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HUB Bicycle Bulletin - Summer Reading Edition

Welcome to the new HUB Bicycle Bulletin...we're now mobile-friendly! Lots has been happening with bikes and cycling over the summer - read on and [share](#) your article ideas, community updates, and photos of your bike life!

CYCLING COURSES & WORKSHOPS



There's a StreetWise course for everyone, regardless of age or ability - from children and youth, to adults and seniors.

Voice your support for preserving the Arbutus Corridor

The Arbutus Corridor is an [11km-long unused rail line](#) that passes through numerous communities and gardens from False Creek to the Fraser River. Currently there are many flourishing community gardens along its length and it has the potential to be a fantastic greenway for active transportation.

Canadian Pacific owns the line, and despite over a decade of talks, the City of Vancouver and CP have not been able to reach an agreement to sell the land for permanent public use.

[VISIT THE PETITION PAGE](#)

Voice your support for this preservation effort, and for the future potential of active transportation there.

Update - Long-term Closure of Ironworkers Memorial Bridge

Whether you're cycling for the first time, starting to ride on streets, or looking to take your cycling knowledge and skills to the next level, we have a course for you!

The next Ride the Road (intermediate) course is Saturday, August 23 - [find out more & register online!](#)



The 'Demystify' series of bike maintenance and mechanics courses teach you about bike function, maintenance, and basic repair.

Find out about our upcoming courses, and register online:

[August 28: Demystify Your Brakes](#)
[September 7: Demystify Your Bike](#)
[September 14: Demystify Your Wheels](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Look for HUB at upcoming events!

13 SEP

[UNA Barn Raising](#), with Modo.

14 SEP

[Mount Pleasant BIA Autumn Shift Festival](#)

27 OCT - 2 NOV

[Bike to Work Week](#)

East Sidewalk

Originally scheduled for completion in August, 2014, replacement of the east sidewalk of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge and installation of safety fence has been delayed until October.

However, Minister of Transportation Todd Stone confirmed with HUB that widening of the Dollarton off-ramp sidewalk approach is now scheduled for completion prior to the re-opening of the east sidewalk, and will include a fence separating the path from the roadway, in part based on our request!

Special thanks to volunteers from the HUB North Shore, Vancouver and Burnaby committees, and to Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) staff and MLAs who helped make this important addition to the project!

MOTI is undertaking further planning on the approaches to the bridge to develop options for future improvements. Overall completion of this project is March 31, 2015.

[VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE](#)

Upcoming Sidewalk Closures on Lions Gate Bridge

Joint replacement work of the north approach viaduct of the Lions Gate Bridge - a 670m stretch which connects Marine Drive to the bridge - will result in the temporary closure of alternating portions of sidewalk at night, beginning this month and continuing through late November, 2014.

This work is part of a \$7.6 million rehabilitation project by the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) that will result in improved sidewalk and roadway profiles for safer cycling and driving, reduced maintenance related lane closures, and quieter bridge crossings.

Please watch for and obey detour signs, use lights and reflective gear, and travel with caution and slower speeds during these closures.

[VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE](#)

Powell Street Overpass bike lane opens

A two-direction, separated bike lane opened on Powell Street in Vancouver's railway district at the end of July, spanning Hawks Street to Clark Drive.

More information and connectivity tips on our website!

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

EVENT PROFILE



Are you or someone you know between 18-27, and inspired by the outdoors? Want to create launch-ready projects designed to inspire others to live and play outside?

You could be one of 150 young people attending a 2-day **MEC Outdoor Nation Vancouver Summit** this September. The top three projects from the Vancouver Summit receive project funding from MEC.

For your chance to represent HUB at MEC Outdoor Nation, [email us](#) by Monday, August 25 at 5pm.

JOIN US!



Your **Cycling Connection**

Help us build a connected cycling network, and better biking for everyone in Metro Vancouver.

Your membership funds our research, marketing and events, and represents the voice of cycling for all ages and abilities in the region.

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HUB members save on bikes, car sharing, legal & health/wellness services, travel & touring, restaurants, accommodation, and

BC Court of Appeal Decision - Passing on the Right

In early July, [the BC Court of Appeal found](#) that an injured cyclist was totally at fault for an accident that occurred while he was passing a vehicle on its right.

The ruling determines that a person on a bike who chooses to pass a vehicle on the right does so entirely at their own risk. According to the prevailing judges' opinions, a bike may only pass a vehicle on the right while in a designated bike lane.

Lawyer David Hay of Richards Buell Sutton has written an in-depth analysis of *Ormiston v. ICBC* and its potential implications for cycling.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Provincial grants boost City & District of North Vancouver bike routes

This summer, [the Province of BC confirmed its commitment](#) of \$440,000 for new bike lanes and paths in the city and district of North Vancouver.

