

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Draft 1995/96 Annual Service Plan
from B.C. Transit

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council advise B.C. Transit of the need to proceed expeditiously to implement the transit improvement proposed in this and previous Annual Service Plans.
2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mayor L. Traboulay, Chair, Vancouver Regional Transit Commission.

R E P O R T

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1994 November 09, adopted the attached staff report outlining and evaluating the 1995/96 Annual Service Plan from B.C. Transit.

Respectfully submitted,

Members:

Mr. Ernest Neumann
Mr. Len Werden

Councillor D. Evans
Chairman

Councillor J. Young
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS NOVEMBER 1, 1994
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Transportation and Transit Division)

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 08.211

SUBJECT: DRAFT 1995/96 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN FROM BC TRANSIT

PURPOSE: To advise the Traffic and Transportation Committee of the 1995/96 Annual Service Plan from BC Transit.

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REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of 1994 October 12, the Traffic and Transportation Committee received a copy of the draft 1995 Annual Service Plan for the Vancouver Regional Transit System. The correspondence from BC Transit requests comment from the City of Burnaby by 1994 October 19 in order to be incorporated in the final plan to be submitted to the Commission on 1994 November 2. Arising out of the discussion the Committee referred the Annual Service Plan to staff for a report.

2.0 1995/96 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN

The 1995/96 Annual Service Plan reflects an outlook for the transit system for next year based on three factors:

- continuing weak growth in employment and work trips,
- concentration of population and employment growth in the outer suburbs where transit usage is lower,
- changing age patterns with growth in the 35-54 age range which is highly oriented to the automobile.

Although these trends do not support higher ridership, without major service expansions the Annual Service Plan forecasts growth of between 1.5-2.0% in 1995/96 primarily due to the first year of commuter rail service and the Rapid Bus initiatives of 1994/95.

3.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals and objectives of the Annual Service Plan include the following:

- improve service quality by introducing new and improved services,
- maintain the cost effectiveness of transit services by applying bus priority measures,
- provide an acceptable level of mobility,
- provide new and improved transit services which support the Livable Region Strategic Plan.

This latter objective would involve new routes which connect regional town centres including Rapid Bus and other express-type services.

4.0 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 Current Upgrading

The proposed improvements to be undertaken in the 1995/96 Annual Service Plan should be viewed in the context of the improvements proposed for Burnaby under the current 1994/95 Annual Service Plan. The current Annual Service Plan identified the following major improvements to Burnaby services:

- (i) the North Burnaby Transit Plan which introduces new express bus services and changes to local bus services,
- (ii) the Lougheed/Broadway Rapid Bus service from Lougheed Town Centre to UBC,
- (iii) a new express bus service between Metrotown and Richmond.

In Burnaby these 1994/95 service changes would provide a base upon which the 1995/96 Annual Service Plan improvements would be implemented. Those service improvements of direct interest to Burnaby are described in the following sections.

4.2 1995/96 Service Improvements

4.2.1 Commuter Rail

Scheduled to start in the Fall of 1995 Commuter Rail service between Mission and downtown Vancouver will be routed on the CP mainline on Burrard Inlet. While the commuter rail service is expected to attract some trips currently travelling through Burnaby to downtown Vancouver, it is not accessible to Burnaby residents. Council communicated its position on commuter rail to the Province in early 1993.

4.2.2 Improved SkyTrain Service

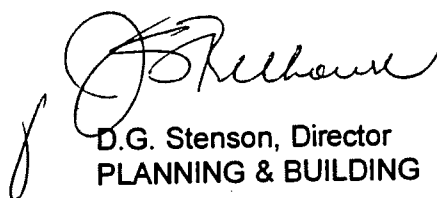
Additional SkyTrain Service will be provided during peak periods and in selected off-peak periods upon the arrival of 20 new cars. The number of 4-car trains will increase by approximately 9% from the current 30 to 34 and overall system capacity will be boosted by 7% to 8,230 passengers per hour in one direction. This significant augmentation of capacity on the SkyTrain system will benefit Burnaby riders who have been faced with full trains or standing loads during peak periods.

4.2.3 Lougheed/Broadway Rapid Bus

The Rapid Bus service from Lougheed Town Centre to UBC is planned to start in 1995 April. The 1995/96 Annual Service Plan proposes to extend this service from Lougheed Town Centre to Coquitlam Centre along the Lougheed Highway as shown in Figure 1 *attached*. In conjunction with this extended service bus priority measures would be introduced on the Lougheed Highway including Burnaby. Introduction of the service will not only provide the necessary link from Brentwood Town Centre to Vancouver but will also be extended as the precursor to rapid transit in the corridor.

