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HUB Cycling TFN Delta Local Committee

Mar 26, 2024 | [Delta LC meeting](#)

Attendees: [Cathy Acuna](#) [Mairin Shields-Brown](#) [Neil Pope](#) [Roel Schootman](#) [Sandra Jones](#), Kelly Bowman), Rejean, Phil (*new attendee*), Mairin Shields-Brown, Phil , Matthias, David Grigg

*Meeting Start: 6:30 PM*

*Meeting End time: 8:06 PM*

## Agenda

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Neil Pope
2. **Update on Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) Project:** Sandra Jones
  - a. Group has put in comments for Roberts Bank Environmental Assessment of effects of losing the crossing at Delta Port and how no alternatives have been provided.
  - b. Global Container wrote support letter. Have met with Port of Vancouver and it's been difficult to make progress.
  - c. Pleased that GBHW trail entrances on Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) have storyboard signage up.
  - d. You can now cycle between TFN on 41B St over railway along 33A Ave and then south on 34th street to reconnect with dyke going north to Canoe Pass
  - e. GBHW meant to be greenway project (AAA) but have yet to get rail crossing back that was last open in 2016, but it's great news that City of Delta has put in Culvert connection at 34 St.
  - f. Summer student program at TFN on what they would like to see for youth along GBHW.
  - g. Meetings:
    - i. Met with City of Surrey at Totest Aleng.
    - ii. Elder Ruth was keynote speaker at Metro Vancouver Greenways Network Implementation Forum. *Staff is recommending Board endorse concept of GBHW across Metro Vancouver*
    - iii. Met with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and City of Delta Parks in January at the site of Hwy 17 and causeway because the trail terminates abruptly and can't get across. *MOTI want to help*

*realize the vision to reconnect, Youth would like a land bridge across there.*

- iv. Made presentations to Tsleil-waututh Chief and Council and Kwikwetlem Nation, upcoming to presentation to Musqueam First Nations.
  - v. Monthly GBHW meetings. In March and April they in-person are at TFN.
- 3. Update on discussions- Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal access:** Neil Pope
- a. Submitted a detailed report on the idea of Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal improvement. Also asking for signage to direct people on bikes where to go.
  - b. Connected with Walt Judas, Tourism Association of BC and took report to Minister Popham
  - c. Continuing connecting with BC Ferries people
  - d. Trails BC presented idea at the AGM for BC Ferries and was favorably received.
  - e. Kelly contacted Main Road as well as MLA to ask for better sweeping of bike lane on hwy 17 - response was they have limited budget (3x a year). Neil Mentioned MOTI contractors have trucks that unfortunately just sweep, rather than pick up debris, unlike Delta. TFN Delta HUB to write letter to MOTI.
    - **Cathy: Cathy to connect with Kelly and get in touch with Main Road through HUB channels.**
- 4. Massey Tunnel Project update:** Roel Schootman
- a. Completed Bridgeport Road bus connection to make it safer, also completed Hwy 99 at Hwy 17 offramp for cycling.
  - b. Steveston Interchange Project to be completed by Summer 2025. Plan is to finish north side first and then dismantle overpass and build other 2 lanes.
  - c. Rejean - participated in the engagement phase and been trying to determine the future role of buses through the tunnel. Suggested need for TransLink lobbying to make sure they don't forget tunnel that's going to create gridlock in South Vancouver and Richmond
    - i. Sandra commented that what we can lobby for is extended bike bus and proper trail connections on both sides, and expanded trailer system that goes through the tunnel.
- 5. Update on Mall Development- 56th Street:** Neil Pope
- a. Met with Century Group, along with Roel and Sandra to discuss their plans for active transportation throughout the mall and MUP on 56<sup>th</sup>. This will set standard for future developments. Very positive meeting. Neil and Roel attended both century group open houses to continue discussions/suggestions.
  - b. Main approach of committee is to lobby City of Delta to make sure that developers are forced to have proper MUP in front of such developments.
  - c. Neil, Roel and Sandra met with Delta engineering on this matter.
  - d. Good news Delta has it in its plans MUP from 12th ave to where existing cycling lane begins near Hwy 17 and longer term all the way to 6th Avenue.
  - e. Enough room on 56<sup>th</sup> to build expanded sidewalk and separated bike lane.
  - f. Delta will be building an improved MUP 6-8th Ave on 56th street.
  - g. Phil asked about this project at Ladner OCP and the city person said it would happen - uni directional MUP on either side of 56th.

