

Re: REROUTING FAST BUSES VIA WILLINGDON - HASTINGS

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	20
COUNCIL MEETING	March 29/76

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer regarding a proposed route change to existing past bus service.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the proposed rerouting of the 619 Scott, 621 King George and the 933 Lougheed fast bus service along Willingdon Avenue and Hastings Street as outlined in the Engineer's Report.

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25 March, 1976

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: REROUTING FAST BUSES VIA WILLINGDON - HASTINGS

B.C. Hydro and Power Authority - Transit Planning Department have recently advised us of a proposed route change to the existing 619 Scott, 621 King George and the 933 Lougheed fast bus service to become effective 30 April, 1976. The proposed new route will be Willingdon Avenue and Hastings Street in both directions, instead of the present route along Willingdon Avenue, Halifax Street, Douglas Road and Boundary Road to Hastings Street.

The proposed change is to overcome operating problems at Boundary Road and Hastings Street due to the steep grade on the Boundary Road approach. They also feel that this new route will provide better service penetration for this area of the Municipality.

The proposed new route will eliminate only one existing stop, this being the stop east bound Douglas at Boundary Road; however, with the additional stops on Hastings Street fast bus patron service will be greatly increased for that general area.

The attached list of bus stop requirements have been requested in order to accommodate this proposed rerouting. We have considered these requests and find that none of the locations will present any major problems to our present traffic operational functions along the route.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the proposed rerouting of the 619 Scott, 621 King George and the 933 Lougheed fast bus service along Willingdon Avenue and Hastings Street.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR REROUTING FASTBUSES VIA WILLINGDON-HASTINGS

1. Westbound Hastings farside Willingdon  

To facilitate the extra volume of buses utilizing the bus zone, it will be necessary to extend the zone by an additional 40'.
2. Southbound Willingdon Farside Hastings  

Due to the increased volume of buses, may we recommend that the zone be extended 70' past the driveway immediately south of the present zone. The stop is now located between two driveways to the service station located on the southwest corner of Willingdon and Hastings.
3. Southbound Willingdon Nearside Halifax  

Recommend that a two bus zone (165') be established at the above noted location to facilitate the loading of passengers on the 619, 621, and 933 FastBUS services.
4. Westbound Halifax Farside Willingdon  

The 619, 621, and 933 FastBUS services will not be occupying this zone when service is routed via Hastings - Willingdon, making it possible to adjust the same. May I recommend that the zone be adjusted to 125' and the bus route identification sign will then be relocated accordingly.
5. Eastbound Halifax Nearside Willingdon  

When the 619, 621, and 933 FastBUSES route via Hastings - Willingdon, the above noted zone will only be occupied by the Broadway Extension which is a terminus location. To reflect this change, may I recommend that this stop be shortened to provide a 125' zone measuring from the southwest property line of Halifax and Willingdon. This will release parking space at this location for people shopping and doing business at the small office and shopping complex located on the noted corner.