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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	8
COUNCIL MEETING	94/02/14

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 9 February 1994

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 50-06-11

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS -
LOUGHEED HIGHWAY TO SOUTH OF MANCHESTER DRIVE

PURPOSE: To seek Council authority to bring forward a Capital Works Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$850,000 for the construction of road improvements on Government Street from Lougheed Highway to south of Manchester Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a Capital Works Machinery & Equipment Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw be brought forward in the amount of \$850,000 for road improvements on Government Street from Lougheed Highway to south of Manchester Drive.

REPORT

At its regular meeting of 1993 February 01, Council approved the inclusion of road improvements on Government Street from Lougheed Highway to south of Manchester Drive. Council subsequently at its meeting of 1993 May 03 authorized engineering services for the design of these road improvements.

Engineering designs have been completed and tenders have been called so that we are now in a position to take advantage of the early construction season.

This road project will address the concerns expressed by local residents regarding peak period traffic congestion on Government Street which is restricting access to Cardston Street and Carrigan Court as well as the impact of the additional traffic generated by the Strathmore Towers development on the level of traffic congestion at the southern approach to the Lougheed/Government intersection.

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FINANCING

The estimated cost of this project is \$850,000. This figure includes the general contract, utility relocations, work by Municipal forces, plus other ancillary costs. Although approximately \$50,000 of this total amount will be offset by a cost sharing arrangement with the adjacent developer, it is necessary that Council bring down a Capital Works Expenditure Bylaw in the total amount of \$850,000 to finance this project. Funds for this project will be included in the 1994 Major Roads component of the 1994-1998 Capital Program.

CONCLUSION

In order to expedite construction of this project, the first three readings of the Capital Works Expenditure Bylaw appear elsewhere on this agenda for Council's consideration. If Council gives the bylaw the necessary readings this week, it would be our intention to submit a further report regarding the award of the construction contract for Council's consideration at its meeting of 1994 February 21.


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