.

a) City - Transportation 2050 Plan <https://langleycity.ca/Transportation-2050>

The updated transportation plan now available online and feedback was being sought by October 3/24. The City hosted an Open House on September 10th, that Committee Member Steven Biersteker had planned to attend.

b) Motor Vehicle Act Re: Safe Passing Distances

John asked if anyone has had any experience with motorist's interpretation of the safe passing distance requirements. John shared an experience he had where the motorist felt that it was the cyclist's responsibility to create the safe passing distance, that if a shoulder was 1 meter wide, the cyclist was obligated to ride as far to the right as possible, as opposed to practical, and that this should be sufficient to meet the law's requirement, regardless of the condition of the shoulder. John has requested a meeting with the RCMP Traffic Division to get a sense of how the law is being interpreted by their officers and if and how it is being enforced. Has not had a response to this request to date..

5. Other Business/ Announcements/ Upcoming Events

No items put forth for information

6. Roundtable Discussion - Initiatives, Ideas

No items put forth for discussion

7. Next meeting date: Wednesday October 16, 2024

8. Meeting adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm



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