



## Bicycle Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

September 7, 2011

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 5:35 pm in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Rob Wynen, Chair  
Bill Bargeman  
Jack Becker  
Colin Brander  
Richard Campbell  
Rhiannon Chernencoff, Vice-Chair  
Kari Hewett  
Gertjan Hofman, VACC Representative  
Meghan Winters  
John Whistler

**ABSENT:** Keltie Craig

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Alan Wong, Vancouver School Board  
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)  
David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator  
Michael Alexander, VACC Alternate Representative

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the April 6, 2011, meeting were approved.

#### 1. Annual Work Program

Staff advised on the process for the annual report to Council on activities and Workplan, timelines, and will clarify the report format required and provide the template for the memorandum.

The Chair summarized information needed to complete the Workplan. Rhiannon Chernencoff, Kari Hewett and Rob Wynen will meet to prepare the document.

## 2. St. John School Update

Brent Dozzi, Senior Engineer, Active Transportation Branch, reported on the project to address concerns related to vehicle and cycling traffic around St. John School and the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bikeway and highlighted structural changes, signage, pick-up and drop-off zones, and cycling facilities.

Discussion included follow-up to the April 2009 BAC meeting, aspects under the Motor Vehicle Act, parking and traffic times, Transportation Demand Management plan, comparison of private and public schools, and further meetings and research undertaken. Mr. Dozzi was requested to report back.

## 3. Active Transportation Update

### (a) *Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Master Plan*

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, and Marnie McGregor, Stakeholder and Community Relations Lead, Active Transportation, provided an update regarding:

- Phase 1 reported on Talk Vancouver.com and the report to Council;
- Next steps with respect to consultation and working groups; and
- Safety, accessibility for all ages, policy development, and parking and demand management

### (b) *Active Transportation Advisory Committee*

Staff noted the Terms of Reference and framework to be developed and the report back this Fall. Discussion followed regarding the development of bicycle routes within a new committee structure and mandate, clerical support for meetings and volunteers.

### (c) *2012-2014 Active Transportation Capital Plan*

Following discussion regarding past investment into infrastructure, Greenest City goals, and education, it was

MOVED by Rhiannon Chernencoff  
SECONDED by Rob Wynn

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) strongly supports the active transportation measures and transportation targets of the Greenest City Action Plan (GCAP) and looks forward to additional measures in the upcoming Transportation Plan; and

FURTHER THAT to ensure at least 50% of trips by sustainable mode is reached, recognizing that the City has control over active transportation but not transit, the BAC recommends that Council consider the following recommendations towards meeting the GCAP measures including to "Develop a complete cycling network that feels safe and attractive to all, including children, seniors, and novice cyclists" in building the 2012 - 2014 Capital Plan:

- A. THAT Council include funding sufficient to cover up to 1/3 of the cost of cycling, pedestrian and Seaside Greenway improvements outlined in the 2011-2021 Capital Strategic Outlook as the GCAP and upcoming Transportation Plan will include additional measures that will require additional capital funding.
- B. THAT Council include funding sufficient to complete the high quality bicycle and pedestrian facilities recommended in GCAP and City Plans including:
  - i. Up to 2/3 of the Greenway network by 2015, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the plan;
  - ii. The bicycle network defined in the 1999 Bicycle Plan;
  - iii. The spot improvements in the 2002 Downtown Transportation Plan particularly the intersection upgrades;
  - iv. Bicycle and pedestrian safety and capacity upgrades to the Granville and Cambie Bridges to address issues identified in the 2001 False Creek Pedestrian and Cycling Crossings Study.
- C. THAT Council also include funding sufficient to upgrade:
  - i. Critical existing bikeway segments with enhancements including separated bike lanes and improved traffic calming.
  - ii. Existing bicycle lanes to separated bike lanes.
- D. THAT to compensate for decades of under-investment, a goal of \$40 per person per year (the approximate level of world leaders such as the Netherlands) from all sources including community amenity contributions, other levels of government and general road budget reallocations be set.
- E. THAT Council include funding for safety improvements to the 20 most dangerous intersections for cyclists and the 20 most dangerous intersections for pedestrians.
- F. THAT Council include funding for measures to address high levels and speeds of traffic on neighbourhood streets and near schools.
- G. THAT Council direct the BAC to work with staff to develop priorities to help maximize the safety and mode share improvements for the chosen funding level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Kari Hewett abstained for the vote)

*Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".*

*(d) Downtown Separated Bike Lanes*

Engineering Staff provided an update on downtown intersections being reviewed, the Downtown Advisory Group, and follow-up on a Pedestrian-Cycling Safety Campaign and the October Walk for Safety.

Suggestions for the BNSC to discuss further included protection at the bike box on Hornby and Dunsmuir Streets and signal timing at Dunsmuir for pedestrians and cyclists.

**4. Bicycle Program Update**

David Lewis, Bicycle Program Coordinator, Active Transportation Branch, reported on the following:

*(a) Stanley Park Cycling Plan*

Vancouver Park Board's Open House on September 10, 2011, will be at two locations to provide an opportunity to gather ideas and feedback from the public on the Stanley Park cycling plan.

