

MINUTES - Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday Sept. 8th, 2016, 7:00pm

LADNER PIONEER LIBRARY (Meeting Room), 4683 51 Street, Ladner

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Sandra, Sandra H., Henk, Hilary, Anton, Patrick, Neil, Roel, Andrea

2. NEW ITEMS: New topics for discussion introduced by Delta HUB members

Centennial Beach trail concept (Henk)

- Henk is affiliated with the Rotary Club of Tsawwassen. Years ago they explored the idea of a path to Centennial Beach along the entrance road (where there continues to be no shoulder for cyclists or pedestrians).
- The timing may be better now to engage Metro Vancouver (land owner) and other stakeholders such as the Southlands project.
- **Action:** Patrick to invite Brad from Century Group to future HUB meeting.

Flexible bollards to create semi-separated bike lanes (Patrick)

- North Shore HUB committee involved in new initiative to employ "flexible delineators" or bollards to create a dedicated cycling lane towards town centre on Lynn Valley Road Blvd. Similar approach noted on 41 St. in Vancouver.
- <http://www.nsnews.com/news/bike-lanes-in-hedge-creature-out-for-now-1.2334363>
- Suggestion that this might be employed on SFPR/Hwy 17 to heighten awareness and safety for cyclists using the unprotected bike lanes.
- **Action:** Follow-up with MoTI about use of flexible bollards on highways (SFPR).



National trail etiquette or guide (Hilary)

- Idea about having a multi-user "code of conduct"/guide for shared trails; suggestion that, in many instances, greater awareness and education among trail users might be preferred to division or exclusion (i.e. Deas Island).
- **Action:** Hilary & Sandra to see if any trail etiquette guides exist. Suggestion to follow-up with Trans-Canada Trail (Leon Lebrun) about resources. Sandra provided "Bell or Yell" sign that now exists on Stanley Park causeway:



Police enforcement of speeding vehicles (Roel):

- A concern was noted about a lack of Police enforcement of speeding vehicles in certain areas of Delta where cyclists travel. Reference was made to a Police Task Force that the City of Vancouver has for vulnerable road users.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to follow-up with new Delta Police supervisor of the Vulnerable Sector Unit (A/Sgt. John Jasmins) about attending future meeting.

3. UPDATE: Metro Vancouver Regional Parks & Trails

- Patrick had a brief discussion with the manager of Metro Vancouver's Regional Parks about cycling on park trails (Deas Is.), signage, and future trail additions.
- MV feels that Deas Island is a small park, balancing various users (including horses, who have limited options); right now they intend to keep horse trails "as is". There may be some disruptions during Massey Bridge construction, and MV will be on touch with Delta HUB as they learn about any plans.
- Re: trail expansions, the idea is to forge better connections from Annacis Island to Centennial Beach; however, it will be a year before any engagement occurs.

4. UPDATE: Translink Southwest Area Transport Plan (Cycling components)

- Anton (Chair, SWATP Public Advisory Committee) provided a recap of July 28 SWATP meeting and June 23 Stakeholder Workshop.
- There was strong cycling representation at both sessions, helping to bolster multi-modal approaches to active transportation.
- Translink's spring survey had a high response rate from South Delta/TFN compared to Richmond; strong engagement through local channels.

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

→ Spot Improvement List

- Delta HUB provided Delta Engineering with updated Spot Improvement List in August; a meeting with Engineering is forthcoming. They have been responding to some of the smaller operational items; others will require capital planning. In addition, a map is being prepared highlighting the spot improvement locations.
- **Action:** Provide Spot Improvement List to MoTI re: provincial jurisdiction items

→ New Project: Wayfinding Report

- Based on signage gaps noted by community members in Spot Improvement List

and through outreach, Delta HUB is preparing a Wayfinding Guide. The report will identify locations and suggested signage ideas, including best practices from other jurisdictions.

- **Action:** Develop first draft with Safety/Routes committee (fall 2016), and then share with local cycling stakeholders. Once completed, the Wayfinding Report can be provided to Delta, MoTI and others as a recommendation document.

Local/Regional Infrastructure

→ Port/MoTI Truck Staging Facility

- During the summer, Delta HUB was approached by the Port/MoTI about changes to the local cycling network in connection with the new Truck Staging Facility at Hwy 17 and Deltaport Way
- To effect that project, an existing paved pathway to Hwy 17A will be removed.
- The current gravel path from Hwy 17 to 64 St. will be paved, and the concrete blockades will be removed.
- In response to concerns about cyclist conflicts at the Hwy 17/Hwy 17A merge, and the two new exit ramps to Deltaport Way, signage will be added to direct cyclists to 64 St/28 Ave; "Cross When Safe" signs will also appear at each ramp.
- MoTI & the Port are considering Delta HUB's suggestion to pave the eastbound gravel path that connects northbound Hwy 17 users to 28th. The path would substitute for the one being removed; it would also strengthen the local cycling network via 28th and 64 St (which is being impacted by the Staging facility).
- **Action:** Delta HUB to follow-up with MoTI about paving of Hwy 17/28th path

→ George Massey Tunnel Replacement (GMTR)

- The GMTR Cycling Working Group met during the summer (Aug. 24th).
- HUB will soon receive a draft table prepared by Delta and Richmond identifying possible regional cycling connections, post-bridge. A further update will be provided by Delta HUB when this discussion document is available.
- River Road & Hwy 17A have both been identified as key Delta routes.

