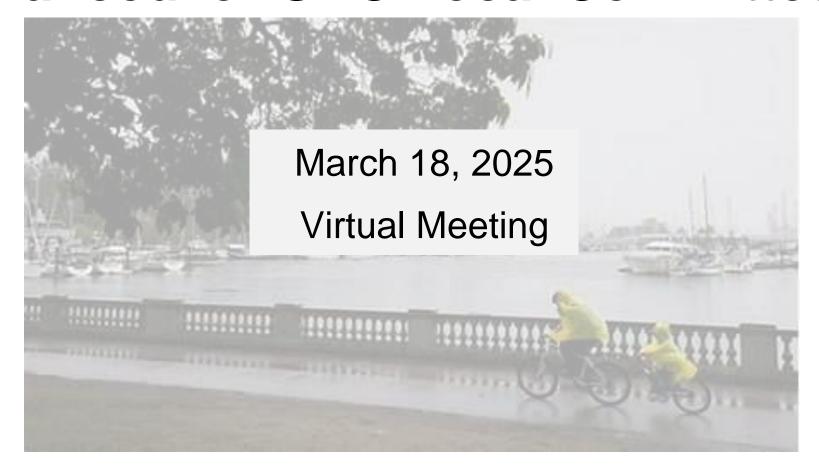
### Vancouver-UBC Local Committee









# **VULC Meetings**



#### **Active listening**

Pay close attention to what others are saying and avoid interrupting



#### Respectful language

No personal attacks, name-calling or dismissive language



#### One speaker at a time

Wait for someone to finish their point before making yours



#### Be concise

Get your question or comment across clearly and efficiently

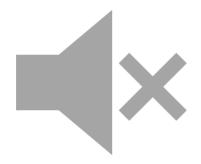


#### Respect the chair

The chair is responsible for making sure all agenda items are covered in a timely fashion, and discussion of certain items may need to continue outside of the meeting



# Virtual Meetings





Please mute your phone or microphone when you are not speaking. A moderator may mute you. Ensure your name is displayed so that we know who you are.

We have a co-host who will watch the text chat and help make sure questions are addressed from online attendees.



# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that HUB Cycling operates on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people. We recognize and respect the stewardship of this land and waters by these Indigenous communities, who have lived here for thousands of years and continue to do so. We acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous peoples have faced and continue to face, and we commit to working towards reconciliation and decolonization in our community and beyond.









### Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome to new attendees
- Minutes from February meeting
- Anything to add to the agenda?



# Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and land acknowledgement
- Agenda, Action Item Review, Announcements
- Guest Speaker Chris Girard, West Point Cycles
- Updates from Working Group Leads
- Consultations/CoV Updates
- UBC Day
- Van UBC LC Correspondence/Meetings
- HUB Cycling Board/RAC update
- Meeting Adjourns (8:00 pm)



### **Action Items Review**

- Van311 please report bike lane maintenance issues to the CoV using the smartphone app or by calling 311. Note the new features for reporting bike issues.
- Plan March Social Ride (Anthony, complete)



### **Announcements**

### The HUB Cycling Bike Awards were held March 8th

- Arno Schortinghuis Cycling Champion of the Year Award: Honourable Christine Boyle
- Cycling and Inclusion Award:
  Our Community Bikes- Pedal for the People Program
- People's Choice, Organization:
  Vancouver Bicycle Recycling
- People's Choice, Bike Shop:
  West Point Cycles
- People's Choice, Individual:
  Erika Stahl (gravelbuddies.ca)
- Advocacy Volunteer Awards:

Vancouver/UBC: Election Committee Working Group



### **Announcements**

Columbia St Sewer Repair info session March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-7pm, Olympic Village plaza (Milton Wong Plaza, beside Tap & Barrel)

#### What we know:

- Construction expected April late 2025
- Will affect cycling on Quebec / W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

https://metrovancouver.org/services/liquidwaste/columbia-street-sewer-repair





### **Announcements**

### Civic by-election: Saturday April 5, 2025

https://vancouver.ca/your-government/2025-by-election.aspx



# Trout Lake Community Centre Earth Day Celebration booth

April 12, 2025 11am-2pm

Last call for volunteers!







# Guest Speaker: Chris Girard



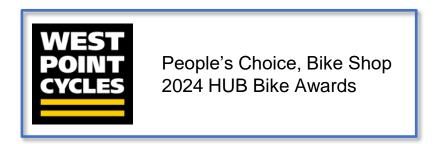


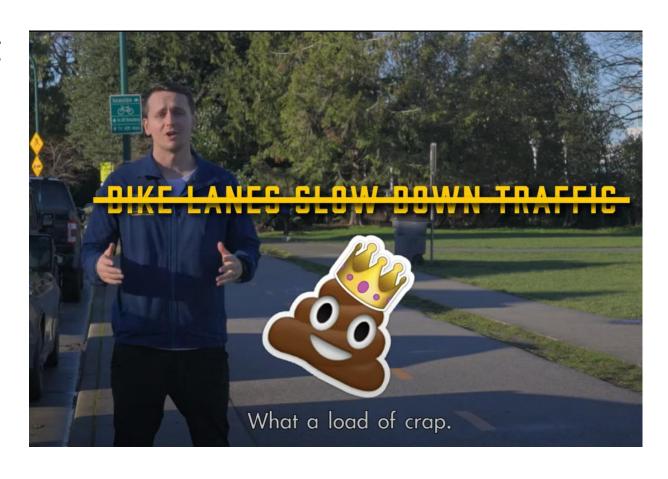
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Social media manager @ West Point Cycles

