

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair
Councillor Derek Dang
Councillor Ken Johnston

Absent: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Kiichi Kumagai

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

4. PARKING AND STOPPING REGULATIONS ON GILBERT ROAD BETWEEN GRANVILLE AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER HIGHWAY

The Chair advised that the above item has been deleted from the agenda and will be considered at the Community Services Meeting of February 15, 2000.

1. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

***That the minutes of the Public Works & Transportation
Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2000 be adopted as
circulated.***

CARRIED

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2. **TRANSLINK'S 2000 PROGRAM PLAN – FOLLOW-UP REPORT**

(Report: Jan. 28/00; File 6480-01; REDMS 132753)

Tegan Smith, Transportation Planning Analyst reviewed the staff report. She advised that staff have been working with TransLink and noted a number of improvements in this year's Plan, which includes a number of bus projects.

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That Council support the following Richmond-related transit service improvements being proposed by TransLink for implementation through the TransLink 2000 Program Plan;*

- (a) *Introduction of the #98 B-Line service connecting Richmond and Vancouver with exclusive bus lane operations located in the median of No. 3 Road;***
- (b) *Expansion of direct service connecting Richmond and UBC on the #480 by operating a regular service at 30-minute frequency all day;***
- (c) *Expansion of the route #411 express bus service between West Richmond and Vancouver; and***
- (d) *Revision of service design and increased frequency for local bus services to integrate effectively with #98 B-Line and to provide a more attractive service for the local Richmond travel market.***

(2) *That Council's support for the inclusion of the above transit service improvements in the 2000 Program Plan be conveyed to the TransLink Board of Directors.*

CARRIED

3. **TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK (MARCH 6 – 10, 2000)**

(Report: Jan. 31/00; File: 6450-09; REDMS: 133233)

Tegan Smith, Transportation Planning Analyst, reviewed the staff report for Committee members.

It was moved and seconded

That Council endorse the 2000 Traffic Safety Awareness Week (March 6 - 10, 2000) initiated by the Richmond District Parents Association's "Global Traffic Safety Committee".

CARRIED

DELEGATION

4. **FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IN THE LOWER MAINLAND**

Mr. Paul Landry, British Columbia Trucking Association

(Letter: Dec.15/99; File: 6460-01; REDMS 124294)

Mr. Paul Landry, of the British Columbia Trucking Association was in attendance to make a presentation to the Committee on the role of freight transportation in the Lower Mainland.

He introduced his organization as a non-profit lobbying group and noted the following information:

- 500 trucking businesses within organization
- 2 billion dollars business done annually
- 200 associated trades and services to the industry, representing all aspects of the industry
- main responsibility to represent industry and public policy issues regarding public safety, environment, etc.
- 90% of all goods are moved by truck which affects cost of living and quality of life
- 5-8% cost of goods pertain to freight transportation.

Mr. Landry noted that the quality and capacity of the road system affects the cost of trucking and that congestion costs between 2-300 million dollars per year, causing an increase in the cost of living. He observed that this issue needs to be dealt with in a proactive manner. He expressed his pleasure that TransLink has been established as an opportunity to deal with development. He stated that the organization supports public transport and will be participating in the TransLink strategic plan. He advised that the British Columbia Trucking Association could be utilized as a good communication resource. He noted that information could be passed onto its members through its newsletter.

Mr. Landry distributed copies of informational material for Committee members. He advised that the Association was currently reviewing the TransLink Plan to determine its viability for the trucking industry.

5. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. **Intersection at Westminster Highway and McCallan Road**

Carlos Rocha, Traffic Technician, advised that work will commence immediately on the crosswalk upgrade to overhead flasher with pushbutton at the intersection at Westminster Highway and McCallan Road. He further advised that the street light on the south side will be removed and replaced by two traffic poles with street lights on both the north and north west corners of the intersection.

2. Knight Street Bridge Watermain Repair

Eric Gilfillan, Director, Operations, advised that staff were in the process of studying the feasibility of purchasing emergency above ground watermain and will bring forward a report to a future Committee meeting. He also advised that chlorination of the repaired line was in process and that reinstatement of full water supply would occur by the end of the week.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded,
That the meeting adjourn (4:29 p.m.)

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

Councillor Lyn Greenhill
Chair

Susan Kopeschny
Administrative Assistant