

REPORT
Regular Council Meeting
1991 June 24

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN

1992/93 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN MUNICIPAL REQUESTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the list of municipal requests for transit service improvements identified in Attachment A.
2. THAT a copy of the list of municipal requests (Attachment A) be forwarded to Mayor Murray Dykeman, Chairman, Vancouver Regional Transit Commission.

R E P O R T

"At its meeting of 1991 June 03, Council considered correspondence from Mr. G. Leicester, Manager, Service Planning, for BC Transit, requesting the Municipality to forward a list of suggestions for improved bus services in Burnaby. These suggestions would be considered for inclusion in the 1992/93 Annual Service Plan which identifies new transit services or changes to existing services for the Province's fiscal year from 1991 April 01 to 1992 March 31.

The list of municipal requests outlined in Attachment A includes proposals suggested by the following:

- (i) Previous statements by Council with respect to transit service in Burnaby.
- (ii) A review of previous years' municipal requests.
- (iii) Delegations and correspondence to Council and public comments received at Open Houses conducted by BC Transit.

It is expected that a draft of the 1992/93 Annual Service Plan incorporating these requests as an appendix would be submitted by BC Transit for comment by the Municipality in August or September. BC Transit suggests that the municipal requests be endorsed by Council and forwarded to BC Transit by 1991 July 31.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

AGENDA - 1991 JUNE 24
COPY - MUNICIPAL MANAGER
- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
- DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

Although the 1992/93 Annual Service Plan is not yet available in report form, BC Transit has scheduled a public meeting for residents of Burnaby and New Westminster to be informed of general proposals in the Plan for their area and to provide comments to transit staff. As noted in the Public Notice (Attachment B) this meeting was held on 1991 June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bonsor Recreational Complex. Comments from the eight persons who spoke at the meeting are summarized in Attachment C."

Arising out of the discussion of this report, the Committee requested that Council support the City of Vancouver's proposal for a bus route along First Avenue between the Main Street SkyTrain Station and Brentwood Mall. Attachment A (Municipal Suggestions for Service Improvements) was amended to include the 1st Avenue bus route.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman J. Young
Chairman

Alderman D. Evans
Member

Alderman D. Lawson
Member

Alderman C. Redman
Member

Mr. Peter Miller
Member

Mr. Ernest Neumann
Member

1992/93 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN
MUNICIPAL SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

1. Provide more direct express bus service from North Burnaby to downtown Vancouver.

This long standing proposal originated from Council's submission in 1989 to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission on the North Burnaby Transit Area Plan. This objective can be achieved through major service improvements in the following areas:

- (i) Expeditious implementation of the #120 rerouting express via Broadway to downtown Vancouver as approved by Council.
- (ii) Development of a new Hastings diesel express route from SFU to downtown Vancouver.
- (iii) Extension of trolley service from Kootenay Loop to SFU via the Hastings/Gagardi Connector in the longer term.
- (iv) Implementation of a new bus route along 1st Avenue between the Main Street SkyTrain Station and Brentwood Mall.

2. Revision of the North Burnaby local routes to emphasize connections with the new Hastings diesel express service.

The provision of a diesel express service on Hastings provides the opportunity to reorient local bus routes in North Burnaby to de-emphasize connections to the Kootenay Loop. Local routes would provide stronger north-south continuity with transfer connections at Hastings and at SFU to the express service. In this context, the following routes should be considered for revision in the 1992/93 Annual Service Plan.

- (i) #139, 140/141 (Burnaby Heights) routes should provide service to the Hastings commercial area and Brentwood Town Centre via Hastings and Gilmore.
 - (ii) A combined route from the existing #137 and #134 which would provide direct service between Capitol Hill and Loughheed Town Centre with connection to the new Hastings Express at Holdom Avenue.
 - (iii) Extension of the #144 route operating between Metro-town and SFU to serve the Hastings and Sperling area with connections to the new Hastings Express service. This would address a continuing concern regarding the lack of service on Sperling Avenue between Curtis Street and Hastings.
 - (iv) Develop a transit exchange at SFU.
3. Develop south Burnaby/New Westminster Area Plan for implementation in the 1993 fiscal year.

