

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Mar. 10, 2016

In attendance: Dave, Peter, Ivan, Jackie
Regrets: Alex

Notes

Upcoming events:

- April 23, 2016: Earth Day Cycle Recycle (Dave, Barry). 13 bikes collected so far (4 kids, rest adult) and 2 parts bikes. Dave will purchase cables and other parts for repairs, to claim through Earth Day organization. Last request for more bikes in Jackie's column which should be in The News of Mar. 11. Barry continues to look for more bikes at the Recycle Depot.
- May 8 (Mother's Day): Art Studio Bike Tour (Barry). Barry's been in contact with Kerry MacLaren, Art Studio Tour organizer.
- Bike Repair Workshop at the Haney Farmers Market: Jackie to ask market manager Eileen Dwillies for a date in late June/July.

Other:

- Open Houses 123 Ave. on Mar. 9 (203 to Laity) and 10 (Laity to 216th). Residents along 123 Ave. had been asked for their preference already through Neighbourhood Transportation Advisory Committees. Our HUB committee had not been asked to participate.
The first Open House showed the following as the preferred option (#1) on the section between 203rd and Laity: No changes proposed west of the multi-use sidewalk under construction at McKenney Creek. East of there, various bulb-outs are proposed, but no provisions for cyclists, with a narrow section where cyclists would be required to take the lane. Retaining parking had higher priority among residents than cycling facilities. This will be weighed against comments received from cyclists and other road users at the Open House. Ample cyclist input is critical, as the solution chosen for this section basically sets the stage for road improvements further east (and possibly west towards 203rd?), including 124 Ave east of 216th Ave. With the bulb-outs, cycling will become more dangerous, and will definitely not be AAA. Option #2: separated bike lanes, either bi-directional on one side of the road, or uni-directional on both sides. Of course, both sides would be much preferred. On-road parking will be lost on both sides in either case. For residents close to the school and Volker Park, the parking lots there will be available for non-school hours. Some can park on side streets. All homes have decent size driveways.
The second Open House showed the proposed solution for the narrower section of 123 Ave. between Laity and 116th. A few buttons were proposed on the western section, and chicanes on the eastern section, with parking alternately on either side of the road. It was proposed to reroute the 123 bike route via 124 Ave. ("Shady Lane"). The distance is the same, but Shady Lane is a local road, traffic calmed with speed humps, and safer and more pleasant for cyclists than this section of 123 Ave. Jackie to prepare HUB committee input, and (urgent) request for comments to Engineering to be sent to Mailchimp list and to be posted on facebook.
- Open House 128 Ave. Mar. 10. Design is similar to the final design of 128th west of 216th with bi-directional MUP on north side of 4-laned roadway. A good section has a narrow grassy boulevard

(0.5m and slightly wider) between the MUP and the roadway. Towards 224th Street the MUP immediately abuts the curb due to limited right of way. There's also a 1.5 m wide shoulder on each side. Problematic is the lack of accessibility for cyclists to Golden Ears Cheeseworks, an important destination. GEC can only be reached from the MUP by crossing 128th at 216th and then riding on the south shoulder (which we were told "cyclists are not encouraged to use"). The other, slightly better option, is to access 128th via 124th Ave., turn on Blackstock and then turn right onto the south shoulder on 128th.

Jackie to prepare HUB committee input.

- Tri-Cities meeting update (Peter). No new developments.
- Group rides: Peter and Helen have joined the Vancouver Cyclist Meet-up group and will be going on some rides with them, so that they will be able to first co-host and then lead their own rides in our area. Peter stressed that rides will be 18 and over only. All committee members are encouraged to join Vancouver Cyclist Meet-up group.
- Annual allowance: we still have \$95.74 left from our \$400 allowance for 2015/2016. Need to send in final claim by the end of the month.
Jackie's still having trouble with her \$209 expense claim to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the Bike to Farms event in Sept. 2015. This is from a \$400 grant set aside by the Ag Committee for the ride.
- Briefly discussed who will take on some tasks. So far we have the following volunteers:
 - Group Ride Leaders **Peter and Helen Jongbloed**
 - Media Representative **Ivan Chow**
 - Events Coordinators
 - **Earth Day: Barry and Dave**
 - **GETI Fest: Barry**