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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.		61
COUNCIL MEETING	1982 11	01

RE: TRAFFIC BARRICADES - OXFORD STREET

*The Municipal Manager shares the concerns as expressed in the following report from the Director Engineering.*

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC BARRICADES - OXFORD STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. J. Mansbridge, General Manager - Transit, Greater Vancouver Regional District, 2294 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 2H9.

REPORT:

At its meeting of 1982 October 26 the Traffic and Safety Committee received a delegation, Mr. Ron Sward of 3776 Oxford Street who spoke on and presented a scheme of traffic barricades and wedge shaped islands which will be an attempt to discourage commuter traffic from using Oxford Street.

The Traffic and Safety Committee approved the treatment to the three intersections presented by Mr. Sward with the stipulation that the work was to be undertaken at the same time as the "No Stopping" restrictions were posted on Hastings Street.

On the afternoon of 1982 October 28 we received a copy of a letter from Mr. J. Mansbridge, General Manager - Transit, to the Municipal Manager, regarding the subject barriers and how they would affect their transit operation on Oxford Street (copy attached).

We have attached the route plans for both the #39 Delta bus route and the #40 Eton bus route. As noted on these plans the #40 Eton route is blocked from the eastbound Boundary Road entrance by the proposed wedge shaped island. This bus will have to be re-routed off Boundary via Cambridge to Esmond Avenue to return on route to Oxford Street. The remainder of its route will not be affected by the proposed barriers. The #39 Delta bus travels both north/south on Gilmore Avenue and Willingdon Avenue and would not be affected by the proposed barriers as presently under consideration.

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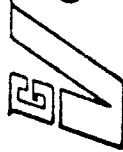
The Engineering Department has not had time to fully consider the ramifications of the suggested barriers but would offer some obvious observations that we feel will present problems and therefore cannot be supported by us.

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1. The half barricades on Oxford Street and Gilmore Avenue.  
The barricades have made both legs of Oxford Street one-way exits only. All traffic complying with the intent will be required to either turn right or left. To continue through on Oxford Street will require the vehicle to enter the farside of the intersection on the wrong side of the centre line. If we are to believe the claims of the local residents that a fairly large number of commuters at present do not obey the existing stop signs then we should expect to have a fair number of motorists drive around the barricade. This will most certainly not enhance the safety of children within the intersection, a condition presently existing in the opinion of the local residents, to justify a school patrol at this 4-way stop.
2. The wedge shaped islands at both Boundary Road and at Willingdon Avenue.  
The Engineering Department has not had time to fully assess the latest submission for this type of treatment but if the plan is to scale its implementation will involve a fair amount of expense, even for a temporary installation. At the Boundary Road location we will have to relocate some existing curb and gutter and pavement to conform to the submitted design. At the Willingdon location, the Oxford Street pavement will have to be widened to accommodate the new flare in the pavement. As with the Gilmore Avenue location, enforcement will be essential if the scheme is to succeed as vehicles that wish to ignore the barricade can easily do so as shown by the vehicle path shown on the attached Sketch #1.

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Att.  
c.c. ( ) Traffic Supervisor

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING



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Please refer to our file number 504 A. 1

October 27, 1982

Mr. M. J. Shelley  
Municipal Manager  
District of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C.  
V5G 1M2

Dear Mr. Shelley:

It has come to our attention that your Traffic and Safety Committee has approved a proposal to install traffic diverters on Oxford Street in the Burnaby Heights area and that your Council will also be dealing with this proposal very shortly.

We presently operate two bus routes, namely the 39 Delta and 40 Eton routes, along portions of Oxford, both of which, in their present form, would be disrupted by this proposal. We are aware that there have been some traffic concerns in this area and that the residents have been surveyed with respect to possible solutions. We have had some discussions with your Planning and Engineering staff regarding the impact of several of these alternatives on the area's bus routes; however, we have not reached any agreement on how the bus routings could satisfactorily be adjusted to accommodate this latest proposal.

