



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 21, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 5:30 pm, in the Strathcona Room, Sub-ground, City Hall.

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| PRESENT: | Kari Hewett, Chair Michael Alexander, VACC Alternate Bill Bargeman Jack Becker Richard Campbell Rhiannon Chernencoff Keltie Craig Meghan Winters John Whistler Rob Wynen, Vice-Chair |
| ABSENT: | Colin Brander Gertjan Hofman, VACC Representative (Leave of Absence) Richard Migicovsky |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation (Staff Liaison) David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator |
| CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: | Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator |

Leave of Absence Requests

Leave of absence requests were granted for Gertjan Hofman for this meeting, and Bill Bargeman for the July 21, 2010, meeting. The Committee also noted Councillor Meggs sent his regrets and extend him well wishes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 31, 2010, were approved as amended on page 2:

- strike out "building" and insert "installed" in Item 5 regarding bike racks.

1. Georgia Pedestrian Link Project

Richard Campbell gave an overview of the project, the Bicycle Network Subcommittee meeting with staff on options regarding the Georgia Steps Phase 2 conceptual designs, and outlined the Subcommittee's recommendations (*circulated - on file*).

Engineering staff along with Matthew Bourke and Michael Gordon, Central Area Planning, noted conceptual design objectives with respect to modes and cost estimates, and responded to questions.

The Committee discussed challenges of grade and corner, lighting, sight lines, timeline and opportunity for art.

MOVED by Richard Campbell
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

- A. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly supports the Georgia Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection options that include a bicycle path to Pacific Boulevard.
- B. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends the following with respect to the Georgia Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection:
 - i. THAT the overpass of Pacific Boulevard be included as a core element of the Connection and FURTHER THAT:
 - a. The overpass have separate bicycle and pedestrian paths;
 - b. The overpass connect directly to the Seaside Path;
 - c. That the west (BC Place) side of the overpass land between the bicycle and pedestrian paths.
 - ii. THAT separate bicycle and pedestrian paths be included from Pacific Boulevard to the Seaside Path.
- C. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee suggests the following as design guidelines for consideration:
 - i. THAT measures be taken to reduce conflicts at the intersection of the Georgia Connection and the Seaside Path. A roundabout is one possible option.
 - ii. THAT the bicycle path be continued to the corner of Georgia and Beatty.
 - iii. THAT a bicycle path be considered to from the Georgia Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection to Robson and Beatty possibility via Terry Fox Plaza.
 - iv. THAT coloured and or textured surfaces be used to alert users of conflict areas
 - v. THAT grades be minimized to reduce cyclists speed in the downhill direction and the effort required to cycle in the uphill direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Cycling in Vancouver: Looking Forward to 2010/2011

Mike Anderson, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, outlined cycling program activities and priorities for the remainder of the *2009-2011 Capital Plan* to bridge ongoing initiatives with the development of a new *10-year Cycling Program Master Plan*.

Discussion noted:

- interim draft evaluation matrix will be forwarded to BAC as part of the Bicycle Plan;
- funding available to respond cyclists' suggestions;
- specific projects' funding not identified in report;
- social side (e.g. education) of the cycling *Master Plan*; and
- next update will include discussion with VSB.

3. Neighbourhood Traffic Calming by Kitsilano Secondary School

Following discussion on site review and surrounding neighbourhood, the BAC and/or Bicycle Network Subcommittee will continue to refine the motion regarding the development of Kitsilano Secondary School and surrounding neighbourhood.

Jack Becker, Richard Campbell and Rhiannon Chernencoff will work draft motion for consideration at the May BAC meeting.

4. Update - Bike Month

Engineering staff provided an update on the June 18, 2010, Bike Month event, target group and potential Autumn event.

The Chair advised July 30th is the 25th Anniversary of the BAC.

Committee members were asked to submit ideas for the events via Listserv.

