

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 28th September, 2016

Attendees

Derek, Debbie, Donna (new member), Ellie (HUB) and Stuart (HUB)

Approval of past minutes

Meetings from previous minutes adopted, moved by Debbie and seconded by Derek

Update from HUB

- Currently focused on advocating for increased funding and are stating the case to Bike BC and MoTI, and providing template letters to allow municipal staff to do the same
- Have received \$25K USD from Bullit foundation for Ungap the Map which will allow us to develop new tools and promote awareness of gaps
- Also working with Urban Systems (contracted by MOTI) to share our gap model and knowledge of the gaps with them
- HUB Cycling is one of the designated charities in the #Bikosforchange competition, please download Biko and use it to collect points and donate them to HUB.
- Fall Bike to Work Week is from October 24th-30th, there will be three celebration stations in Richmond this year:
 - Tue Oct 25 @ Canada Line Bridge (City of Richmond)
 - Wed Oct 26 6:30-9am @ Richmond Hospital
 - Thu Oct 27 4-6pm YVR Flight Path Park

Debbie - Joan Caravan from the City of Richmond will be at the celebration stations

Massey Tunnel Replacement

- It has been confirmed that there will definitely be cycling routes on the Bridge but it is unclear whether the Province will create routes on either side of the Bridge. HUB's representatives on the Cycling Working Group are advocating for bike infrastructure along the whole 24km route, in line with the Province's commitment to include bike routes on every new road they create. will get cycling/walking but nothing on either side yet.
- The aim is to have a route from Oak St to the Ferry and then to the Border from Delta but Province has not committed yet. The Cycling Working Group has been asked to submit proposals for potential routes to submit to MoTI.
- Map of proposed route circulated (attached to minutes) Richmond committee asked to score them using a similar criteria to Ungap the Map system.
- Derek runs through routes. Debbie expressed concern that Sidaway Road has too many ditches. Donna feels that Shell Road could be dangerous due to it frequently being at fire risk in the summer and voiced concern that there could be conflict due to the number of dog walkers who use the route. The committee agreed that the Highway 99 right of way route was definitely the most direct but there would not be many destinations along it so it might not be used much by slower cyclists or those who cover shorter distances.

Donna also felt that cycling alongside the highway may not be pleasant due to noise and pollution.

- Derek suggested using the right of way between Williams @ No 5 freeway but Joan at City of Richmond does not favour this route.
- **ACTION:** Ellie to circulate routes and scoring chart to all attendees who will submit their scores and return them to Ellie.

Open discussion: What should be the top priorities for the committee this year?

Began to discuss priorities but ran out of time, ones briefly touched on include:

- McMillan where the bike lane ends at Westminster Highway, the eastbound bike lane drops into quickly moving traffic, there needs to be an additional lane added.
- Potential assessment ride.
- 3 Road - Bike route is on a raised platform and only on one side of the road. It could be a good route that would make cycling more visible in the area.
- Better connections are needed at Van Horne Way, at Gilbert or Linus Lane through the park. Better signage, lowered speed limits and better lit pathways would all improve the route.
- Push for trails to be delineated rather than shared use paths which are hard to understand
- Westminster at Nelson - bikes need to be more visible and better protected
- Railway tracks at Westminster Highway
- Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

AOB

Andrew Feltham (New West's request re Nelson and Westminster Highway Intersection)

- Derek explained the situation to other committee members - this area is owned by MoTI so it's out of City hands. Committee would be willing to send a joint letter to MoTI in partnership with New West committee.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26th 7-8.30pm.