



To: Public Works & Transportation Committee **Date:** December 17, 2004
From: Victor Wei, P. Eng.
Acting Director, Transportation **File:** 6360-06
Re: **No. 8 Road Truck Issues - Ms. Dee Hodson as Delegation**

This memorandum provides background information on the issue related to truck traffic on No. 8 Road south of Westminster Highway (to Fraserport lands) as Ms. Dee Hodson, a resident and farmer on No. 8 Road, has requested to appear as a delegation at the December 22, 2004 Public Works and Transportation Committee.

On February 23, 2004, in recognizing the need to maintain adequate access to the Fraserport industrial lands until the implementation of the Blundell interchange, Council passed the following resolution pertaining to this matter:

That the closure of No. 8 Road at the Granville Avenue road right-of-way for general traffic be deferred until the completion of a new interchange at Blundell Road with Highway 99, provided that all of the proposed road and traffic improvements required to support the continued opening of No. 8 Road, (as outlined in the report dated February 5th, 2004, from the Director, Transportation), be implemented with a cost contribution from Fraser Port Authority and Kingswood and the remainder borne by the City.

Since then, upon consultation with the area farmers (including Ms. Hodson) and the Richmond Farmers Institute, two speed humps were introduced on No. 8 Road in the vicinity of Ms. Hodson's residence to discourage speeding of trucks. In addition, new streetlights were also installed along the west side of the roadway to improve night time visibility on the roadside. The installation of extruded curbs along the east side shoulder as protection for pedestrians was also examined, but found to be unfeasible due to concerns raised by other area farmers about their potential impediments on the movements of large farm vehicles.

As Ms. Hodson is expected to express her continued concerns about the lack of protection for pedestrians from moving trucks on this roadway, if necessary, staff are prepared to examine options of various roadside measures to improve pedestrian safety and report back to the Committee in March, 2005.

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