

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 21st, 2023 18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees:	Jeff (chair), Anthony F (co host), Anita, Tim P, Kay, Angie W (CoV), Lacey (CoV), Ryan S, Clark
	Anthony B, Christine E, Lisa S, Mike T, Cynthia N, Lucy M, Kristin C, Alix, Mary S, Erika S,
	Megan S, Peter W, Kevin M, Colin S, Bruce R, Kieran, Keith M, MIke V, Iswbh, Jamie H,
	Sanne, Peggy W, Stan F, Dan, Monica, Ivan Total Attendees (35)

Please use the Van311 app 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 Jan: 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

- The 311 smartphone app now supports reporting bike lane hazards, potholes, debris, and other issues. Please report bike lanes requiring maintenance
- City staff presented a report to Council, outlining our progress, successes, and challenges when it
 comes to implementing the Climate Emergency Action Plan. The summary is that we are not
 making the progres we need to, including on Transportation goals. Further details under
 Consultations.
- 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. Register Here
- We will hold elections for our local committee chair next month, at our March meeting. Please contact Jonathan Mak <u>jonathan.mak@bikehub.ca</u> or Navdeep Chhina<u>navdeep@bikehub.ca</u> if you are willing to have your name stand for this election, as a chair or co chair, or for another position such as events coordinator or media contact. Contact Jeff for more details.
- Upcoming Local Committee Social Rides Anthony will lead a ride on Sunday Feb 26th, weather permitting.

5. Presentation by CoV Staff on Neighbourhood Traffic Management

• Angie Weddell, Neighbourhood Traffic Engineer with the CoV, presented a summary of the new neighbourhood traffic management program, the neighbourhood selection process, treatments used, and details on the first pilot neighbourhoods. Further public engagement will be announced in the coming weeks. We expect one of the next pilot neighbourhoods to include the Cassiar Overpass on the Adanac bikeway; this has long been a concern for people cycling.

6. 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 (Jeff, 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. No assessment rides are planned this month. We will resume these rides as the weather improves. HUB is offering a one day Ride Marshall Course for those LC members involved in leading rides. Advise Jeff if you are interested and you didn't note your interest in text chat. 	Jeff: Complete report for the SW Marine ride			
Cycling in Parks (Lisa) Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 We were very disappointed with the PB Commissioner decision to remove the temporary Stanley Park Lane. Discussion focused on next steps We had a site visit with PB staff working on the plans for the new East Park. We were glad to see a focus on circulation for people walking and people cycling. More details on both these topics in the presentation. 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. No update this month 				
Broadway Subway (Jeff and Anthony)	 Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. No update this month 				
East Van Greenway (Clark) Municipal Election (Lisa)	 The creation of a north-south greenway in East Vancouver, eventually connecting Burrard Inlet to the Fraser River. We are awaiting the public engagement launch for the proposed Portside Greenway Clark explored the Still Creek and Nootka area which may be part of the Eastside Crosscut 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)

- Further discussion on the removal of the Stanley Park temporary protected lanes. Commissioners amended staff option C to retain vehicle parking near Lumberman's Arch, but have clarified that they expect the protected lane there to run in front of the parked vehicles, not behind them. We understand that three ABC commissioners wanted the lanes removed, and three wanted to retain them (Option A). They appear to have decided in caucus to maintain party unity and thus voted unanimously to remove the lanes, not considering the wishes of the 7th (Green) commissioner to retain the lanes.
- East Park development plans are progressing. We expect to see two concept plans presented for public comments in the coming months. Consultation will continue through 2023.
- Changes to roads and cycling infrastructure are planned in Kits Point, in preparation for the Senakw development. The City is planning on protected cycling lanes to mitigate risks associated with construction access to the site. A survey is open until March 2. See the Current Consultation summary for details.

- Little progress has been made to the Climate Emergency Action Plan goals, per the 2022 annual report. This includes progress on active transportation. We will push the City to accelerate actions given their lack of progress. The upcoming Active Transportation Plan to be presented to council will be an opportunity for this.
- BEST (Better Environmentally Sound Transportation) is planning an event at Granville Island the
 weekend of May 20/21. We have been offered space for a table and tent, and plan to participate.
 Thanks to the volunteers who noted their interest in helping staff the tent in the meeting. If you are
 able to help out, eg by working a 2 hour shift, please advise Jeff.
- More details on these and other current consultations in the <u>presentation</u>.
- 8. Regional Advisory Committee Update (Jeff) no update this month
- 9. Board Update (Jeff)
 - Our HUB Cycling AGM will be held in September, date TBD, via Zoom. We are planning on organizing Watch Parties for local committees to gather (likely at a community centre) to watch collectively. Watch for more details closer to the event
- 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 March 21st, 2023.