The development of an Area Plan for South Burnaby is required to resolve a number of transit issues in the area and should include the following proposals:

- (i) Reroute the #101 to Edmonds Station (instead of 22nd Street Station) in conjunction with the development of Edmonds Town Centre as the headquarters for B.C. Hydro and consider other improvements in service to Edmonds Town Centre.
 - (ii) Provide bus service on Grange Street to better serve this high density residential area. Extension of #144 via Grange Street and McKay Avenue is an option.
 - (iii) Extend South Slope routes beyond SkyTrain stations as part of development of more north/south routes in Burnaby. For example, the #130 could be combined with the #116 with a short turn at Metrotown Station and the #114 could be extended via Royal Oak and Douglas to North Burnaby when the Royal Oak Realignment is completed.
 - (iv) Provide transit services to the western section of the Big Bend area, possibly through extension of a South Slope route.
 - (v) Introduce service on Royal Oak Avenue between Gilpin Street and Imperial Street to serve the Oakalla Lands redevelopment. The new Royal Oak Realignment project will be designed to accommodate transit.
 - (vi) Revise internal routing within Metrotown to ensure better coverage of commercial/office areas or consider shuttle service using small vehicles.
 - (vii) Improved service to Burnaby South 2000 via Royal Oak or Rumble Street.
4. Introduce small buses on appropriate routes in North and South Burnaby.
- Local bus routes in Burnaby provide the largest potential application of small buses less than 30' in length. BC Transit should proceed expeditiously to identify a supplier and order small buses for implementation on routes in Burnaby Heights and the South Slopes beginning in 1992.
5. Extend the trolley overhead from Boundary Road via Lougheed Highway to Brentwood Town Centre.
- In its discussion of the submission to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission on the North Burnaby Transit Area Plan, Council has indicated a need to continue discussions with BC Transit to implement this project. A Broadway trolley extension would provide direct service between Brentwood Town Centre, the Broadway core area and U.B.C. and should be pursued.
6. Assess transit changes required to improve access to Municipal Hall area.
- This proposal was a condition of Council agreement to the North Burnaby Transit Area Plan. Council acknowledged that BC Transit has agreed to investigate options in conjunction with Burnaby staff. With the advancement of plans for the Municipal Hall area including the Burnaby Arts Centre and the Museum, there is a need to assess the current location of the bus loop and transit routing in the Municipal Hall area.

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7. The relocation of the N.E. Burnaby Fare Zone boundary to North Road.

In its original response to Council's submission on the North Burnaby Transit Area Plan in 1990 October, BC Transit suggested that this issue be pursued separately. It is the intention of Council to continue discussions with BC Transit in order to resolve this policy issue.

ATTACHMENT A

PUBLIC MEETING


1992/93 Annual Service Plan

Each year, an Annual Service Plan is prepared for the Vancouver Regional Transit System. The Annual Service Plan is a one year action plan which identifies transit service improvements proposed for the 1992/93 fiscal year.

To allow area residents the opportunity to discuss various proposals included in the 1992/93 plan with BC Transit staff, a public meeting has been scheduled for your community. The meeting for Burnaby and New Westminster will be held:

Wednesday, June 12, 1991
7:30 - 10:00 pm
Bonsor Recreation Complex - 2nd Floor
6550 Bonsor Avenue
Burnaby, B.C.

Written submissions may also be sent to:
BC Transit
1992/93 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN
Planning Department
1100 - 1200 West 73rd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
V6P 6M2

BC Transit  Vancouver Regional Transit System

ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 1992/93
PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

1. BILL BRESNICK
 - provide more north/south local routes
 - construct a bus loop at SFU
 - supports Loughheed extension of SkyTrain
 - expand HandyDart services as alternative to wheelchair accessible buses
 - more frequent evening service on #130 bus route.
2. DOUG PORTER
 - objects to extended hours for SkyTrain
 - SkyTrain barrier should be installed throughout Burnaby
 - public transit too inconvenient, more frequent service needed
 - supports Loughheed extension of SkyTrain
 - status of Ballard fuel cell project.
3. DON CARTWRIGHT
 - need improved bus service in Columbia commercial area, including New Westminster Quay area.
4. MARK TOUSSAINT
 - maintain Burnaby Heights service to Hastings Street commercial area.
5. BOB HOWIE
 - need direct express bus service on Hastings Street in conjunction with Hastings/Gaglardi Connector
 - extend #144 bus route to serve Sperling and Hastings
 - implement the #120 without further delay.
6. F.R. MABBUTT
 - reroute the consolidated #139/140 via Boundary, Eton, Willingdon, Hastings, Gilmore, Douglas, Halifax to Brentwood Town Centre
 - favours Loughheed route for SkyTrain extension
 - develop HOV lanes on Highway 1.

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7. N. DAVIDOWITZ
- improve bus connections to Edmonds SkyTrain station in conjunction with B.C. Hydro development
 - provide increased service to the Burnaby 2000 project
 - assess shuttle bus service within Metrotown
 - extend #26 to Marine Drive.
8. ROBERT YOUST
- downgrade the Kootenay Loop
 - supports Columbia/Brunette corridor for SkyTrain extension
 - operate SkyTrain until downtown bars close at 2:00 a.m.