



Attendees

and intros: Tim, Robert, Bruce, Mark Corbett (HUB), Alaina, John

1. Bike Mentorship Program

Bike Mentorship program - started in Toronto and HUB adopted it in Vancouver, funded federally through health funding. Welcome centre is in Guildford. Immigrant services recruits newcomers to Metro Vancouver and to the program, matching with people that are experienced getting around by bike. orient them to the cycling culture of Vancouver, and go for rides together. Running 2 programs, Surrey and Vancouver and 2 rounds. Terms of commitment 3 months, go on weekly bike rides together, approx 2 hours per week minimum. Mentors and newcomers are matched based on availability and geography, reducing the burden on travel for the volunteer. Starts in May, June, July overlaps with summer programs July, August, September. There is an orientation for the mentors. Give bikes away as part of the program. Need volunteers, goal is for 20 volunteers in Surrey. Source through Our Community Bikes. Cloverdale Community Bikes may have bikes. Rec For Kids may have bikes as well. Robert suggested asking if police agencies have bikes. Asked if the immigrants have experience on bikes. Most have had some experience. Some have more experience and may go on longer rides. English proficiency is a range, lower intermediate is threshold.

<https://bikehub.ca/education/bike-mentorship> (Apply on the website) mark.corbett@bikehub.ca

ISS of BC recruits the newcomers. elmir.ismayilov@issbc.org (Vancouver)

A free criminal record check can be done by HUB.

Pattullo - Tim to invite Robert and John.

104 Ave - Members to complete survey. Tim to draft an official response.

Tim & Robert to draft a letter, and provide it to Alaina for editing.

Surrey Langley Skytrain

The plans for the Surrey Langley Skytrain were discussed. Tim had previously sent a letter regarding the Skytrain expansion and discussed the response. The members discussed the bike parking at the Skytrain and noted the plans that show bike parking at the 152nd Street station but no details were provided to show what this might be, such as bike lockers, racks or a bike parkade. The 166 Street station shows a bike parkade, the 140 Street station doesn't show any cycle parking facilities. Nathan

said that bike parking should be provided at every station. Theft occurrences at the existing King George station were discussed including a recent one. Tim suggested emailing customer service at Translink to complain about any current issues with the bike parking at King George. Tim suggested writing a follow up letter regarding bike parking as the first letter did not discuss that. The group reviewed the bike parking website for Translink and discussed the on demand bike lockers that are being trialed and agreed that these would provide the best convenience and security. Tim to send the letter written to MOTI to HUB to share with the Minister of Transportation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Next scheduled meeting in April