Recently produced a series of short videos "Debunking Active Transportation Myths"

WPC Youtube/Instagram





https://www.youtube.com/@West\_Point\_Cycles





# Working Group Updates





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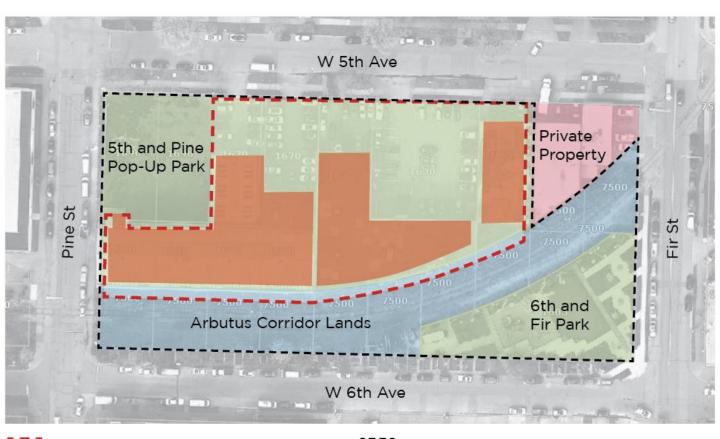


# Stanley Park Maze Gate Removal





### **Burrard Slopes Park**



Building removal area

Future Burrard Slopes Park area

Existing buildings to be removed



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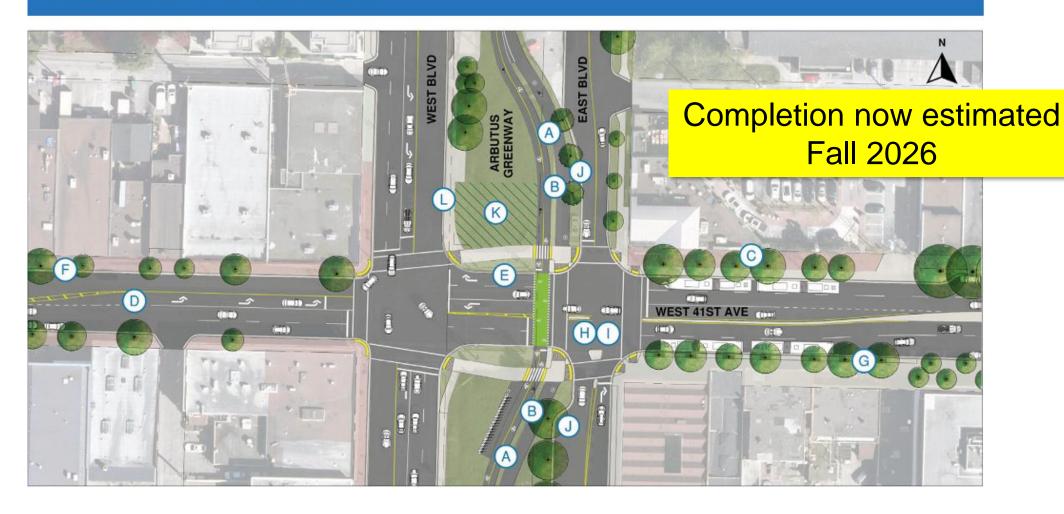


### W 41st / Arbutus Greenway

### **ARBUTUS GREENWAY & WEST 41ST AVENUE**

Intersection Improvements







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### Elections WG Mid-Term Report Card

https://bikehub.ca/biking-citymid-term-report-card

#### Biking in the City Mid-Term Report Card

Curious about how our City of Vancouver Council & Park Board politicians are doing with respect to biking? Look no further!

Check out how they're voting on biking relevant motions: what mark we've given them, and what they're saying about biking in the videos and quotes below. Whether you bike or not, biking improvements enhance safety and mobility for all.

Click on the image of each Councilor or Commissioner below to see select quotes and videos from that person.

