

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 17th, 2023 18:30-20:00 Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees:	Jeff (chair), Anthony F (co host), Kay, Peggy, Luke, Suzanne S, Dan, Erica (CoV), Paul K (CoV),		
	Eric S, Clark, Sara H, Taylor, Kevin M, Kristin, Sieva, Lucy M, Megan S, Lisa S, Michael A,		
	Claudette, Mike W, Kory, Stephanie, Eric W, Keith M, Leon, Anthony B, Kieran, Sanne, Ivan		
	C, Colin S, Geneviève, Michael Total Attendees (34)		

Please use the Van311 to report infrastructure issues relating to cycling on dedicated bike lanes or on other streets. Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, and bike thefts.

- 1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
- 2. Agenda: Approved
- 3. Minutes from Nov: Approved

 Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting

 Philippe
 Plan and hold SW Marine assessment ride - ride held, report in progress

4. Announcements see also bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our Local Committee wiki

- On February 15, City staff are planning to present the Climate Emergency Action Plan Annual Report to Council, outlining our progress, successes, and challenges when it comes to implementing the CEAP. We are a part of the CoV Amplifier Network, who will hold a briefing on this on February 7 via Zoom. Please advise Jeff if you would like to attend this briefing
- The City is seeking public feedback on the 2023 budget. The full <u>2023 Draft Current State Budget</u> includes short and long-term funding to support key City plans and priorities, such as advancing climate mitigation and adaptation work through our Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. In December, City Council approved the Capital budget and deferred a decision on the 2023 Operating budget to spring 2023. Public feedback collected during this period will inform Council's decision later this spring. This is an opportunity to indicate your priorities for City spending. Complete the <u>comment card</u> and share your thoughts, stressing the need for more investment in active transportation infrastructure, and traffic calming.
- HUB Cycling research staff have completed a <u>Report on Cycling and Older Buildings</u>, looking at the impacts of outdated building design on access to cycling, with an equity lens. The report is being used to influence government policy and promote best practices.
- HUB Cycling is turning 25 years-old in 2023! Staff are looking for a talented artist to design a graphic for our 25th anniversary t-shirts. Indigenous and racialized artists are strongly encouraged to apply. Your artwork will be financially compensated. <u>Express your Interest</u> Staff are also considering offering a 25th anniversary HUB Cycling jersey, based on our last jersey order.
- Upcoming Event: Breaking Down Barriers to Cycling for University Students. Have you or someone you know wanted to start bicycling as a means of affordable transportation but didn't know where to start? Join HUB staff at UBC or online on January 24 from 6:00-7:30 PM for a free panel discussion where our expert speakers will highlight resources available to overcome barriers and start cycling. <u>Register for Free</u>
- Please join us at HUB Cycling's 10th annual virtual Bike Awards ceremony on Thursday, February 23, from 7-8:00 PM! HUB Cycling is awarding organizations and individuals that achieved great things for cycling in 2022, while also showcasing personal stories and successes. <u>Register Here</u>
- HUB staff are planning on running a <u>special program to promote cycling with native youth</u>, at the invitation of the Musqueam band. This follows a successful program in Pitt Meadows with the

Katzie band. Bikes are given to the participants at the end of the program. Volunteers are required to find and potentially fix up 5 bikes (5 are in hand, and funding has been sourced for 10 more). Let Jeff know asap if you are interested in helping out.

5. Presentations by CoV Staff on Greenway Development

• Paul Krueger and Erica Mason presented on the proposed Portside Greenway from Main St to New Brighton Park, and on routing options being investigated for the East Side Crosscut, heading south from the Hastings and Lillooet. Both these projects are expected to go to public engagement in the coming months.

6. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff (<u>Vancouver@bikehub.ca</u>) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	
Updates from Working Groups			
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Philippe, Anthony)	 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 advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Assessment ride of SW Marine held, report in progress. 	Philippe: Complete report for the SW Marine ride	
Cycling in Parks (Lisa) Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 Discussions continue with new Park Board commissioners on the Stanley Park interim protected lanes. Discussions with PB staff on progress on the Kits Beach park lanes, currently in design The new <u>East Park</u> in False Creek is going through a public consultation. We will meet staff on site to discuss on Jan 31. 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. 		
Broadway Subway (Jeff and Anthony)	 no update this month Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. no update this month 		
East Van Greenway (Clark)	 The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River. Topic covered by CoV presentation and discussion 		
Municipal Election (Lisa)	 This working group prepared for the 2022 municipal election by creating a voting history record for incumbents and drafting questions that were posed to all candidates, with the responses published on bikehub.ca 		

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- Update on the Highway 99 Tunnel Project and Active Transportation considerations. While not in Vancouver, this project was considered of interest to LC members for access to the ferry terminal. Advocacy is being led by the HUB Cycling Regional Advisory Committee, with participation by Richmond and Delta local committees. The project includes a separate tube for walking and cycling. A stakeholder meeting was held with details on design features, and local connections. See meeting presentation for more details.
- We held several meetings with City Councillors as a result of sending out welcome letters to all councillors. Of particular interest to elected officials were opportunities on the south and east sides of Vancouver for improved infrastructure, and the Portside Greenway project.

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- CVG Closure follow up. Further discussions were held with CoV staff, to help ensure a better response in future. See meeting presentation for more details.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the <u>presentation</u>.

8. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update (no update this month)

- See Hwy 99 Tunnel Project update under Consultations
- 9. Board Update (Jeff) (no update this month)
- 10. Local Committee Correspondence
- 11. Other Business

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, and General Discussion)

Our next meeting will be February 21st, 2022.