

MINUTES – Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday January 4th, 2018, 7:00pm

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees: Patrick (Chair), Carol, Roel, John, Sandra, Phil, Hilary, Matthias

Regrets: Dave, Neil, Melanie, Greg

2. NEW ITEMS: New items included for discussion

→ 529 Garage bike security initiative with Delta Police

- Delta Police hosted an event on Dec 16th at Caps South Shore Cycles. Delta HUB, Vancouver Police, the community police volunteers, and 529 Garage staff also participated.
- The 529 Garage project has proven highly effective in the City of Vancouver; bike thefts were reduced by 30-35%.
- At the event, community members brought their bicycles and registered them online using 529 Garage app (taking photos and inputting date/model information); a decal was also placed on each bike.
- The event was a "pilot" to begin socializing the program in Delta and test the app.
- Delta Police anticipates that two more events will happen in the spring (one in Ladner and one in Tsawwassen). Delta HUB will be invited.
- Delta HUB has suggested that the spring events could be coordinated with a local bike ride (i.e. beginning or culminating at the registration event).



→ Update re: Hwy 17A pedestrian bridge

- Delta HUB's 2017 Priority List identified a challenge with the existing bike tracks on the Hwy 17A pedestrian bridge (behind the Ladner Leisure Centre). The tracks are too close to the railings, making it very difficult for users to safely use them to cross the bridge.
- Delta Engineering contacted Delta HUB in December to indicate that staff is looking at options to address the accessibility issues raised. They are planning to relocate one of the bike ramps to the stairs, further away from the railings (due to space constraints – and the safety of pedestrian users – only the track on one side will be relocated).
- The work should be completed by February.

→ Upcoming TTC meeting with Delta Engineering (Jan. 24th)

- Delta HUB has been invited to participate in Delta Engineering's next Transportation Technical Meeting in January. The focus of the meeting will be the items from Delta HUB's recently completed 2018 Priority List.

→ MLA outreach (Delta South and Delta North)

- Delta HUB will connect with both MLA's to introduce the work of our committee (Ravi Kahlon in North Delta and Ian Paton in South Delta).
- The focus will be on topics that fall within Provincial jurisdiction (including the priorities outlined in Delta HUB's December 2017 letter to the Ministry of Transportation)

- Delta HUB plans to follow-up with Ian Paton about the proposed replacement of the wooden pedestrian bridge in Ladner Harbour Park (<http://www.delta-optimist.com/news/bridge-in-works-to-complete-pedestrian-trail-1.14441441>). The repair plans for the Westham Island Bridge, while falling within TransLink's jurisdiction, will also be raised.

→ HUB Cycling Program update

- HUB Cycling provided a detailed year-end summary of Metro Vancouver municipalities and their respective plans/commitments for bike training courses (including both Learn2Ride and RideTheRoad courses for grade school youth).
- While Delta has not yet invested in any HUB training courses, there have been three courses offered locally so far (primarily through TransLink funding). Each course was well-received by the students and teachers that participated.
- Many municipalities invest in Celebration Stations during fall or spring Bike-to-Work Week (including Delta in the past). Locally, Tsawwassen Mills/Tsawwassen First Nation has expressed some interest in a Celebration Station for 2018.

3. DISCUSSION TOPIC: 2018 Cycling Priorities, City of Delta

(**See attached 2018 Priority List)

Additional Comments:

→ Re: River Road West, Ladner (46A St to Brunswick Point)

- Suggestion to use a Go-Pro camera to make a video about the condition of the roadway, and the lack of safety for vulnerable users such as cyclists. The video could be posted to YouTube, and used in our engagement with the City of Delta to more thoroughly convey the safety risk that River Road West now represents.
- The need is underscored by the fact that Delta is investing in city parks (like Wellington Point Park, along River Road) yet there are few safe, active travel options for individuals and families to reach such destinations.

→ Re: 72nd St, East Ladner (Boundary Bay dike trail to SFPR exit/Ladner Trunk)

- The importance of this roadway was highlighted by the presence of an emerging job centre for commuter cyclists (at the Boundary Bay Airport industrial zone).
- Also, with proximity to the Boundary Bay dike trail, there are significant tourist opportunities for regional cyclists, including restaurants at the golf course and Airport.

→ Re: 28 Ave, Tsawwassen (56 St to 52 St)

- 28 Ave is a key connector between 64 St, the Boundary Bay dike trail, 52 St, and the new Salish Sea Drive in TFN.
- With increased use of 64 St for recreational and commuter cycling (between Ladner, Tsawwassen and the BC Ferries terminal), as well as the emerging job centres at TFN (industrial area and mall), this section of 28 Ave requires widening.
- Presently 28 Ave is busy with car traffic and narrow (no shoulder).

→ Re: 75A Ave, North Delta

- Delta HUB submitted a letter to Mayor & Council with feedback for the proposed high-rise tower at the corner of 75A and Scott Road.
- Due to the increased amount of vehicular traffic at that intersection – and the fact that Surrey just completed bike lanes on 75A east of Scott Road – this is a key opportunity to provide quality east-west cycling infrastructure for area residents.

→ Re: Arthur Drive, north of 44 Ave, Ladner (Signage)

- Destination signage is required at 44 Ave & Arthur Drive northbound.
- Delta HUB really appreciates the investment by Delta in quality bike lanes on Arthur Drive (and bike buttons at the 44 Ave intersection). Cyclists are expected at this location, which serves a gateway for to Ladner Village, Trenant Park, or further travel to Westham Island.
- However, other than a generic green bike symbol, there is no signage to inform northbound riders of their options, or the destinations that lie ahead (north, east and west).
- Wayfinding signage is needed here to educate bikers about turning *right* on 44 Ave (to Trenant Park via Maple Lane), *straight ahead* on Arthur Drive (to Ladner Village), or *left* on 45 Ave (to Westham Island/Wellington Point Park).
- Other stakeholders (such as the Ladner Business Association, TBIA, Rotary Club, or Tourism Delta) would likely support such initiatives too.

→ Re: 56 St, Tsawwassen (between 6 Ave and 9 Ave)

- With Southlands and Winskill Park both experiencing changes – and both incorporating multi-use paths for cyclists through their respective sites – there is a unique opportunity to connect cyclists all the way from Centennial Beach to the Tsawwassen Town Centre.
- The section of 56 between 6 Ave and 9 Ave contains two parallel sidewalks on the east side of the road (pedestrians only use the inner sidewalk, leaving the sidewalk next to the roadway empty and under-utilized).
- Delta HUB feels that this is the ideal time to create a multi-use path using the roadside sidewalk, and connect it with plans for MUP's at Southlands and Winskill Park, respectively.
- With ideas for cycling infrastructure along 12 Ave, this could create a complete and highly identifiable “cycling loop” for individuals and families, and an opportunity for those who may be reluctant to cycle locally to travel by bike for recreation or shopping.

→ Re: 12 Ave, Tsawwassen

- Road improvements will be happening in conjunction with both Southlands and Tsawwassen Town Centre redevelopments, creating conditions for a cycling “spine” along 12 Ave.
- This dually supports the *South Delta Business Sustainability Strategy* and fulfills objectives of *Tsawwassen Area Plan* (which envisioned a “Main Street” atmosphere on 12 Ave)
- To realize this vision, 12 Ave would require widening between 56 St and 53A St.
- Improvements to the 56/12 Ave intersection (which will be occurring with the Southlands) should include green caution paint and/or a potential bike box to protect and safely separate westbound cyclists from the cars that merge onto 56 St (northbound).
- In addition, to inform locals or tourists about options, destination signage is recommended at this intersection (i.e. to Centennial Beach, or vice-versa to the Town Centre).

→ Re: River Road East (from Millennium Trail to Hopcott Road in Tilbury)

- This is a key commuter route for cyclists travelling to Tilbury Industrial Park, or between North Delta and South Delta; it also has access to the Mainroad bike shuttle (at the Town & Country Inn) for cyclists heading through the Massey Tunnel from North Delta.
- Currently there is only a shoulder on one side of River Rd in this section; as a result, cyclists are encouraged to take a detour via Hopcott/Tilbury Rd (but few do).
- Delta HUB suggests adding a bike lane in this section. With the SFPR, River Road East has become a more common cycling route (fewer trucks). Also, good connection with Deas Island/Millennium Trail, which should be leveraged for tourists and recreational travelers.

***Next Delta HUB Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7pm (Ladner Pioneer Library)