

## Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2000

Place: W.H. Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

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

Absent: Mayor Greg Halsey-Brandt

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

### 1. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

*That the minutes of the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2000 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

### 2. PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MCLENNAN AVENUE AREA

(Report: Mar. 6/00; File: 6450-01; REDMS 127309)

Gordon Chan, Manager, Transportation, introduced John Lanihan, Project Manager, Vancouver International Airport Authority (YVR). It was noted that this had been a joint initiative between the City of Richmond and the Airport Authority and had been jointly funded. Mr. Chan reviewed the proposed improvements noted in the staff report.

In response to a query, Mr. Chan clarified the left and right turns allowed on Bridgeport Road at McLennan Avenue. The Chair advised that there would be a

new development proposal coming to Council on Monday for Bridgeport and No. 4 Roads which would allow access to northbound traffic on No. 4 Road.

Copies of material providing an overview of the airport connector project were distributed (copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's office).

Referencing the distributed map, Mr. Lanihan reviewed the proposed project. He advised that construction was underway on the bridge, fast-tracked to facilitate the start of the fisheries closure. He referred to work being done, i.e. utility relocation work; new waterlines under the river; placing of preload. He then noted changes to the project. As vehicles come off of the new bridge, the right hand exit only to Grauer Road has been eliminated and all traffic accessing the north airport lands will head north on the new extension to Templeton Road from Grant McConachie Way. He further clarified traffic flow throughout the area. He explained the proposed new bus route as coming across the new bridge, using the left hand side exit, and following a button hook will come down and go underneath the new overpass crossing Russ Baker Way. This would tie in with the shuttle exchange to be located in front of the Delta Hotel. He further noted that once over the Middle Arm Bridge, the roadway widens and allows for a turn onto the approach to the Arthur Laing Bridge. A third lane has been added to the overpass crossing Russ Baker Way. Reference was made to the proposed route for cargo traffic.

In response to a query, it was noted that the soccer field situated on Miller Road would be out of service during construction and that the roadworks would affect the parking lot somewhat.

Mr. Lanihan advised that there had been a public meeting at the Delta River Inn to present the proposed plans to the public.

It was moved and seconded

1. ***That the following proposed roadway and traffic improvements in the McLennan Avenue area, as described in the attached report from the Manager of Transportation, be approved for implementation in 2000:***
  - a) ***Filling of existing ditches on the west side of McLennan Avenue between Bridgeport Road and River Drive (\$190,000);***
  - b) ***Construction of a 2.0 metre wide asphalt walkway delineated with extruded curb and gravel shoulder on the west side of McLennan Avenue between Bridgeport Road and River Drive (\$154,000);***
  - c) ***Construction of a new sidewalk at the short unfinished section of Finlayson Drive just west of McLennan Avenue (\$50,000);***
  - d) ***Installation of a special pedestrian clearance timer for the existing pedestrian actuated traffic signal at Bridgeport Road and McLennan Avenue (\$20,000); and***
  - e) ***Traffic control improvements at the intersection of McLennan Avenue and Finlayson Drive and installation of enhanced advance school zone signs on Finlayson Drive (\$600).***

2. ***That the source of funding for the above improvements be as follows:***

***a) Items 1(a) and 1(c) above to be funded from the Neighbourhood Improvement Charges;***

***b) Items 1(b) and 1(d) above to be funded by the Airport Connector Project; and***

***c) Item 1(e) above to be funded from the 2000 Minor Capital Budget for Traffic Improvements.***

**CARRIED**

3. **TAXI CAB INSPECTIONS**

(Report: Feb. 16/00; File: 0780-01; REDMS 136790)

Ken Fryer, Manager, Fleet Operations reviewed the staff report. He advised that the City had been approached by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) to have a facility recognized as a commercial inspection service for inspection of Richmond-based taxi cabs. Due to other facilities operating at Lansdowne Pontiac and Dennison Chevrolet, it has been ascertained that this would not be economically feasible

It was moved and seconded

***That Fleet Operations Pilot Project Business Plan to inspect taxi cabs not proceed, and that staff explore other opportunities/initiatives identified in our Operational Plan such as:***

- Explore opportunities for new revenue and***
- Explore new revenue sources to support Public Works' Operations and Utilities Budgets.***

**CARRIED**

4. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

1) **Draft Hired Truck Policy - Revised**

Eric Gilfillan, Director, Operations, presented a draft Hired Truck Policy – Revised for the information of Committee members and requested direction regarding whether this should be a council policy or an administrative policy. He then provided clarification of the existing policy, past process, and proposed procedures. It was noted that the draft policy still needed legal review.

Councillor Johnston referred to the necessity of having a fair and open process.

Discussion ensued, whereupon it was decided that staff should submit a draft policy, with highlighted changes, for the information and consideration of the Committee.

**2) RapidBus Project**

Jeff Day, Director, Engineering, advised that the tender for the RapidBus project had closed March 16, 2000. He noted that this information was currently being evaluated and would be submitted to the TransLink Board on Monday, March 27, 2000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded,  
***That the meeting adjourn (4:32 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, March 22, 2000.

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Councillor Lyn Greenhill  
Chair

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Susan Kopeschny  
Administrative Assistant