At this time, we would respectfully request that no plan involving traffic diverters or closures on bus routes be approved by your Council until satisfactory arrangements for transit can be worked out and agreed to by all parties concerned.

If you need any further information or wish to pursue this matter further, our Transit Planning staff would be pleased to meet with your Planning and Engineering representatives at any time.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

J. Mansbridge  
General Manager - Transit

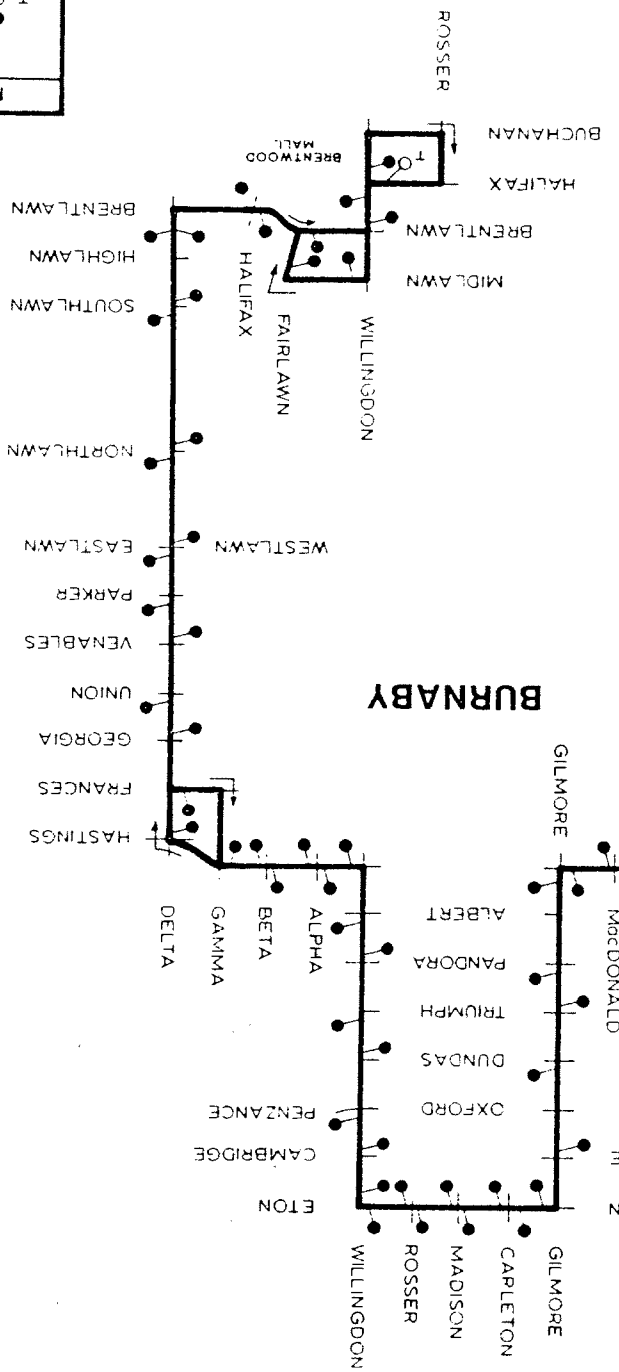
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cc: A. Parr, Planning Dept.  
H. Bacon, Engineering Dept.  
V. Sharman, MTOC



