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COUNCIL MEETING	1982 01 04

RE: DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS  
PHILLIPS EXTENSION

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the report of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be received for information purposes.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1981 DECEMBER 1981

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS (PHILLIPS EXTENSION).

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

SUMMARY:

The Municipality has an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways regarding the Burnaby Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Under this agreement a Joint Technical Staffs Committee, comprised of Municipal and Ministry staff, has been established, and charged with further examination of four road improvement proposals that remain points of issue. One of these projects, proposed by the Ministry was the alignment of Phillips, south of Broadway, as a major collector. The Joint Technical Staffs Committee have given consideration to this matter and have agreed that it will not be necessary to develop a major collector along the Phillips alignment, south of Broadway and therefore no amendment to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan is required.

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BACKGROUND:

In 1979 August 20th Council adopted the conceptual transportation plan as outlined in the report "A Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Burnaby" together with policy recommendations and implementation actions as contained in that report. Subsequently, at a meeting between Municipal and Provincial elected officials in December of 1979 some differences in planning philosophy (primarily related to possible long-term needs) and technical detail were identified. On instructions from the Mayor and the Minister, senior officials from both jurisdictions were instructed to meet in an effort to prepare a framework within which previous differences could be addressed and a route network identified to which both parties could subscribe. An agreement was subscribed to by senior staff members was reached and this agreement was recommended to Council by the Transportation Committee on 1980 April 08. At that time Council adopted in substance the recommendations of the Transportation Committee. As part of that agreement, certain unresolved technical issues which remained were to be subject to further joint technical study. These included:

- a) The Hastings/Gagliardi connector and associated improvements including the Parker/Curtis closure.
- b) The Phillips extension south of Broadway as a major collector.
- c) The Moscrop/Gilpin route relative to the Kensington interchange.
- d) The design of the Stormont/McBride connector.

This agreement was subsequently reaffirmed in a joint statement arising from a meeting between the Mayor and the Minister of Transportation and Highways in Victoria.

JOINT TECHNICAL STAFFS COMMITTEE:

Following the affirmation between the Municipality and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, the Joint Technical Staffs Committee was convened in 1981 January 08. Meetings have been held irregularly during 1981 due to the Municipal workers strike, the other work load priorities on the part of both agencies and a vacancy in the position of Regional Highways Engineer (the most senior Ministry representative on the committee). The committee has however now resumed meeting on a regular basis and the highest priority item is considered to be the Hastings/Gagliardi connector proposal and related issues including the feasibility of a waterfront route along the Burrard Inlet as an extension of the Barnet Highway.

PHILLIPS EXTENSION:

Notwithstanding the priority assigned to the Hastings/Gagliardi study the committee met on November 04, 1981 to consider the proposal to extend Phillips south of Broadway. Consideration of this issue was necessitated by pending subdivisions in the vicinity of the Phillips Street right-of-way between Lougheed Highway and Broadway. The record of the committee discussion of this matter is as follows:

"The proposal to extend Phillips, south of Broadway to Winston was discussed relative to the Municipality's long range plans to tie the Phillips route to Bainbridge Avenue via Broadway. Ministry staff agreed to support a Phillips/Bainbridge alignment subject to assurance that Broadway had adequate right-of-way to allow for construction of a roadway sufficient to handle the double loading. Additionally, it would be a requirement that Bainbridge, south of the Lougheed Highway should have continuity to the Winston-Government route. In order to protect the Lougheed it was also considered to be desirable for movements at the existing Phillips-Lougheed intersection to be restricted to right turn in and right turn out. Ideally this would be accomplished by inserting a centre median on Lougheed."

The above record of proceedings has been confirmed by Highways staff at a subsequent meeting and this effectively deletes the proposal to extend Phillips south of Broadway to the Government/Winston route from further consideration. Accordingly no amendment to the comprehensive transportation plan is required as the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways relative to the development of the Phillips/Bainbridge alignment can be met by the plan.

CONCLUSIONS:

The resolution of the Phillips extension issue leaves the Joint Technical Staffs Committee free to deal with other matters including the Hastings/Gaglardi Study cited above. Additionally, it is expected that the Central Area Transportation Study now under way will offer an avenue for the resolution of the "Relationship of the Moscrop/Gilpin eastwest route to Kensington Freeway Interchange". Municipal staff have found that the Joint Technical Staffs Committee has been a most useful vehicle for facilitating the exchange of information with the Ministry as well as fostering a spirit of co-operation between the respective staffs.

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