6. **Update on HUB's request re culvert bridge on 34th going to Ladner west dyke, and much improved multi use path on 6th to 8th ave, Ladner:** Neil Pope
  - a. Culvert was discussed in above section and has been built. Neil credited Delta for funding this huge improvements to Dyke access and also the planned improvement to the MUP from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> ave. This will include a small culvert and bridge over the ditch at the end of Southland's MUP, plus proper cyclist road marketings at the crossway at 6<sup>th</sup> ave.
7. **Delta's long-term vision for multi-use path on 56th street:** Neil Pope
  - a. This was discussed in above section.
8. **Update our 37-priority list** (report attached)
  - a. Cathy to share after meeting.
  - b. [PRIORITY LIST](#)
9. **Delta's 'Official Community Plan' changes to come (re active travel implications):** Neil Pope and Sandra Jones. Neil attended Tsawwassen open house and Sandra attended Ladner open house.
  - a. Delta will have increased density. Want to see more mention of active transportation.
  - b. Planner who Neil knows from City of Langley informed Neil that it is crucial that we get Active Transportation mentions into OCP and that development guidelines include that in terms into official design guidelines, active transportation is always considered.
  - **Share information with other LC's**
10. **Meeting with Beedie Construction (regarding cycling on 78th street industrial land):** Neil Pope
  - a. Employee of Beedie Construction (developer of a new 135 acre industrial development behind Burns Drive) and employee of Binnie (not Beedie) Construction (the contractor) recently reached out to Neil last week to inform committee that cyclists will lose access to half of Burns Drive for 2-2.5 years (from South side of Burns drive , all the way north to 78th). Will take existing Burns Drive and make it into a road for trucks and then will build a new one for Burns drive for famers and cyclists which will be identical to the current road, just in words from existing Burns drive.
  - b. They are cognizant of disruption to cycling community and will put up good signage.
  - c. New overpass to be built but that work won't affect cyclists. A portion of Ladner Trunk will go down to one lane at times, and they committed to do everything as possible to accommodate cyclists.
  - d. If there are any issues, public can if they like reach out to Neil who will relay your messages/concerns to construction team.
  - e. Work to begin next month. Farm vehicles will still have road access for the road but as the road work will be extensive, those on road bikes will want to avoid it.
  - **: Cathy to help get the message across - work with Neil on messaging.**

11. Plan to advocate for much improved cycling Wayfinding (signage) in Delta - Neil and Sandra

- a. City of Delta got a cycle wayfinding report from Urban Systems 10 years ago as well as good report on same from a former HUB member ...both reports were forwarded again to Delta Engineering by Neil, and we will focusing a lot on this going forward. Goal eventually is to have proper signage on all designated cyclist routes. An example of this is Richmond.
- b. Sent reports to Delta Engineering and Planning and have asked them to revisit them as there is no proper wayfinding.
- c. The Barns to Beaches route (linking breweries, beaches, etc. obtained significant funding for wayfinding and vehicle speed monitoring/slowing , on 64<sup>th</sup> ave, etc. Helps HUB because its route connects to the bike shuttle through the tunnel to BC Ferries and 64<sup>th</sup> ave is actively used.
- d. Boundary Bay Dyke is closed between 77 and 88th for raising the dyke. If Hwy 10 is impeded due to construction, Dyke closed, Burns Drive is closed, what are the options for access? Potential alternate route - go under 80th overpass and then take left on a stretch of gravel road and then right at track and runs parallel at tracks?
- e. Neil will look at it as an alternate route.

12. Other business?

- a. Sandra wanted to mention that they've opened bit of dyke (at 46A St) - landowner previously blocked it - City has built a nice path through.
  - i. ACTION: Sandra (TFN Delta HUB) to send thank you letter to Delta for this fix, the culvert at 34 St and dike, and a fix done in Tilbury
- b. David Griggs from Arbutus Trail society gave update on Vancouver gaps that are being worked on.
- David Griggs to send Neil reply received from BC Ferries, and Neil and David will connect with sender.

13. Next meeting- will be in June. TBA.: Cathy