



**CITY OF RICHMOND**  
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Public Works & Transportation Committee      **DATE:** February 14, 2001  
**FROM:** Jeff Day, P. Eng.  
Director, Engineering      **FILE:**  
**RE:** Delegation from Mr. Bil Koonar - Blundell Road between No. 4 Road and  
No. 5 Road

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This memo is to provide information to Public Works & Transportation Committee regarding the delegation from Mr. Bil Koonar concerning the timing of upgrading Blundell Road between No. 4 Road and No. 5 Road.

**Background**

Mr. Koonar indicated that he contacted city staff last year to inquire about the timing of the reconstruction of Blundell Road between No. 4 Road and No. 5 Road. He was told that this work was going to be done in 2001. Subsequent to this he contacted the City to inquire into the status of the project and was surprised to find out that no work was to be done at this location until 2003 and that the scope of work would be limited to a ditch infill.

**Discussion**

The reconstruction of Blundell Road between No. 4 Road and No. 5 Road was not identified in last year's five year plan. Due to road DCC funding constraints and other priorities, this section of Blundell Road was identified for reconstruction no earlier than 2009. Included in last year's five year plan are drainage projects prioritized based on capacity, safety and smart sequencing opportunities. Since that time and this year's review of the five year plan, the need to replace a watermain at this location was identified for 2003. In order to take advantage of smart sequencing, the ditch infill component of the Blundell Road construction project was accelerated to 2003. In addition to the cost benefits that will be realized, the ditch infill will also provide a stabilizing effect for the existing road and improve safety.

**Conclusion**

The infilling of ditches and upgrading of roads have been prioritized within the five year plan based on capacity, safety and smart sequencing. Notwithstanding funding limitations the five year plan is reviewed on an annual basis to address new information or infrastructure requirements. The ditch infill of Blundell Road from No. 4 Road to No. 5 Road is currently identified for construction in 2003 in conjunction with a watermain replacement.

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