#### Video Highlights



City Counc				
Party	City Councilor	Impact on biking *	% Attendance at meetings with votes on bike issues *	Select Quotes & Videos
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green	Adriane Carr *	А	100%	a D
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# Social Rides 2025

### Social rides are:

- Social!
- Casual pace (15 km/h avg or less)
- Target 20 km loops, 2ish hours total
- No-pressure: join/drop as needed
- Your chance to see new parts of Vancouver
- Not assessment rides
- Weather agnostic (except for snow/ice)
- Every month or so



### Questions:

- Day of the week? Previously Sundays (Winter) or Tuesdays (Summer)
- Time of day? Previously: Sundays
  10am, 11am, 1pm; Tuesdays: 7pm
- Where? Routes? Destinations?
- Next: Sunday, March 23rd, 1pm





### March Social Ride

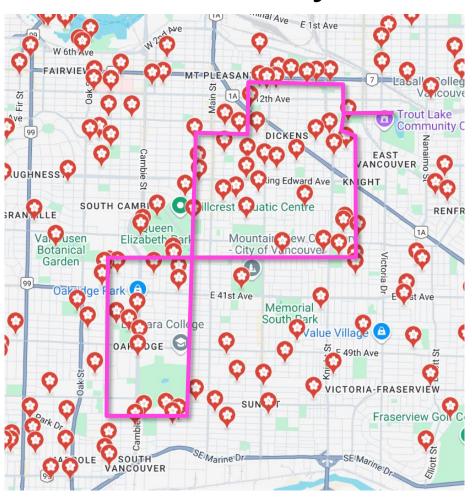


Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm Meet at "The Birds" in Olympic Village Counter-clockwise:

- Olympic Village (Seaside Detour)
- Science World (so busy)
- Dunsmuir Viaduct (while it lasts)
- Richards St (best complete street?)
- Smithe St (quick build example)
- Haro St (Local bike way)
- Chilco St (Water tunnel detour)
- Quick spin through Ceperley Meadows (Beavers?)
- Refreshment at Stanley Park Brewery
- Beach Ave (still nice!)
- Pacific St (new lanes?)
- Burrard Bridge (easy does it)
- W 1<sup>st</sup> Ave (past Senakw)
- Seawall along False Creek back to Olympic Village (So. Many. People.)
- According to CoV Cycling Map, the entire route *less 1 block* is "Connected AAA Network"



# April Social Ride Anthony's Over-the-Hill Birthday Blossom Bike Ride



Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm Meet at Trout Lake CC East Van/Oakridge Cherry/Plum Blossom Tour Exact Route TBD

BEFORE NEXT MEETING, WATCH GROUPS.IO FOR DETAILS

Ride leadership training @ 312 Main on March 29<sup>th</sup> (full) Anyone from VULC?



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- Bike Rack Mapping
- March 7 Street Bike Racks Meeting with City Staff
- Business Engagement
- Looking at Public Destinations



### 2021 Bike Rack Mapping

- InService
- Planned

**BIA** Boundaries

East Van Brewing Historic 7 Era Design Company P Slice of Life Art Gallery Venables St Venables St Downlow Chicken Shack Ltd Infinity Screens Britannia Rink and Blinds ourts board Park Parker St Parker St The Ivy on Parker **Guest House** the Lunch Lady J.J. Miller's Kurrajong

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewr?hl=en&mid=1BxBk-VgGFVn-jO4-rPpnGwFW6OXvMc&ll=49.26134570827649%2C-123.12730039545212&z=15

2025 Update: 3,801 In service; 885 Planned Post & Ring



### CoV Meeting with Street Activites Operations

- Bike rack installations happen through: Post & ring program, 311 requests, BIA engagement
- Focus: commercial areas with ≤ 2hr parking
- Goal: a bike rack every 15 metres, ~11 racks per side per block
- Target: 125-150 new racks/yr excl post & ring
- Current inventory: U-racks, corrals, 5 "art rack" styles
- Two tamper-proof fasteners on each new rack
- Older racks being upgraded with anti-theft hardware or replaced by U-racks
- Requests processed monthly, eligible installs within weeks
- BIAs generally supportive



### CoV Meeting with Street Activities Operations

- Decisions sometimes ad hoc
- Corrals are tricky due to cost and approval process
- No budget or policy support for more secure, enclosed bike parking
- No advocate for bike racks in retail areas outside of BIAs
- No bike theft review

# 109 bike rack requests in 2024 to Van311

Action	Quantity	
Delivered	71	
Planned (Post & Ring)	8	
Ineligible (Infrastructure)	10	
Ineligible (Private Property)	9	
Ineligible (Bus Zone)	5	
Ineligible (Clearances)	3	
Ineligible (Construction)	2	
Ineligible (Mandate)	1	



### Post & Ring Program (Parking Management)

- Launch: ~6,000 parking meter posts
- Installed: 1,200 post & ring
- 2025: 231 already installed
- Goal: Replace every parking meter with a post & ring or U-rack
- Timing: Managed by PMB





### **Business Engagement**

- BIAs Business Improvement Associations
- HUB Resources for Business implementing Secure Bike Parking
- Big Box Stores and Shopping Centres:
  - ex. SE Marine Drive and Grandview Hwy
    - bicycle access
    - secure bike parking
    - assessment rides



### **Public Destinations**

- community centres
- schools
- parks
- hospitals
- theatres and museums
- professional sports venues
- major recreational destinations

- municipal bike parking standard
- bike parking signage
- staffed gated bike parking at major public events
- 'Getting Here' web pages to list bike parking locations and nearby bikeway access



# Consultations / CoV Updates





# Consultations/CoV Updates

- Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park
- Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project (Metro Van)
- King Edward Bike Lanes (west of Macdonald)
- Granville Connector work progressing (see photos)



# Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park

- Indefinite closure due to structural issues with the Expo deck
- Deconstruction planned for 2028-2032 (next capital plan)
- Dismount or cycle slowly on the shared pedestrian path between Ontario and Switchman streets
- Science World south parking lot remains open, with an attendant to support safe access
- EXPECT IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TEMPORARY PATH SOON?



