

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: B.C. Transit Quarterly Service Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council, by copy of this report, inform the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission that it does not accept the proposed service adjustments to the #132, #139, #140 and #141 in advance of implementation of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals.

R E P O R T

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1993 October 13, adopted the attached report regarding B.C. Transit proposals for adjustments to existing transit services in Burnaby.

Members:

Mr. Ernest Neumann
Mr. Peter Miller
Mr. Len Werden

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

Councillor D. Lawson
Member

Councillor C. Redman
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Councillor J. Young
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TO: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS 1993 OCTOBER 07
TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT DIVISION) OUR FILE: 08.201

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

SUBJECT: BC TRANSIT QUARTERLY SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

Purpose: To advise the Traffic and Transportation Committee on BC Transit proposals for adjustments to existing transit services in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommend that Council, by copy of this report, inform the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission that it does not accept the proposed service adjustments to the #132, #139, #140 and #141 in advance of implementation of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At the regular meeting of 1993 October 04, the Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division) received correspondence from BC Transit on the 1993 Critical Route Review Analysis of Least Productive Routes. This report provides a basis for BC Transit to identify the worst performing routes in the system for possible remedial action.

This report was referred to the Committee for review. Subsequently, at its regular meeting of 1993 October 12, Council received correspondence from BC Transit proposing a number of changes to bus services in the City of Burnaby and requesting comment by 1993 October 29. This correspondence was also referred to the Committee.

This report is written to advise the Traffic and Transportation Committee on an approach to respond to the service changes proposed by BC Transit.

2.0 **BC TRANSIT CRITICAL ROUTE REVIEW** **ANALYSIS OF LEAST PRODUCTIVE ROUTES**

The Critical Route Review identified a number of routes as poor performers including the #132 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop, #139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop and the #139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop. With regard to the #132 the Critical Route Review cites the low ridership on the route and that much of the route is duplicated by the #131 except through the Still Creek industrial area. To address the poor performance of this route the Report proposes that the #132 be replaced with a new route that combines other routes in the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals.

The #139 operating from the Capitol Hill area to Kootenay Loop is noted as a poor performer which was retained pending the North Burnaby service changes. The Critical Route Review, therefore, suggests that it be replaced with a new route involving combining this service with proposed changes to the #132. However, as both of these routes were subject to revision with implementation of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals, the Critical Route Review had indicated that these routes would not be subject to service reductions.

3.0 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM BC TRANSIT**

The correspondence from BC Transit received by Council, at its meeting of 1993 October 12, states that at its meeting of 1993 September 01 the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission approved reduced service frequencies on the #25 Brentwood/UBC, and the #49 Metrotown Station/UBC along with reduced Sunday operating hours on the #106 New West Station/Metrotown Station for implementation in 1993 December. In addition some a.m. peak trips on the #144 SFU/Metrotown Station would be routed express from Kensington and Canada Way to SFU via Highway 1 and Gaglardi Way as shown in Figure 1 *attached*.

None of the aforementioned routes were part of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals and therefore no commitment was made by BC Transit to maintain these services at current levels. However, the remainder of the correspondence does identify North Burnaby routes that would be subject to service reductions in 1994 April including:

- (i) #132 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop - discontinuation of evening service.
- (ii) #139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop and #140/141 Kootenay Loop - combine these routes into one route servicing Burnaby Heights resulting in discontinuation of service along Gilmore Street between Hastings and Eton as shown on Figure 2 *attached*.


Clearly these two service changes follow directly from the conclusions of the Critical Route Review.

4.0 ASSESSMENT OF BC TRANSIT PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

In the course of discussions with BC Transit on the North Burnaby Service Proposals the Committee was assured on a number of occasions that although a number of routes in Burnaby were poor performers, changes to make these routes more cost effective would await the implementation of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals. As the North Burnaby Transit Services were approved by Council based on the expectation that there would be no service reductions in advance of implementation of the proposed service improvements, it is not appropriate for BC Transit to suggest reductions in service on these routes. This group of bus routes includes the following:

- (i) #110 Lougheed Mall/Metrotown Station
- (ii) #130 Metrotown Station/Kootenay Loop
- (iii) #131 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop
- (iv) #132 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop
- (v) #134 Lougheed Mall/Kootenay Loop
- (vi) #139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop
- (vii) #140/141 Kootenay Loop

As previously noted, the correspondence from BC Transit proposes changes in the #132, #139 and the #140/141 which would result in an overall reduction in service levels. Based on previous discussions with BC Transit, however, any changes to these routes in advance of the implementation of the North Burnaby Transit Service Proposals is contrary to an understanding between Council and BC Transit. It is, therefore, recommended that Council convey its disapproval of the proposed service changes to the aforementioned routes to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission. If necessary it may also be appropriate to appear as a delegation to the Commission to explain Council's position.