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 — BUS ROUTE  
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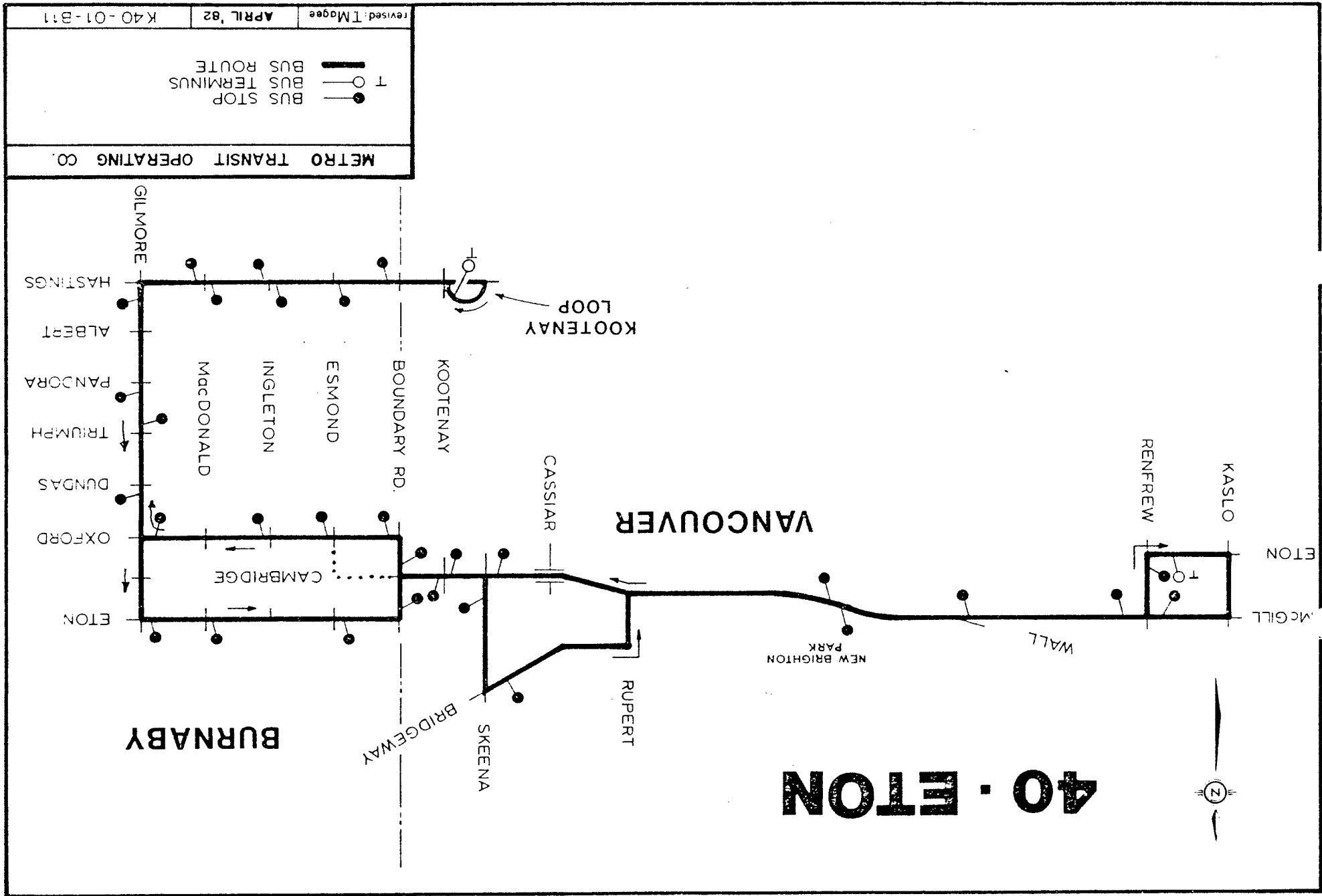