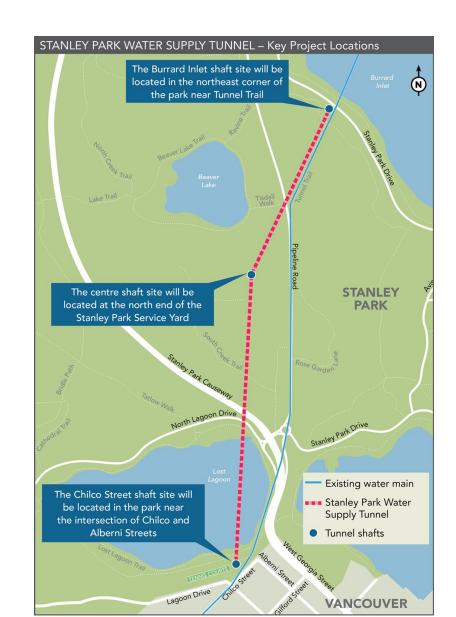
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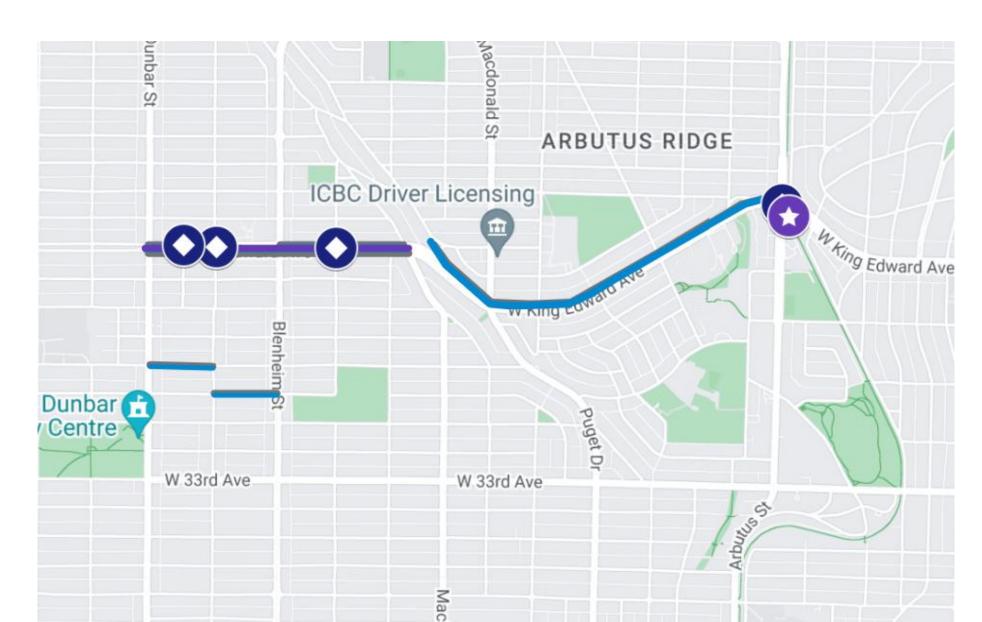
## Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project

- Construction is commencing at the Chilco St shaft site
- Temporary walking and cycling paths at Chilco St.
- Construction will also take place at the north end, at the Burrard Inlet shaft site where Park Drive will be reduced to one lane