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Attachment

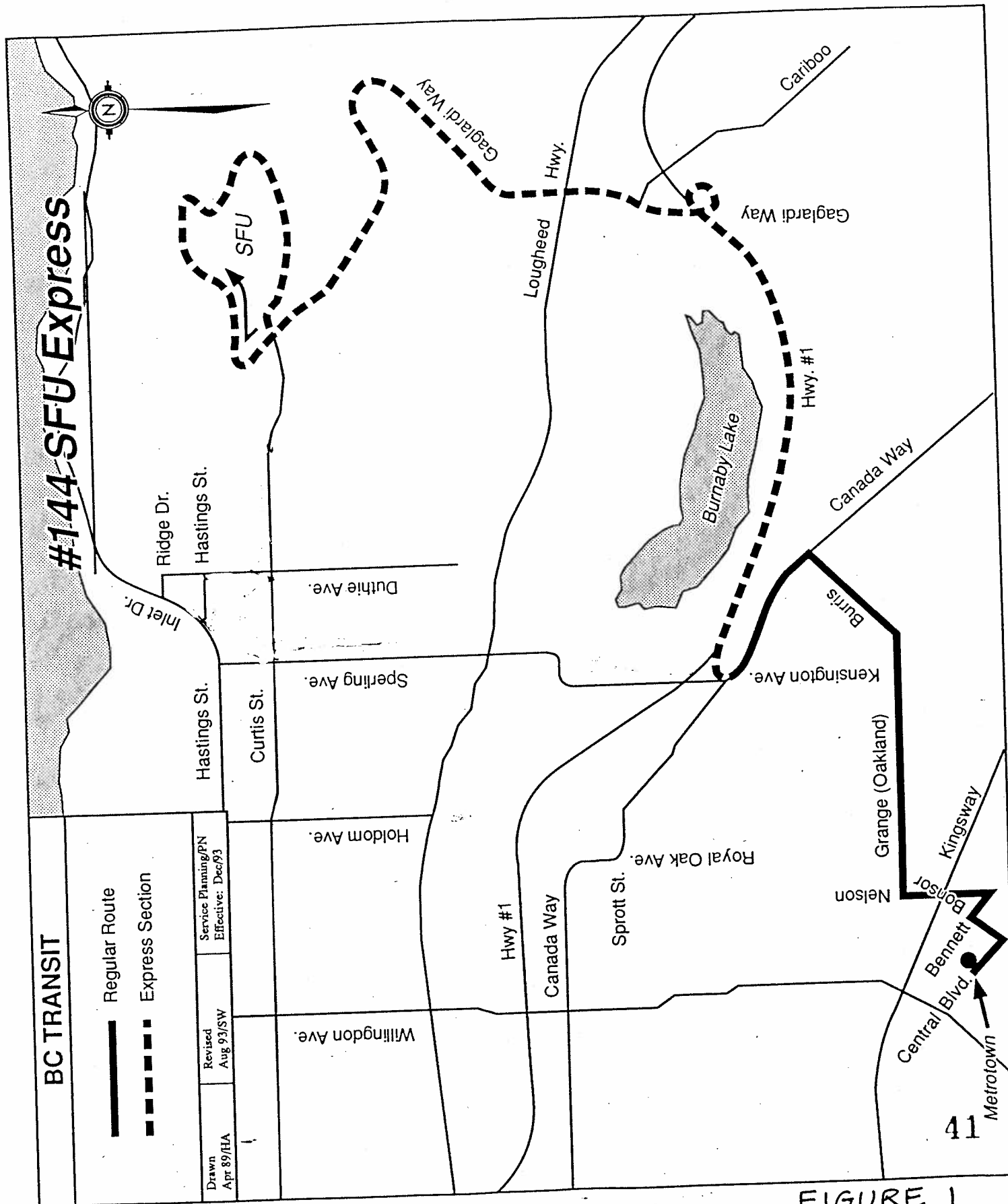


FIGURE 1

#139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop

(Evenings)

Edinburgh St.