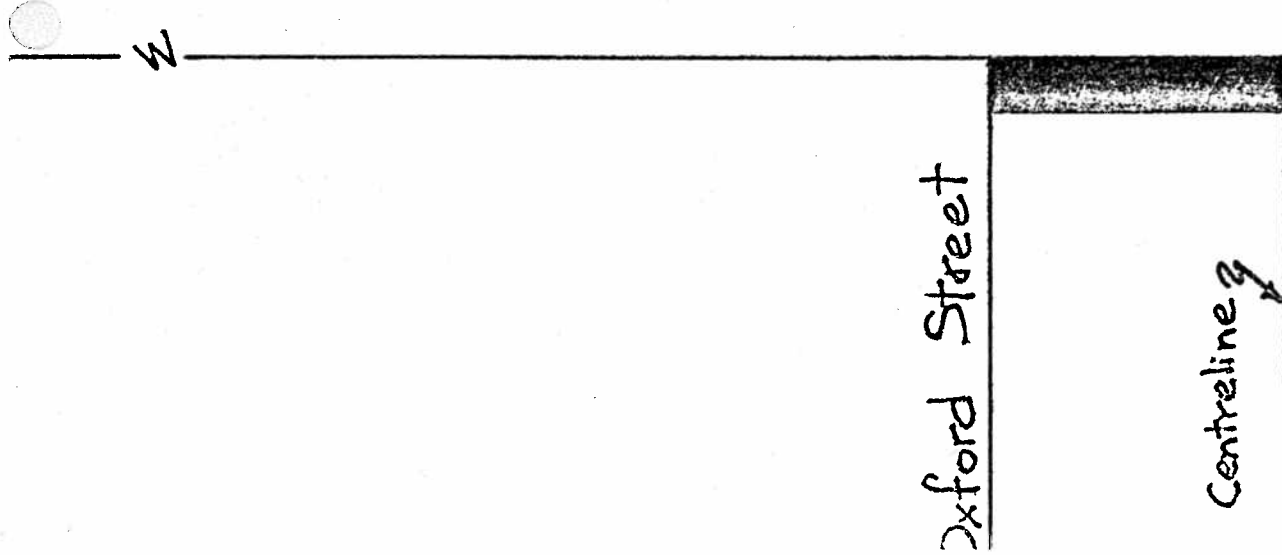
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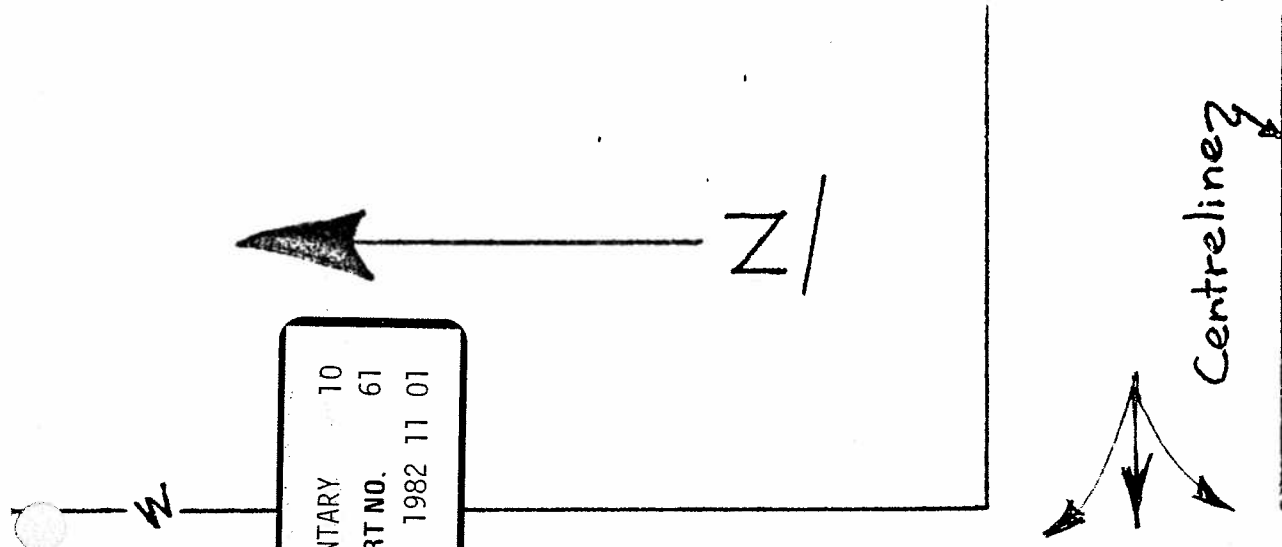


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— Indicates diverter extending halt way into the intersection on the north/west and south/east corners only.

— Represents proposal as presented by Mr. Swarc to the Traffic Safety Committee on 1982 October 21.

APPENDIX "C"

