

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Anthony (stand-in chair), Navdeep Chhina (co-host), Sam, Kay, Tim, Stan, Dan, Mike T, Mike

V, Eric S, Kristin, Bruce, Clark, Shaun, Ece, Ivan, Michael M, David F, Caislin, Shaun, Eric W,

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1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from June: Approved

Key Act	Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting						
1	Everyone	 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 use the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. Ongoing 					
2	Philippe	• CVG assessment ride to be held July 3 rd (completed, report in progress)					

- **4.** Announcements (see <u>bikehub.ca</u> updated regularly and see also our <u>Local Committee wiki)</u>
 - Refer to https://bikehub.ca/ regularly for up-to-date news
 - Stanley Park west side closure (July 14) due to aggressive coyote behaviour. Avoid trails, travel in groups. Check media and Vancouver Parks website/social media for updates.
 - VanConnect smartphone app now supports reporting bike lane hazards: potholes, other damage, debris, other issues. Eric will collect feedback, contact him at schwartz.eric.lewis@gmail.com. See this concise document or these slides for details.
 - Bike to Shop! August 7th-20th Looking for volunteers to help with station setup/tear down, counting
 people on bikes, sharing cycling resources, etc. Register here or reach out to Anthony or Jeff for more
 details.
 - Van/UBC local committee MEETUP! Public health restrictions have been relaxed and we are able to meet in person! We will have an informal meetup on Tuesday, August 3rd, 5pm-7pm, in the treed area near McNicoll Ave/Maple St at the north end of Kits Beach Park.
 - If you were not able to attend Dr. Kay Teschke's webinar presentation on Cycling in the Suburbs on June 7th, you can still watch the video online here. Highly recommended viewing.
 - No breakout rooms after this meeting

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 (Anthony for Jeff, Philippe)	•	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	Philippe: coordinate CVG ride report.				
	•	advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Our Kent Ave Bikeway proposal update is underway.	Jeff: finalize updated Kent Ave proposal				

	CVG ride completed, well attended, report in progress
Cycling in Parks (Anthony for Lisa)	 Park Board has a plan for consultation for permanent changes at Kits Beach. Consultation kickoff August 10th, focus on "Values and Priorities", followed by "Cycle Path Route Options" in October 2021, "Preferred Options" in February 2022 Surprise new asphalt in park (near parking lot, west of concession) City to install separated lane on Arbutus No action yet on Stanley Park temporary protected lane beyond what was implemented on Park Drive (Phase 1), Pipeline Rd to 2nd Beach. Phase 2 (looking at the rest of Park Drive) target passed Phase 3 (concrete to replace cones, the full length of Park Drive) expected in mid July (nb: work announced July 23rd, to be completed July 25-30th overnight) Meeting with CyclingBC coming on July 26 to discuss etiquette and messaging about riding behaviour in Stanley Park
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 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. Stan contacted CoV with respect to overgrown vegetation, particularly King Ed south, work began on July 20th Many staff are on vacation, looking forward to resuming engineering discussion in the fall
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	 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. City announced cyclelogistics pilot program, led by CoV, funded by Province Create a temporary, shared, small-scale urban logistics hub in Fall 2021 Fed-Ex announced e-bike courier job openings Canada Post testing trike delivery vehicles in Montreal
Broadway Subway (Anthony for Jeff)	 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 Emily Carr station means a detour on GNW and Scotia, now in place. Most building demolition and road median removal complete. Sewer and water relocation nearly complete. Please report problems with overflow/rat-running traffic on bikeways
East Van Greenway (Clark)	No update.

6. Guest Speaker – Dr. Caislin Firth

Dr. Firth is a post-doctoral fellow at SFU in the CHATR (Cities, Health & Active Transportation Research) Lab and has recently published a paper "Who were these bike lanes built for? Social-spatial inequities in

Vancouver's bikeways, 2001-2016" with two colleagues.

Dr. Firth presented the results of her paper and responded to questions. Contact cfirth@sfu.ca for follow-up questions

7. Government Updates (Anthony) - Note: many more details on these items are in our <u>meeting</u> presentation on our wiki

- Discussion about City of Vancouver's "Transportation Day" on June 22, see presentation for some selected slides and link to the city's presentation
- Discussion about Translink's \$125M funding for road, pedestrian, and cycling infrastructure. See
 meeting presentation for link to projects. Of particular interest to Vancouver, money for: 10th Ave
 Phase 2, 14th Ave extension to Arbutus Greenway, \$5.2M for the Granville Connector, CVG
 improvements including "a car-free space, new signalized crossing, new protected bike lane
 connection", signal at 10th/Victoria

8. Consultations (Anthony for Jeff)

- Quick discussion about progress in Stanley Park, Kits Beach, Ontario St, Smithe St, Richards St, 10th
 Ave Hospital Precinct
- Kits Beach only new consultation (look for it Aug 10th)
- More details on these and other current consultations in the <u>presentation</u>.

9. Board Update (Anthony for Jeff)

The <u>HUB Cycling Annual General Meeting</u>, and election of directors, is scheduled for September 16th via Zoom. All HUB Cycling members are welcome to attend.

10. Other Business

 Discussion about improvements that could be made to Ontario St bike way, barriers, signs from 41st to 59th

20:05 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting September 21st, 2021, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)