ITEM 21

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13

COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 21/77

Re: LETTER FROM MR. FRED WAINWRIGHT WHICH APPEARED
ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4f)
EDMONDS LOOP

Appearing on last weeks Agenda was a letter from Mr. Wainwright regarding bus service at the Edmonds Loop.

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Fred Wainwright.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

14 FEBRUARY, 1977

FROM:

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE:

EDMONDS LOOP

Reference the undated submission from Mr. Fred Wainwright of #207 - 7065 Linden Avenue.

Appearing as Item No. 5, Manager's Report No. 37 on the Council agenda of May 31, 1976 were a number of transit changes that were to be implemented on July 23, 1976. The purpose of the changes as it affected the #96"Sixth Street" and the #55 "Twelfth Street/53 Kingsway" bypassing the Edmonds Loop was to improve the frequency and the travel times of these services as well as extending the #96 "Sixth Street" service which came from New Westminster and terminated at the Edmonds Loop right on through to downtown Vancouver.

We checked with the B.C. Hydro Transit and were advised that for the most part the changes have been accepted by their patrons with very few negative comments. Their public relations people have been to the various senior citizens residences in the area to explain the changes and how they would benefit the overall service in spite of some minor inconveniences.

In commenting on the time stops referred to in Mr. Wainwright's submission, we would advise that these stops are only done to accommodate the bus scheduling. The Hydro have found that in heavy traffic periods the buses must continue on route without any stopover in order to try and stay on schedule.

In summary, we would advise that the bypassing of the Edmonds Loop by the #55 "Twelfth Street" and the #96 "Sixth Street" was done for the benefit of the greater majority of transit users which is the only way to encourage transit use.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Fred Wainwright.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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