



**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
18:30-20:00
HUB Office
1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Alex (informal MEC Rep), Colin S, Colin B, Andrea, Mike, Jordon, Megan, Mike, Amy, Clark, Dan, Jill, Stan, Anthony, Kay, Marianne, Matt, Stuart, Arno, Tim.

- If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Lisa or Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
- See issues on your bike route? Call 311 or email cycling@vancouver.ca. You can also add to bikemaps.org
- Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents

1. Introductions and welcome to new members
2. Agenda: Approved with the addition of Arbutus Greenway and Bike Share.
3. Minutes from February 2016 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from February meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use 311 or cycling@vancouver.ca to document hazards such as leaves on paths, flooding. We have seen that CoV takes action on these requests. • Also use bikemaps.org to document near misses, collisions, and thefts. If enough people use it, it is a great tool for organizations like HUB and municipalities. Ongoing.
2	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our Committee web page. Ongoing
3	Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the gap spreadsheet and add to our wiki page
4	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee needs more people in leadership roles in volunteer engagement, communications (committee newsletter/social media/emails) & other areas. Please talk to Lisa or Jeff or email us at HUB Vancouver/UBC Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca if interested

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - St Paul's Hospital consultation – go to survey at Talk Vancouver: <https://www.talkvancouver.com>
 - Arbutus Greenway – announcements have started! See below.
 - Janette Sadik-Khan speaking March 22nd at SFU. SOLD OUT.
5. Updates from Working Groups.

- Contact Lisa or Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). • Ride along 10th Ave: completed. • Next ride along King Edward: Carnarvon to Angus. The city recently established painted bike lanes on King Edward. • Future rides: Powell St corridor, Stanley Park Causeway & Dunsmuir, Main Street • Identify possible Bike Share locations while on rides. • The committee has purchased an action camera to use on future rides. 	
Kent Ave (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group being disbanded as the City has put Kent Ave. back on their five-year plan and we can follow this in our regular discussions with City staff. • CoV has started internal meetings re design and changes – we proposed a protected lane on the south side of North Kent from Ontario to Ash. 	
South False Creek and Seaside Greenway (Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granville to Balsam ride held recently. Highlighted issues in Vanier Park, Kits Beach and onward. Report is being drafted. • Some interest in our observations from community members. • Snow fencing still an issue in one area; logs in another. • Please contact the Parks Board about your concerns. On our Wiki, there are two letters regarding this from 2015, and a response from the Park Board in 2016. http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/index.php?title=HUB_letters_to_the_City_of_Vancouver_and_Parks_Board • Email concerns to pbcommissioners@vancouver.ca 	
Bike Theft (Jeff for Mary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional group – next meeting is April 7th. 	
UBC Working Group (Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike/Walk UBC facilitating issues at UBC. Discussion around University Hill school on Chancellor Blvd; reduction in speed, possible bike lanes. • Different jurisdictions at UBC make this more complex. • A lot of interest in this area from the local community 	
Destination Streets (Jordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination Streets are streets with a collection of retail businesses/restaurants – e.g. 4th Ave or Main Street from 37th to 5th • This working group is advocating for infrastructure along these streets, and working with businesses & business associations who often have concerns about bike lanes without knowing all the facts. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The downtown Vancouver BIA is now fully on board with bike lanes, although they were initially opposed. • Recently discussed the issues with the head of the Business Society on Commercial Drive. 	
Bike Share (Clark for Neal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving forward! Launch is expected in June. 	

6. Review of our Committee Top Infrastructure Priorities (Jeff)

- We have reviewed our Gap List, and updated it. We confirmed our assigned scores. The Gap List is posted on the front page of our wiki, here, both as a PDF and an Excel sheet:
http://wiki.bikehub.ca/committees/index.php?title=Vancouver_Committee_Wiki

7. Committee Priorities for 2016 and Action Items (Jeff)

- Improve committee: e.g. welcome letter for new members, provide ways to access information
- Strengthen working groups: each should have a defined leader, a list of team members and be active
- Continue focus on assessments rides
- Liaisons with other local and regional committees or groups
- Viaducts Removal will likely become a working group as the project gears up this year
- Arbutus Greenway will likely be a priority; working group to be developed – we need to develop a position for this space. Many questions to be flushed out.
- Our web page is being updated this month. See: <https://bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc>

8. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See separate document, distributed with the minutes.
- There is a lot going on so these reminders are a monthly heads up to what the current issues are and which ones need to be acted on.
- This month’s reminders:
 - o Providence Health Care about new St Paul’s Hospital site. Go to Talk Vancouver to complete the initial questionnaire. (See link above.)
 - o 10th Ave – lots of changes coming. First changes will be in the Health District: Cambie St. to Oak St.
 - o Downtown Separated Bike Lanes – Protected lanes are not shown as being protected by barriers, although the City advises that they plan to include barriers. Painted lines with buffer zone, pylons on Smithe St. and Nelson St. These lanes should be pushed through westward to Hornby St. Currently only planned to Richards St. Until Friday- please provide comments- View the information displays at <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/downtown-bike-network-expansion-in-depth.aspx#openhouse> - and email your comments to downtownbikenetwork@vancouver.ca by March 25.
 - o Cambie Bridge – Currently has a shared multiuse path going northbound, with unusual exit pattern and very heavy usage, particularly during special events. The City’s plan is to create a protected cycling lane on the bridge deck going southbound, and maintain one way only for bikes northbound on the shared path. An issue is that the exit ramp at the south end of the bridge is too narrow for a separated lane to continue here. Discussion with the City on the option of delaying the separated lane until the exit ramp can be widened, or going ahead and then having a pinch point with a shared lane for exiting at the south end.
 - Propose that the City maintain bidirectional travel on the east side shared path until the separated bike lanes on west side, including exit ramp, are completed.
 - Discussion regarding users on the north seawall path. Will users accept having to go north two blocks to access the southbound protected bikeway?

- Consensus was that it is not too far out of the way, and it isn't a significant hill, so should be fine.

9. Car Free Spaces

- Nothing to report.

10. Communications

- Nothing to report.

11. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Jeff for Lisa)

- ATPC has been asked by City to provide ideas for next ten priority additional routes after the current projects are complete.
- Our gap list was filtered by rank, current projects taken out, and the next ten priorities identified and sent to ATPC for their consideration.

12. HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)

- HUB is launching two new programs this coming year:
 - Bike to Shop, including sponsorship by Business Associations – no to announce yet, and
 - Bike the Night – Family friendly event at night, lots of bright coloured lights: Trout Lake to downtown.

13. Regional Advisory Committee (Arno)

- Recent discussions around:
 - CVG extension towards the Port Mann Bridge
 - Port Mann Access - Coquitlam Mayor wrote a very good letter to MOTI indicating an expectation for proper cycling facilities
 - Massey Tunnel Bridge Replacement – bridge design details meeting held with MOTI.

14. UBC/Bike Co-op Update

- Nothing to report.

15. "Streets for Everyone" Liaison

- Nothing to Report.

16. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Next meeting: 19 April 2016.

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc