

These Minutes will be adopted at the next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 19, 2006

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

PRESENT:	Bonnie Fenton, Chair Jack Becker Justin Berger Colin Brander Graeme Brown Allison Felker Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair Neil Salway
ABSENT:	Mary Sherlock (Leave of Absence) Kay Teschke (Leave of Absence) Ken Timewell (Leave of Absence)
ALSO PRESENT:	Councillor Peter Ladner Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation David Pritchard, Chair, Bicycle Network Sub-committee Peter Stary, Neighbourhood Transportation
ALSO ABSENT:	Commissioner Heather Holden, Vancouver Park Board Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

Attendance

There were no objections to granting leaves of absence to Mary Sherlock, Kay Teschke and Ken Timewell for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2006, meeting were adopted.

VARY THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the Agenda in order to deal with Item 2 first. For ease of reference, the Agenda Items are minuted in numerical order.

1. University Endowment Lands

At its meeting on May 3, 2006, the Bicycle Network Sub-committee identified a series of issues to be passed on to the Ministry of Transportation regarding the University Endowment Lands (UEL). Representatives were unable to attend the June 21, 2006, meeting, and were therefore invited to the July 19, 2006, meeting.

Accordingly, David Grigg, UBC, and Grant Smith, Ministry of Transportation, were present to respond to these issues as follows:

Imperial Drive between 16th Avenue and 29th Avenue

- Mr. Grigg noted that he would like to see Imperial improved and supports an integrated wayfinding system which would include all parties, including GVRD Parks.

Chancellor Boulevard

- Mr. Smith noted that there is currently no Ministry of Transportation funding available for upgrades and suggested that partner organizations like UBC or GVRD could identify cycling improvements and make an application for provincial CIPP program funds.

NW Marine Drive, City of Vancouver boundary to Chancellor

- Mr. Grigg noted that a comprehensive review is needed, in particular to deal with the westbound (uphill) direction. He has tried to initiate such a review but was not able to proceed because of a lack of funding.
- Mr. Grigg also mentioned that an Official Community Plan exists for the University Endowment Lands but there is no bicycle plan included. UBC could take initiative to champion a bicycle plan.

16th/SW Marine Drive intersection

- Mr. Smith noted that a roundabout is being considered here and is likely to be constructed in about 3 to 4 years

SW Marine Drive, Camosun to UBC

- in response to suggestions that there be a barrier between motor vehicles and the shoulder bike route, Mr. Grigg and Mr. Smith noted that the shoulder needs to remain accessible for emergency stopping. Future roundabouts may help to slow traffic in this area.

NW Marine west of West Mall

- with regard to parking, it was noted police do ticket vehicles and there is a tow truck in the area.

Concerns were also expressed with regard to signage and illegal stopping in the bike lane on University Boulevard between Allison Street and Westbrook Mall. Mr. Grigg noted measures are underway to make the median higher and that signage along the bike lane could also be improved.

Messrs. Grigg and Smith responded to questions concerning jurisdictional, cost-sharing, and funding issues. With regard to the lack of a bicycle plan with the UEL, it was suggested the Bicycle Users Group at UBC be reinstated as this would make it easier for the province to get involved. Members also stressed a need for all bodies involved to get together and develop a plan for improved cycling facilities.

Discussion ensued on whether a recommendation would be required. With regard to getting all bodies involved, Councillor Ladner suggested including the GVRD/UBC Joint Committee, as Councillor Anton sits on that committee. It was also suggested the Committee put forward a Motion recommending Council request staff to initiate action with other parties to improve connectivity of cycling facilities into Electoral District A; however, it was agreed to withhold moving a Motion at this time.

2. East Fraserlands ODP - Proposed Bike Plans

Wali Memon, Strategic Transportation Planning, Peter Stary, Neighbourhood Transportation and Greenways, Karyn Magneson, Projects - Engineering, and Andrea Tang, Current Planning, presented an overview of the East Fraserlands ODP and, in particular, the accommodation of cycling in the neighbourhood, changes to the Kent Avenue Bikeway and the development of the Fraser River Trail Greenway. Staff also sought the Committee's feedback.

During discussion comments included the following:

- concern expressed regarding precluding bikelanes and wayfinding;
- important to have traffic calming measures and diversions; and
- parking will be an issue.

Staff responded to concerns raised and the Committee agreed to support the project in principle with a 10% cycling mode share and cycling friendly area.

With regard to wayfinding issues, Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation, advised that Engineering staff will be reporting to the Committee on the Street Furniture Amenity Program as it relates to improvements to cycling facilities.

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports in principle the cycling facilities proposed to date in the East Fraserlands, keeping in mind a 10% cycling mode share before 2010 and noting that this should be a cycling friendly area that will be a feeder route to the new Canada Line.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Transportation Plan Progress Report

This item was postponed to the September meeting.

4. Southeast False Creek Update

Michael Naylor, Planner, Central Area Major Developments Group, Dale Bracewell, Manager, Olympic Transportation Planning, and Robin Petri, Project Engineer, Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village, provided an update on the Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village

site (*summary on file*). Staff sought the Committee's feedback, in particular, on the proposal to have the Seaside route on the water's edge.

Also in attendance to respond to questions were Stephen Gardner, Ward Consulting Group, and Ayme Sharma, Merrick Architecture.

Highlights included the following:

- overview of overall framework for bike movements on the site;
- explanation of the process for proposed changes to the Official Development Plan for the grocery store and the community centre;
- overview of street and bikeway design on the site; and
- description of proposed land use changes and the implications for the bikeways.

Points raised during discussion included the following:

- recommend having the bike route along the water's edge but would like to see the route straightened out as much as possible, not like the Coal Harbour route;
- strongly encourage taking traffic off Ontario Street or at least making it one-way, and using Manitoba Street as the primary traffic access into the area;
- encourage a minimum 5 metre pedestrian/cyclist path;
- encourage off-road pedestrian and cyclist access to the school; and
- suggest off-street bike facilities in order to minimize conflicts.

Impacts from potential road closures, in particular on Ontario Street and Salt (Zero) Avenue near the Plaza, were also discussed.

Ms. Petri requested a staff update on the Southeast False Creek project be added to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee Agenda for September 6, 2006.

RESOLVED

THAT, further to the Bicycle Advisory Committee's motion of November 17, 2004, the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the final design for cycling in the Southeast False Creek development include the following:

- a) a minimum 5 metre pedestrian/cycling path parallel to Ontario street;
- b) Ontario street be either car-free or one-way for motor vehicle traffic;
- c) the seaside path be designed to minimize conflicts and maximize safety;
- d) off-road pedestrian and cyclist access be provided to the school; and
- e) direct bicycle/pedestrian connections from the Ontario Bikeway/greenway to Science World and points north.

FURTHER THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the seaside path along the waterfront and the proposal that trucks will not use Ontario Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Sub-committee Reports

a. *Bicycle Network Sub-committee*

Peter Sary, Neighbourhood Transportation, referred to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee Meeting Notes of July 11, 2006 (*distributed - on file*) and sought the Committee's approval of two recommendations.

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee support the Bicycle Plan Progress Report recommendations and encourage City Council to extend the pilot initiatives contained within the update, including:

1. bicycle parking funding;
2. funding of bicycle data collection; and
3. marketing cycling.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee appoint Gertjan Hofman as Chair of the Bicycle Network Sub-committee, replacing David Pritchard.

FURTHER THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee thanks David Pritchard for all his hard work and dedication to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Bicycle Education and Promotion Sub-committee

The Vice-Chair provided a brief, verbal update regarding Bicycle Map distribution at various locations and suggested continuing with this initiative over the next few months. She asked whether members would be interested in participating. The Committee expressed general support.

6. New Business

a) Update on Disability and Seniors Committees

The Chair advised that she would like to meet with the Chairs of the Disability and Seniors Committees to discuss common interests, present at each other's committees as well as introduce themselves to the new Director of Planning to discuss mobility issues.

b) Leave of Absence

Jack Becker and Allison Felker will be seeking the Committee's approval for Leaves of Absence at the September meeting.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 20, 2006
5:30 p.m.
Strathcona Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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