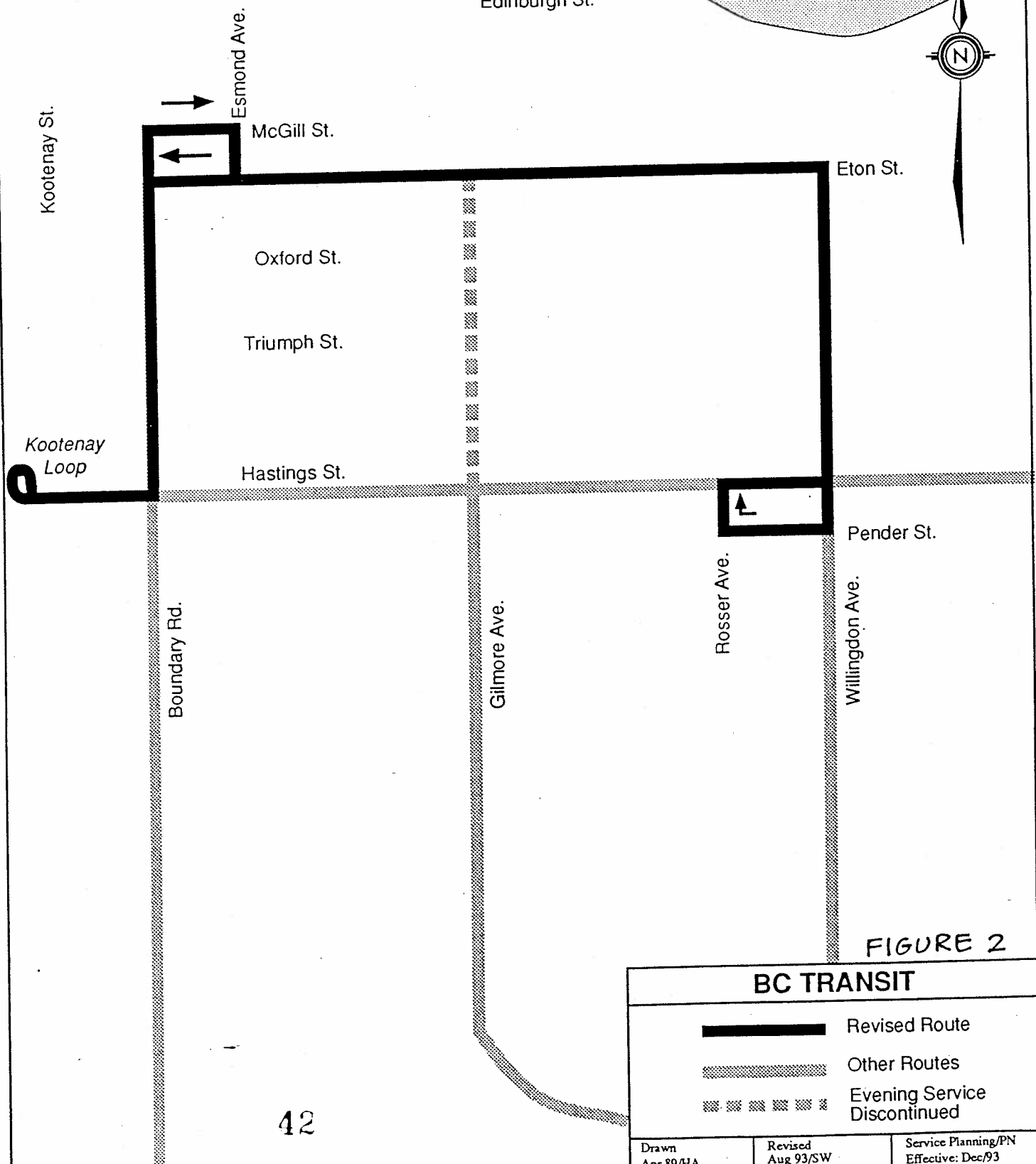





FIGURE 2

BC TRANSIT

-  Revised Route
-  Other Routes
-  Evening Service Discontinued

Drawn
Apr 89/HA

Revised
Aug 93/SW

Service Planning/PN
Effective: Dec/93