*(b) Comox-Helmcken Greenway*

The Open House on September 17, 2011, at Nelson Park includes walking tours and public engagement.

*(c) Cycling in the City Confidence Courses*

Attendees at the eight free cycling courses offered as a trial in 2011, included occasional cyclists and those who had never cycled before.

*(d) Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA)*

Meaghan Winters and Dale Bracewell reported on their workshop given at the CUTA BC Sustainable Transportation Youth Conference held in August 2011.

**5. BAC Updates**

*(a) VanDusen Gardens Bicycle Parking*

Kari Hewett and Rhiannon Chernencoff provided an update on bike racks and renovations at VanDusen Gardens.

*(b) City Cycling Maps*

Staff noted key places maps are distributed to the public and advised that the maps are being reviewed. The Committee provided feedback on the benefits on the cycling maps and print size for older people.

6. Bicycle Network Subcommittee

(a) *Boundary and Vanness Rezoning*

The Bicycle Network Subcommittee presented a motion related to a rezoning application around Boundary Road, Vanness Avenue and Ormidale Street.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Gertjan Hofman  
SECONDED by John Whistler

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the BC Parkway Overpass across Boundary Road be restored either through a financial contribution from the development or the developer undertaking building the overpass.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) *Telus Rezoning*

The Bicycle Network Subcommittee Chair provided background regarding bicycle facilities around Richards and Robson Streets. Following discussion on short-term bike and vehicle parking in the area and the Committee's 2005 motion on bicycle parking, it was

MOVED by Gertjan Hofman  
SECONDED by Colin Brander

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend:

- A. THAT a separated bicycle facility be provided on Richards Street from Dunsmuir Street to Nelson Street.
- B. THAT if the separated bicycle facility is on the west side of Richards Street, traffic signals be included to access the parkade.
- C. THAT Robson Street design facilitate for a future car-free street.
- D. THAT a cycling facility be provided along Georgia Street to discourage cyclists from riding on the proposed Plaza and facilitate an anticipated increase in cycling from the Georgia Street Steps.
- E. THAT the amount of exterior (class B) bicycle parking be equal or greater to the estimated short-term onsite and adjacent motor vehicle parking.
- F. THAT the bike friendly and safe access to the parkade be provided.
- G. THAT bicycle parking be located on the ground floor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) *Rezoning - 1290 Burrard Street and 1281 Hornby Street (Burrard Gateway) Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements*

Richard Campbell introduced the draft motion (*distributed*). Following discussion on cycling connections, Drake Street, and funding contributions for bicycle facilities, it was

MOVED by Richard Campbell  
SECONDED by Gertjan Hofman

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council with respect to the rezoning of 1290 Burrard Street and 1281 Hornby Street (Burrard Gateway), that the following be considered and prioritized as listed:

- A. THAT a Burnaby Street Greenway Connection be included as part of the development consisting of:
  - i. Separate cycling and walking paths in-line with Burnaby Street through the site between Burrard Street and Hornby Street;
  - ii. A bicycle and pedestrian signal at the intersection Burnaby Street and Burrard Street;
  - iii. A bicycle and pedestrian crossing of Hornby Street in-line with Burnaby Street connecting to the Hornby Separated Bike Lane and the Hornby east sidewalk; and
  - iv. That the required Class A bicycle parking be accessed directly off this connection.
- B. THAT, either as part of the development or with funding from the development, separated Bike Lanes on Burrard Street from Pacific Boulevard to at least Burnaby Street serving existing and future bicycle trips to and from the West End, Burrard Bridge and Hornby better, be built.
- C. THAT, as part of the development or with funding from the development, improvements to the intersection of Hornby Street and Drake Street be made to better accommodate the various cycling movements at this intersection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

(a) *Vancouver Board of Education*

Trustee Alan Wong reported on the VBE's letter to the City of Vancouver regarding coordinated strategies and partnerships for encouraging cycling for school aged children and preparing for the Velo-City Global 2012 conference. Following discussion on bicycle education and school building upgrades, it was

MOVED by Bill Bargeman  
SECONDED by Kari Hewett

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend Mayor and Council join with the Vancouver Board of Education to convene appropriate stakeholders to consider the connection of schools to the existing cycling network, the designation of buffer zones around schools, and support for the establishment of cycling education in schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Staff Liaison will follow-up with respect to CoV staff to be involved.

*(b) CoV Code of Conduct Policy*

The Meeting Coordinator noted the revised City of Vancouver Code of Conduct policy was approved by City Council at its March 3, 2011 meeting (*Policy No. AE-028-01 distributed - on file*).

*(c) Cambie Bridge Signage*

Issues related to the shared cycling and pedestrian lane on Cambie Bridge were briefly discussed with regard to pedestrians wearing earphones, slow cycling, symbols on the bridge, and signage not clear for new people.

Next Meeting (Non-clerked):

DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Strathcona Room, Subground, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 pm

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