## King Edward Bike Lanes (west of Macdonald)



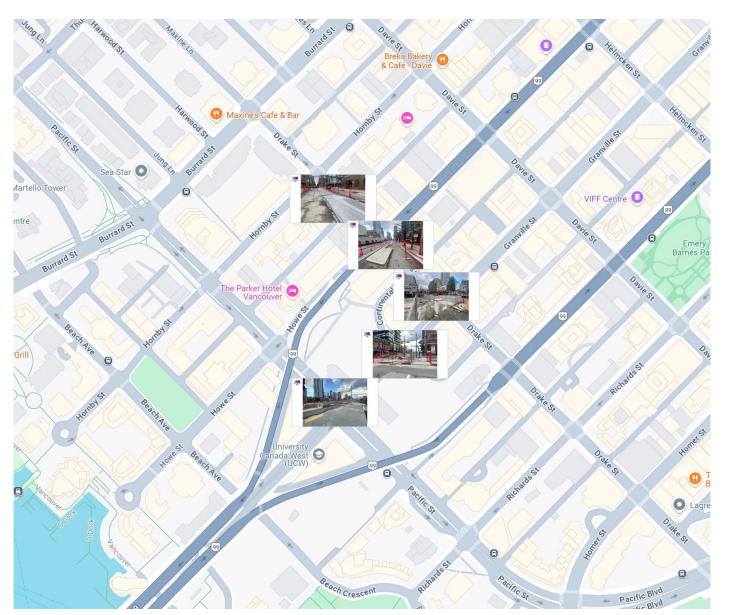


# King Edward Bike Lanes (west of Macdonald)

- At VULC letter sent to CoV, Director of St. Transportation (Paul Storer) structure
- Base Dr. Kay Teschke also sent detailed Dunbar
- letter to General Manager of Engineering Services (Lon Leclair) Bike la
   Immediate response: We'll get back to lane ext to
  - you as soon as we can. • Will follow up in coming weeks. weather permits



### Granville Connector / Drake St

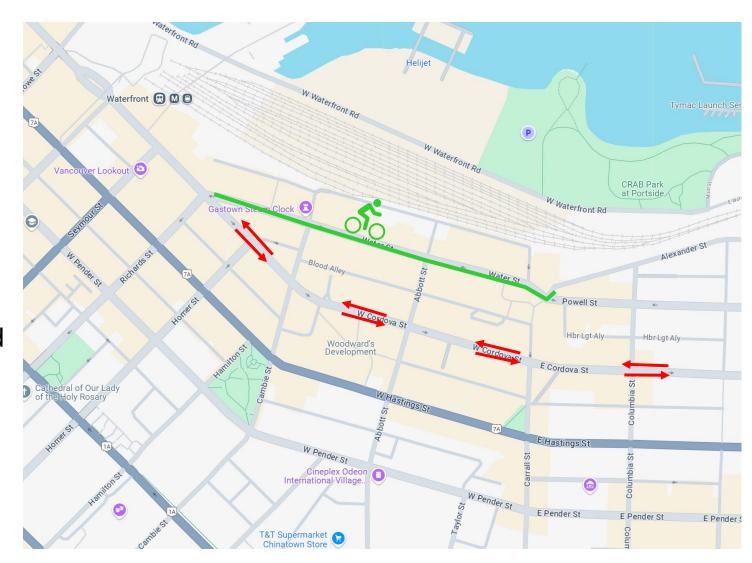






### Gastown Pedestrian Zone

- Water St closed to vehicles on limited Sundays in the summer and for special events (TdG)
- Cordova St two-way traffic trial (to Gore, all summer)
- Counter-flow east-bound protected bike lane on Water St (quick-build, permanent?)





### Anticipated consultations/reports

- Civic District (incl 10<sup>th</sup> Ave between Cambie & Yukon)
- Portside: Wall St preferred design option
- Burrard Slopes Park preliminary concept plans
- Killarney neighbourhood traffic management



# UBC Day





## UBC Day: May 20th, 2025

- VULC May meeting (May 20<sup>th</sup>)
- In-person/hybrid meeting on UBC Campus
  - Need some help securing room/lecture theatre
- Guest speaker: Dr. Alex Bigazzi, Dept of Civil Engineering, head of Research on Active Transportation (REACT Lab)
- Will also invite staff/faculty/students from:
  - SCARP (School of Community & Regional Planning)
  - SPPH (School of Population & Public Health)
  - ReROW (Rethinking the Right-of Way Research Cluster)
  - UBC Bike Kitchen
  - UBC C&CP (Campus & Community Planning)
  - ??? (Please provide suggestions! Athletics? Kinesiology? Others?)
- Social/mixer afterwards







