



Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020
18:30-20:00

Meeting held online via Zoom web meeting

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Anthony (co host), Philippe, Geneviève, Tim, Lisa, Lucy, Elain, Bruce, Brooke, Keith, Tassillie, Ivan, Sam, Mathai, DeeDee, Bobo, Michael M, Angelina, Aidan, Tomer, Shaun, Fiona, Alix, Enzo, Eric, Suzanne, Clark, Mike T, Dan, Mike V (31)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from Oct: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing
2	Anthony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize assessment ride at UBC – Done, report in draft
3	Philippe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize assessment ride on Balaclava (45th to Point Grey Road) – Done, report in draft

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#))

- We will continue to use Zoom for Local Committee meetings for the near future. Note that we will send out a new meeting ID and password each month in the agenda email; we do not plan to reuse meeting IDs or passwords.
- Refer to <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up to date news
- As of the night of the meeting Council continued to debate the Climate Emergency Action Plan that staff presented in response to Council’s motion. Update: After our meeting concluded, Council passed motions to move ahead with all elements of the staff report. This includes acceleration in the plans to improve cycling infrastructure (two councillors voted against this specific action).

5. 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 and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. UBC ride completed, report is now in draft (Anthony). Balaclava ride completed, the ride notes have been completed, and a submission to the CoV is in draft (Philippe) A ride was completed along Kent, including connections to the Arbutus Greenway, and the existing Kent Ave proposal from several years back will be updated and republished. 	<p>Anthony: complete UBC ride report. Philippe: organize ride on Dumphries and on 45th to Nanaimo Jeff: submit finalized reports</p>

	<p>(Jeff) Additional assessment rides are planned on Dumphries and on 45th (Philippe). Interested parties can contact vancouver@bikehub.ca for more info on participating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future assessment ride suggestions included Nanaimo (post construction); BC Parkway and CVG 	
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communication ongoing with Park Board staff. • Planned meeting with PB staff delayed; agenda items being finalized. PB staff are due to report back on proposals to reduce vehicle volumes in the park in the longer term; this initiative will come back to commissioners for debate and include public consultation. We would like to see the protected lane reinstated in the spring. • The Kits Beach Park path and parking lot continues to be a challenge, with no recent progress. This will also be a topic for our next PB staff meeting. Discussions have been held with other groups in the community on moving this ahead. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Contracts are not understood to have been awarded for the first phases of design for the permanent path. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. • No update this month, but note the opportunity with the Climate Emergency Action Plan items re EVs 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. Arbutus Greenway will be closed from 6th Ave to 10th Ave from Nov 12 to 25 for site prework for the subway station. Detours will be marked on 10th, and Cypress. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update this month. 	

6. Deep Dive Topic – HUB Cycling Priority Gap List and Map

- Background: We maintain a database of gaps in the cycling network. We evaluate the gaps, prioritize them, and prepare recommendations and reports to the City and other bodies based on our observations.
- We currently have 145 gaps identified, most of them have been assessed, all of them mapped
- We have up until now shown the gaps overlaid on electronic maps of the City and UBC cycling networks, eg the official designated cycling routes
- We plan to merge our gap priority list with our State of Cycling data so that we can see identified gaps in the context of routes that have been assessed for comfort and safety. This will give us more ability to validate our gaps, see missing segments, and so on.
- We have started a refresh of our gap priority list. During the meeting we collectively reviewed current maps of routes and gaps, and discussed potential gaps to add in. Our primary goal is to identify gaps that if addressed would result in more people cycling, more often.
- See the meeting presentation for more details. Specific route and gap issues raised included:
 - For UBC routes, we want to document where responsibilities start and end for UBC, UEL, MoTI, and Metro Parks.
 - The crossing at Venables and McLean
 - Commercial Drive remains of interest to many LC members

- Nelson and Smithe gaps west of Richards
- Support for Pipeline road being on the gap list (recently added). Consider the full length compared with the cutoff route at the north end.
- Support for showing Park Drive, and N Lagoon Drive, on the gap list
- SW Marine towards UBC is on the list, but should also be a current focus for advocacy
- NW Marine near Locarno is on the list, but needs pylons at the corners
- Denman St is flat, and would provide good connections to Coal Harbour and the new school
- Support for Beach Ave gap extending to Thurlow to connect to the Burrard Bridge
- Several gaps were noted to be candidates for Complete Streets, not just cycle lanes
- Support for waterfront road near Crab Park as a useful connector, and as a bypass for Cordova
- Lillooet gap shown should continue south to connect to the CVG, not necessarily on Lillooet.
- Support for a new east-west route between Adanac and the CVG (3rd?)
- Show cycling connection over Hwy 1 at William St and consider local route to access
- Kingsway is an unrealized opportunity. Could be done in phases
- Investigate the connection across Blanca to Chancellor
- Address comfort and safety issues along Dunbar
- Support for Imperial Drive near 16th being shown as a priority gap
- Consider doing an audit of school access routes, and noting them as a special category of gaps

7. Consultations (Jeff)

- We have an application underway for access to the Strava Metro data and tool, which provides volumes and routes for people cycling (those people using the Strava app). While the absolute numbers are not necessarily accurate for all people cycling, the tool could show comparative numbers for parallel routes, or show changes in ridership over time, as examples
- We participated in a research study on school active transportation route advocacy.
- We are supporting the work that Lucy is doing to advocate for safe cycling infrastructure for the planned new Coal Harbour school at Hastings and Broughton. Children will be moved to this school during construction of other school facilities in the West End, and so are likely to be travelling farther. There are limited places to cross Georgia, and no current cycling infrastructure on Hastings, although we have proposed a new protected route on Hastings to replace the Powell painted bike lanes which have recently been removed east of Jervis.
- A team is planning a project with GF Strong, to provide better access to adaptive bikes (hand cycles, trikes, recumbents, etc) to support rehab work. They envision a rental equipment pool to address availability and cost issues. We were invited to join them as stakeholders. We have agreed to support their project with resources, and as the project progresses, will reach out to solicit volunteers.

8. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- No update this month

9. Board Update (Jeff)

- No update this month

20:10 Meeting adjourned

We will not hold a meeting in December. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Next meeting January 19th, 2020, by Zoom web meeting (link will be sent out in advance of the meeting)