5. Update - BAC Work Plan

(a) *Bike Parking Subcommittee*

Rhiannon Chernencoff reported on the Subcommittee's preliminary Work Plan goals, research on best practices for bicycle parking and recommendations (*Draft distributed - on file*).

Discussion included additional local and European materials on best practices, street parking outside development requirements, and street furniture.

(b) *BAC 2010 Work Plan*

The Chair reviewed the revised Work Plan and requested feedback (*distributed - on file*). Engineering staff provided a brief update on staff projects related to the categories listed.

Discussion noted:

- revised time frame for Item 8,
- Items connected to review at the Provincial level (e.g. Motor Vehicle Act),
- Items 8 and 9 are combined into one, and
- "Sidewalks" to be add as # 6 in Item 10.

The Chair will send the next revision to the Meeting Coordinator to forward to the Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation Manager.

6. Update - 2008-2009 Annual Report

The Chair outlined the following categories for BAC's annual report to Council for the reporting period of May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2010:

- Committee goals
- Summary of Committee's decision and recommendations
- Guest Speakers and Staff presentations

- Media
- List of Committee and Subcommittee members

An Ad Hoc Subcommittee comprised of Colin Brander, Rhiannon Chernencoff, Kari Hewett and Rob Wynen, will prepare a draft Annual Report by May 5, 2010 (prior to the next Bicycle Network Subcommittee). The Meeting Coordinator will assist with template and format.

7. Bicycle Network Subcommittee

David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator, and Richard Campbell, Bicycle Network Subcommittee, provided an update on the April 13, 2010, Subcommittee meeting and noted Grandview-Woodlands, Marine Gateway and status of the report back on the Dunsmuir Viaduct project.

Subcommittee Minutes now posted alongside their agendas at:
<http://vancouver.ca/CTYCLERK/civicagencies/bicycle/bnsc/bnsc2010schedule.htm>

8. Vancouver School Board Bicycle Advisory Committee

Rob Wynen provided an update on the recent VSB Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting and installation of bike racks. The BAC By-law group was requested to review and comment on the issue around children riding on sidewalks.

9. Other Business

(a) *Downtown Eastside Study*

Rob Wynen gave an update on the pedestrian Study's recommendations with respect to separated bicycle routes for local traffic. For further information, contact Rob.

(b) *Cycling in Cities UBC Research Project*

Meghan Winters noted preliminary stage of the injuries study, possible timeline with respect to publication of the research, and requested feedback. (*Cycling in Cities research brief distributed - on file*)

(c) *False Creek Bicycle and Pedestrian Capacity and Access Improvements*

Further to the Georgia Pedestrian Link project, Richard Campbell outlined the Bicycle Network Subcommittee's discussion encompassing a larger geographic area while staff are considering the developments around NEFC and SEFC.

MOVED by Richard Campbell
SECONDED by Rhiannon Chernencoff

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that North East False Creek and the South East False Creek planning processes include the evaluation of options to increase bicycle and pedestrian access and capacity around and across False Creek to meet the potential future demand generated by new development downtown and around False Creek, improvements to the bicycle network and cycling mode share increases. The options evaluated should include but not be limited:

- a. A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge across False Creek connecting the Georgia Pedestrian [and Bicycle] Connection to the south of False Creek near the foot of Columbia Street.
- b. Widened sidewalks on the Cambie Bridge;
- c. The reallocation of lane(s) of traffic on the Cambie Bridge;
- d. Increased widths for bicycle and pedestrian paths along False Creek;
- e. Bypass paths connecting to bicycle routes such as the Adanac Bikeway.

postponed

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Michael Alexander
SECOND by Kari Hewett

THAT consideration of the motion be postponed to the next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED
(Jack Becker, Keltie Craig, and Meghan Winters opposed)

Rhiannon Chernencoff will forward specifics to the Bicycle Program Coordinator regarding signage in the northeast section of False Creek.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Rob Wynen
SECONDED by Richard Campbell

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee April 21, 2010, meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:18 pm

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, May 19, 2010
TIME: 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

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