## VULC Correspondence/Meetings



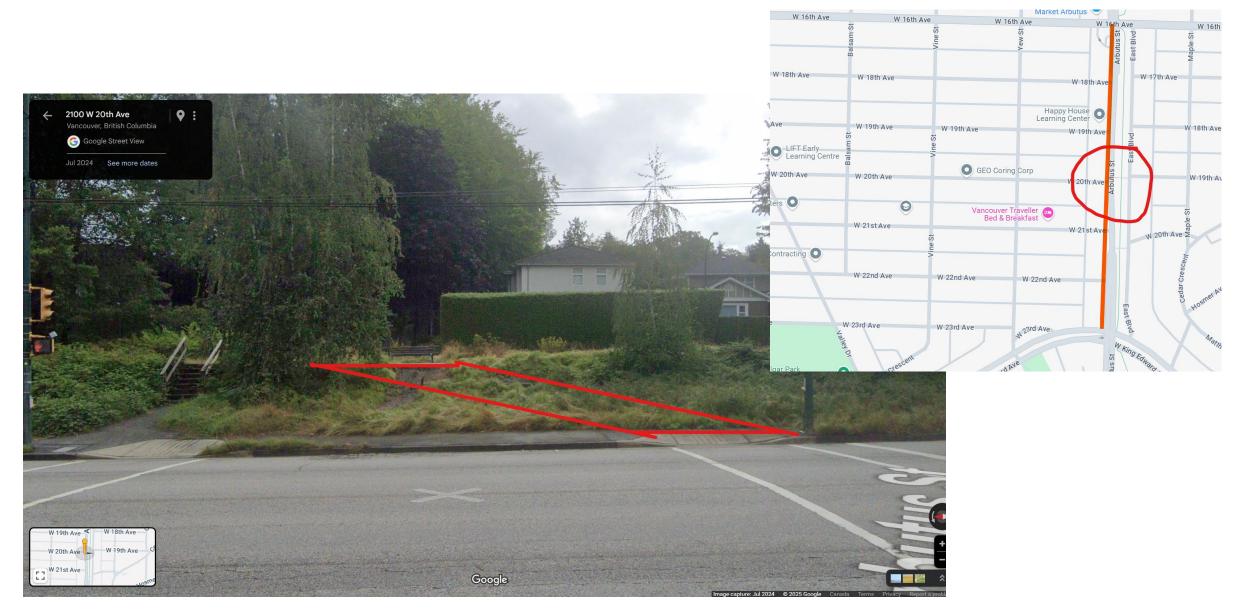


## Correspondence/Meetings

- <u>Letter to CoV</u> re: W King Edward bike lanes
- Email to CoV re: Arbutus/W 20<sup>th</sup> access ramp to greenway
- Meeting with CoV re: bike racks (with Secure Bike Parking WG)



### W 20th/Arbutus





### **HUB Cycling Board & RAC Update**

 Updates from Jeff which may include interesting things depending on what news has been publicly released by our meeting time



# Wrap Up



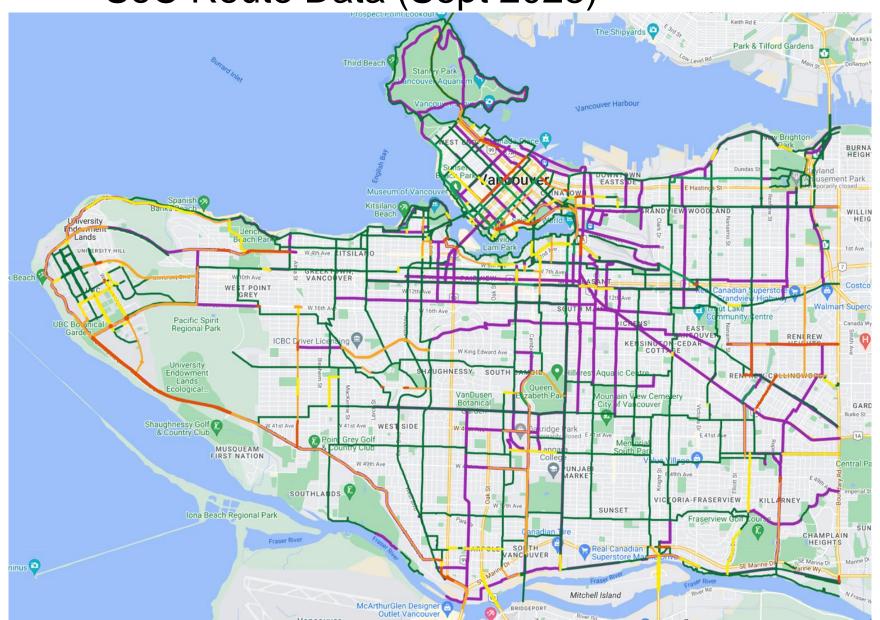


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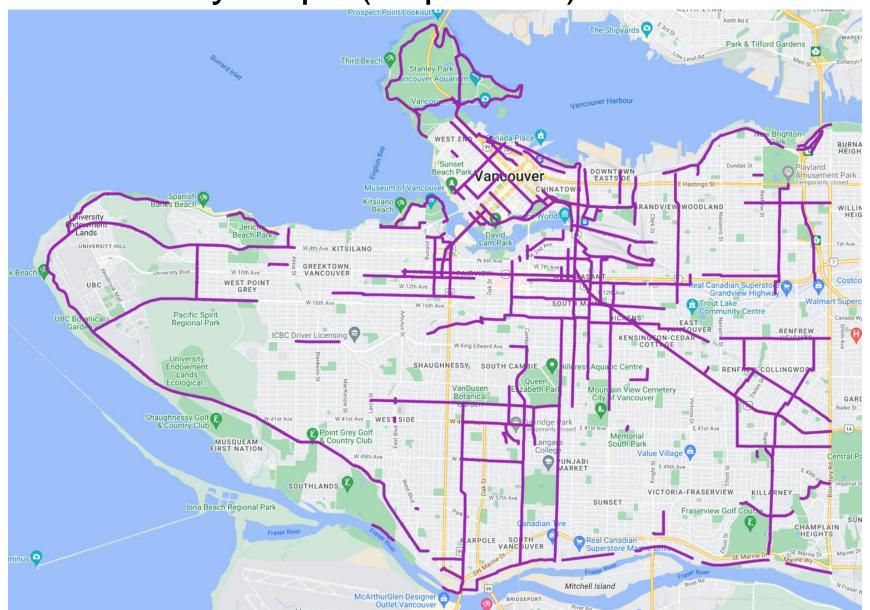