Key gaps in cycling infrastructure along Mount Seymour Parkway, Lynn Valley Road and Third Street will be put in place over the next year.

"The Province is doing a great job of responding to municipalities who identify these gaps, and we're happy to be able to lend our voice of support," said HUB North Shore Committee chair Antje Wahl. "We hope to be included in some of the planning going forward, and help turn more multi-use pathways into protected bike lanes to reduce conflict with pedestrians, so the investments can last for the long-term."

[Read more](#) about the announcement and the specific projects receiving funding in North Vancouver.

Cycling speed & mixed-use paths

As the popularity of cycling increases, there are more people on foot and on bikes sharing space on mixed use paths.

Recent incidents have raised the issue of cycling speeds and behaviour around pedestrians. Please remember three very important points when on a bike:

1. **Yield to Foot Traffic:** Slow down when in pedestrian areas, and yield to those on foot; walk your bike on sidewalks.
2. **Signs & Symbols:** When approaching mixed-use

more!

[Check out all our member benefits.](#)

Support our work to improve cycling conditions by making a tax-deductible charitable donation to HUB.



ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Join as an organization member to **benefit from the bike economy** - receive exclusive advertising and sponsorship opportunities, plus valuable discounts and savings.

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

[AFCC Automotive Fuel Cell Cooperation](#) is a joint-venture private company between Daimler AG and Ford Motor Company, responsible for research, product development, and product launch of automotive fuel cell stacks. AFCC is located in Burnaby and has 230 engineers, scientists, technical and business professionals with a key value of working hard and having fun.

MEMBER BENEFITS PROVIDER UPDATE

[Zipcar](#) is the world's largest member based car sharing community. As a member, you have access to a fleet of vehicles at a moments notice all over the world. Zipcar car-sharing benefits for HUB [individual members](#), [organization members](#) and [Workplace Cycling Workshop](#) clients have changed -

paths, always look for signs and symbols (such as paint on pavement) about cycling speed and right-of-way.

3. **Share Nicely:** On mixed use paths, stick to 15km/h or less and respect people on foot. Be aware of your speed and surroundings at all times, and slow down in advance of crossings.

Vancouver Riviera? Head over to the Seaside Greenway!

The last beautiful stretch of the Seaside Greenway bike path from Burrard Bridge to Jericho Beach has been completed and is ready to enjoy by all ages!

Alongside a number of community partners, HUB celebrated the completion of the path on July 5th with music, food, kids games and decorations along the new stretch. Create your own movable bike party before our beautiful summer weather ends - start at Science World, Granville Island or UBC, plan a swim and picnic at Jericho Beach!

- Tell us what you think on our [Facebook page](#) or via [Twitter](#)
- [Email our local politicians](#) to thank them for delivering this project...almost 20 years in the planning!
- [Tell Vancouver Parks Board](#) that you support more separated bike and pedestrian lanes - and more bike parking - at beach-side paths and concessions along the Greenway

Lastly - be sure to check out the City's latest statistics on the increase in the number of bike trips recorded along the Burrard Bridge in recent months!

[SEE THE LATEST STATISTICS](#)

check it out!

Help Build Better Biking - Volunteer with HUB

2014 Municipal Elections Working Groups

We want to talk to candidates for mayor and council in all municipalities about their position on cycling, and need your help! Help us inform candidates about cycling concerns in the city, get candidates' answers and feedback, and support this year's 'Vote to Bike' campaign! Become part of a working group - contact elections@bikehub.ca.

Burnaby HUB Committee

Burnaby is looking for fresh faces to help work on important issues, such as the Metrotown Skytrain Station & Bus Loop upgrade, Ironworkers Memorial Bridge access, improvements to the Sea to River route, and the Central Valley Greenway. For more information, [email the committee directly](#).



Surrey / White Rock / North Delta HUB Committee

Did you know Surrey's area is larger than that of Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond combined, and its population is expected to exceed that of Vancouver in the next few years? This committee is also expected to grow - we need your help! if you're passionate about biking south of the Fraser from Tsawwassen to Langley, [contact the committee today!](#)



Marketing & Communications Committee

From the bikehub.ca website, to events, to advertising & design, there is no end of fun projects with the HUB Marketing & Communications team! We're looking for creative people, technical people, and people-people to help us expand the brand. [Contact Colin today](#) for more information.

Our Supporters

HUB organization members support cycling, representing the growing community of bike consumers and commuters, cycle tourists, recreational cyclists, transportation policymakers, and all families, seniors and students who bike! The following organization members have contributed at the Platinum and Gold levels.



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