→ TFN Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW)

- The new boardwalk connecting TFN to the breakwater will be open to cyclists and pedestrians in late September. This will represent an important functional and symbolic start to the GBHW trail. Delta HUB will be invited to the opening.

→ Hwy 17 Widening/52 Street

- Delta HUB continues to track agreed upon improvements (i.e. cyclist-activated signal; caution paint across 52 St merge lane, and concerns about raised bus stop format in the cycling shoulder of Hwy 17).
- While bus stop on 52nd is not complete, the stop on eastbound Hwy 17 has "Cyclist dismount" sign. The proposed caution paint "hatching" that MoTI promised has not yet been implemented.
- **Action:** Patrick will follow-up with MoTI on status of mitigations and proposals.

Education/Engagement

→ Delta HUB participation at Visitor Booths with Delta Chamber

- Sandra, Liz, and Hilary participated at 2 booths in the Ladner Village Market
- Engaged with both local and regional cyclists about routes to and within Delta.

→ Spanish-language Cycling Rules poster

- The "Cycling Rules" poster for local farm workers was finalized & printed in the

- summer; ICBC kindly supported Delta HUB with the printing cost for this pilot.
- The poster will be distributed to greenhouses (both directly and through the Delta Farmers Institute and other agricultural intermediaries); it will also be displayed at grocery stores, transit stations, and other locations frequented by farm workers on their bikes.
- The poster is included as an agenda item at the next Delta Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting (Sept 13).
- A cover letter and an English-language version will also be provided.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to finalize cover letter and print English version.

→ Bike bell donation

- During the summer Delta HUB was invited to participate in a soccer event for farm workers organized by the Tsawwassen Rotary Club and the Delta Police.
- Patrick, Sandra and Roel attended, and handed out bike bells that the committee purchased from the Delta Bike Company with our year-end budget:



→ Delta HUB in the Delta Optimist

- Delta HUB contributed an article to the Delta Optimist on July 16:
<http://www.delta-optimist.com/news/hub-making-cycling-safer-in-delta-1.2302875>
- A future joint submission with Delta Police is being planned for the fall. This will coincide with a safety initiative by Delta Police re: safe cycling and the need for bells and lights. The Spanish-language poster for the farm workers will also be mentioned, along with need to develop off-road greenways.
- **Action:** Neil and Patrick to work with Delta Police on the proposed submission.

→ HUB Learn2Ride bike education course

- Following-up on the course offered at Holly Elementary, HUB will be providing a 2-day Learn2Ride course with Heath Elementary in North Delta on Sept 23 (educational component) and Sept 29 (biking component).
- The course is being provided free-of-charge to students at Heath (HUB was able to secure funding through Translink).
- HUB will once again invite Delta Engineering, Delta Police, and interested Delta Council members to observe the course.

→ Delta HUB local presentations

- Patrick presented at the Tsawwassen Rotary Club on Aug. 4. Delta HUB has also been invited to speak at the Ladner Rotary Club on Oct. 4.

6. GUEST: Andrea Frustaci, President of the Ladner Business Association (LBA)

- Andrea explained the approach being taken by the LBA – to try and capitalize on the new TFN mall, and bring more people and opportunities to Ladner Village.
- Various plans are underway to support local businesses (including a GoFundMe campaign for new lighting: <https://www.gofundme.com/LadnerVillage>).
- The LBA is interested in creating an ambiance in Ladner Village, which would include a renewed focus on getting people to walk (and cycle) to the Village.
- An extension of the Millennium Trail into downtown Ladner would be a great addition – particularly for regional visitors once Massey Bridge done.
- In the short term, the street improvements being made to Delta Street and 48th are key (complemented by the eventual redevelopment of the waterfront).
- Signage and improved wayfinding is one area where Delta HUB might support the LBA; other ideas include cycling-friendly businesses (and perhaps even a “Tuesday night cycle night/discount” at participating local restaurants).
- During the summer, Delta HUB met with the Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association (Lydia Elder), which has a similar interest in supporting walking & cycling activity to the town centre. Beautification, signage, and awareness-building are all key elements – particularly for cyclists and visitors (birders) who come here from other parts of Metro Vancouver.
- Bike-sharing might be something to explore with TFN and the respective business associations.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

George Massey Tunnel Replacement – Environmental Assessment

- Comments on EA due by Oct. 3

HUB Cycling Annual General Meeting – Saturday, Sept. 17 at 12:30pm

(Location: New West Public Library)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 6th, 2016 (Location: Ladner Pioneer Library)

Upcoming guests (*dates to be confirmed):

- Joan Caravan, Cycling/Transportation Planner, City of Richmond
- Brad Semke, Project Manager, Southlands
- Delta Community Police