Prototype Gap Map (Vancouver/UBC) with SoC Route Data (Sept 2023)





Vancouver UBC Local Committee Priority Gaps (Sept 2023)





### CoV Active Mobility Plan 2023







4/3/2022 1/28/4



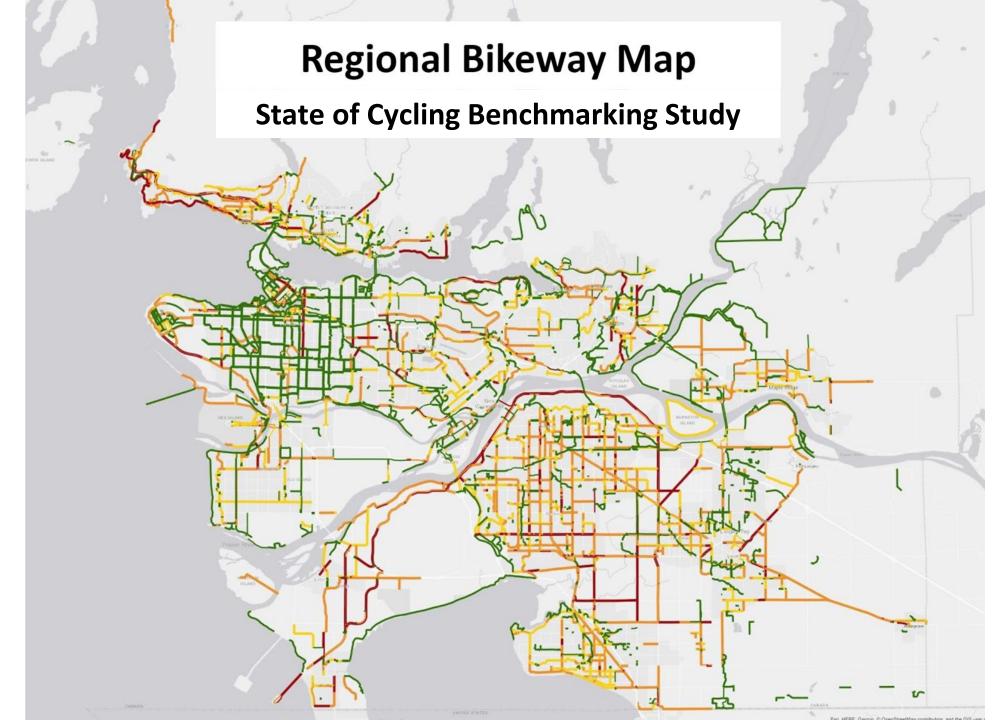




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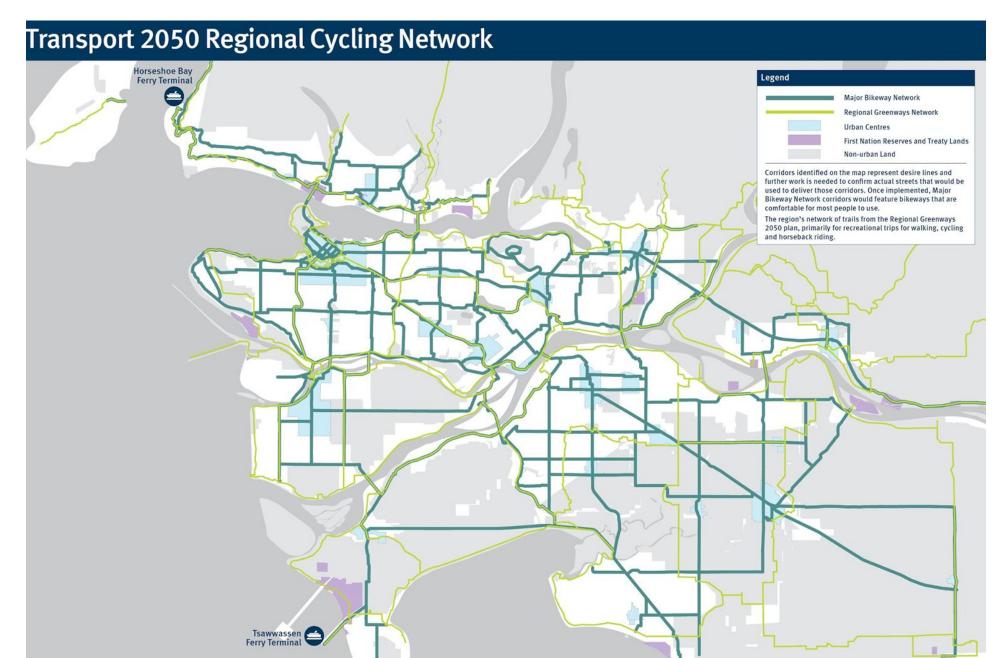