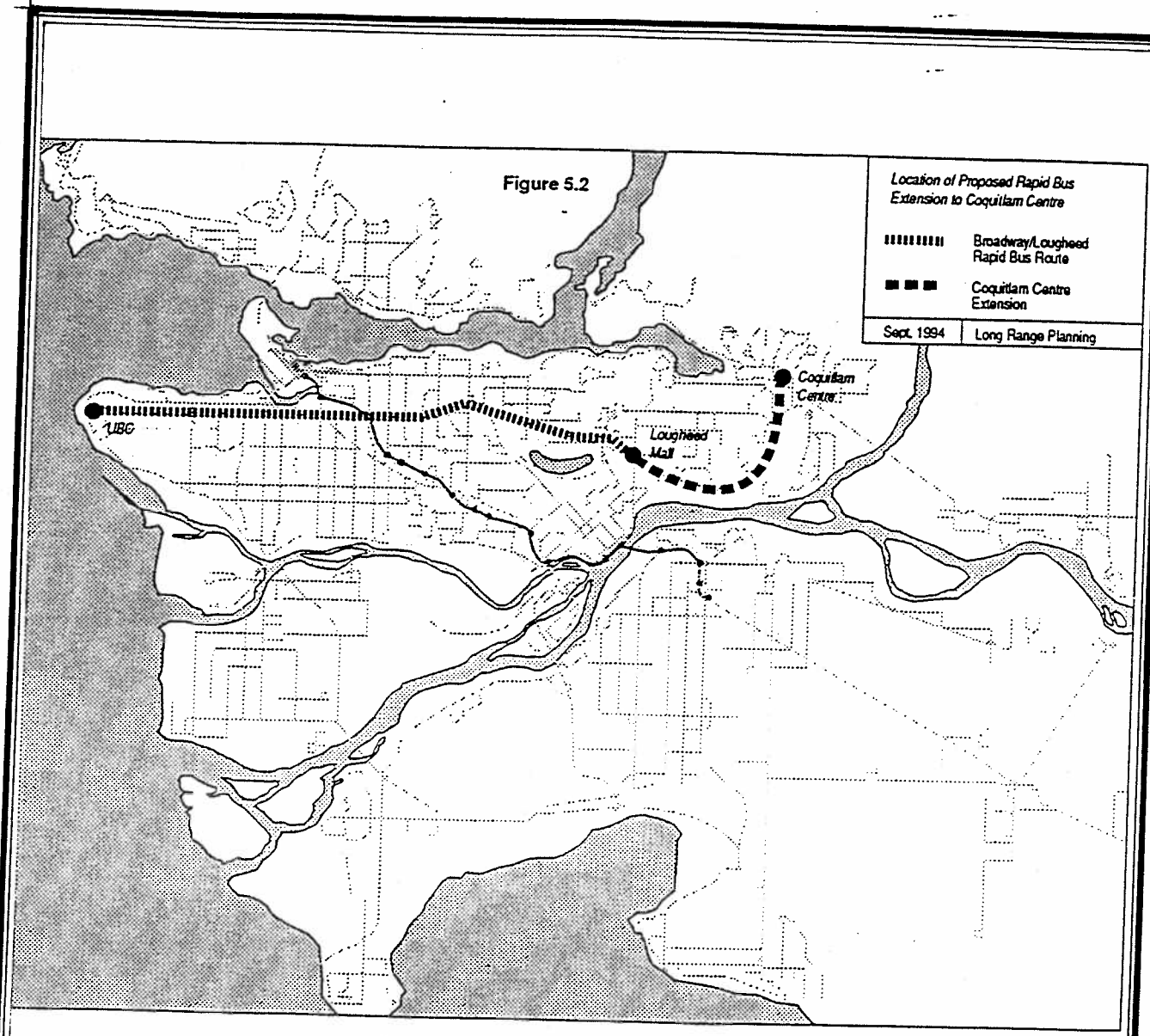
5.0 CONCLUSION

The major proposals for service improvements outlined in the 1995/96 Annual Service Plan offer substantial benefits to the transportation system and transit users in Burnaby. The focus of these improvements is directed to inter-municipal transit trips between Burnaby and Vancouver via the existing SkyTrain system and a Lougheed Broadway Rapid Bus service as a precursor to rapid transit. The improvements in this Annual Service Plan however must be viewed against the background of difficulties or delays in implementation which have applied to previous Annual Service Plan proposals for Burnaby. In this regard B.C. Transit should be advised to proceed expeditiously to implement the service improvements outlined in this Annual Service Plan and previous service plans.


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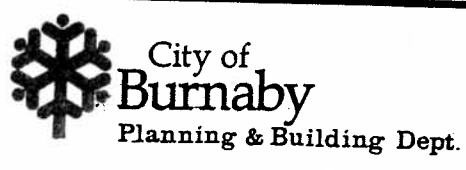


FIGURE 1
LOUGHEED/BROADWAY
RAPID BUS EXTENSION