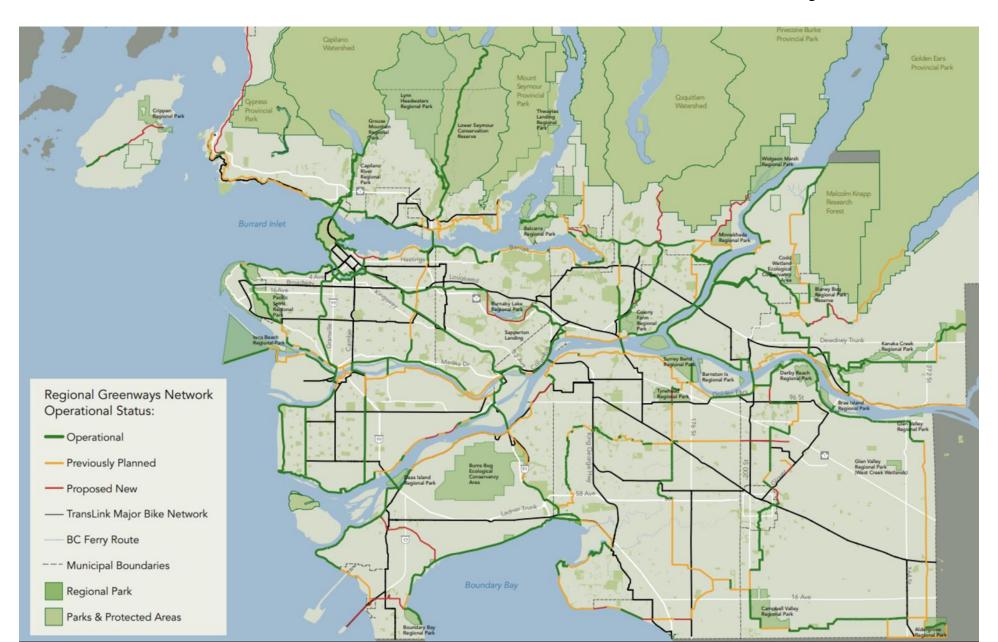


### Translink MBN October 2021





## Metro Vancouver Greenway Plan





### **VULC Guiding Principles**

#### Choice of infrastructure

Prioritize separated lanes and phase-separated signals over painted markings to assure safety and comfort for people on bikes. "Paint is not infrastructure"

#### Choice of location

Prefer areas where people frequently travel, such as commercial high streets, transit nodes, work centers, schools, cross-town routes connecting these destinations, interregional routes, and other desirable destinations.

"Put infrastructure where people want to go"

#### **Choice of route**

Cycle routes that are winding and indirect have been shown to discourage cycling and can compromise safety.

"Prioritize direct routes for people on bikes, instead of unnecessarily winding paths"

#### Help for the vulnerable

Focus on infrastructure that encourages the use of bicycles by vulnerable and equity-deserving riders, and develop safe bypass routes for fast and confident riders.

"New improvements should appeal to people new to cycling, not just avid cyclists"

#### Infrastructure for parks

Advocate for safe and accessible cycling routes, not just to parks but also inside parks. People on bikes are park users.

"To and through parks"

#### **Equitable advocacy**

Consider the diverse needs of individuals and devices, including all ages and abilities, genders, children and families, incomes, backgrounds, people new and experienced in cycling, older people, people cycling with disabilities, and all types of bicycles including ebikes, cargo bikes, recumbent bikes, hand-bikes, and other useful inventions.

"Equitable advocacy helps everyone"

#### Fresh ideas

Promote novel ideas like school streets, cycle-permeable parklets and plazas, and car-free blocks to encourage safe and comfortable cycling throughout the city.

"Roads are for people, not cars"

#### AAA cycling network

Encourage expansion of the AAA cycling network beyond Downtown and the Broadway Corridor, with a specific focus on underdeveloped areas on the south and east sides of the city, and connections to cycle networks in neighbouring municipalities.

"There is more to a city than its downtown"



## Vancouver VULC Guiding Principles (cont')

### **Speed limits**

To enhance safety, lobby for a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h in areas where people driving and cycling share space. At 50 km/h, 80% of pedestrians will die in a collision. At 30 km/h, 85% of pedestrians survive a collision.

"Speeding vehicles endanger people on bicycles"

#### Bike crashes

Use the term "crash" to emphasize that most accidents are preventable, and call for engineering solutions to reduce them. "Crash, not accident"

#### Respect

Practice constructive collaboration with staff and elected officials to achieve long-term goals and maintain respectful and nurturing relationships.

"Work with politicians and staff, not against them"

#### Theft

Push for safe and secure bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities. They play a critical role in encouraging more people to cycle regularly. People will choose not to cycle if there is a risk their bike will not be there when they return.

"Bike thieves are everywhere"