

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Burnaby Transit Plan: Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the terms of Reference in Attachment A for development of a Transit Plan for Burnaby.
2. THAT Council forward this report to the Vancouver Regional Commission and the Board of Directors for BC Transit requesting 50% funding for this Plan.

R E P O R T

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1994 March 09, adopted the attached staff report providing terms of reference for development of a Transit Plan for the City of Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,

Members:

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

Councillor D. Evans
Chairman

Councillor J. Young
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS 1994 MARCH 09
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE:

SUBJECT: BURNABY TRANSIT PLAN: TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE: To advise the Traffic and Transportation Committee of terms of reference for development of a Transit Plan for the City of Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Traffic and Transportation Committee approve the terms of reference in **Attachment A** for development of a Transit Plan for Burnaby.
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REPORT

The transit system in Burnaby has developed since the early fifties with an emphasis on serving the demand for travel to the City of Vancouver from Burnaby and from municipalities to the east of Burnaby. This transit pattern reflects Burnaby's development as one of the first suburbs of Vancouver and was later reinforced in 1986 as local bus services were revised to connect with a SkyTrain system oriented to serving commuting trips to downtown Vancouver.

As a result of this background there is the perception that transit services in Burnaby do not emphasize the needs of the local community for connections within Burnaby to town centres and other activity centres. This lack of responsiveness to local transit needs is confirmed by a fare zone system which applies a higher fare to travel from one part of the City to another. Other local issues which have been raised have involved the need for better north/south routes and the use of small buses on appropriate local routes.

The transit service changes proposed for North Burnaby and including in the 1994/95 Annual Service Plan were designed to address some of these issues but there have been significant obstacles to their implementation.

Terms of Reference

Burnaby Transit Plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With its central location in a expansive urban region, the City of Burnaby will require the development of transit services which meet the needs of a growing and changing population. The following provides terms of reference for the development of a transit plan for Burnaby as a cooperating effort between B.C. Transit and the City of Burnaby.

The Burnaby Transit Plan would include the following components:

- (i) a comprehensive review of transit service needs in Burnaby
- (ii) the development of a long range plan for transit service in Burnaby including rapid transit, express and local bus services and para-transit
- (iii) the service improvements required including consideration of implementation and timing.

It is proposed that the Burnaby Transit Plan be developed as a cooperative effort between B.C. Transit and the City of Burnaby.

The following sections outline the specific components of the Burnaby transit plan.

2.0 PROCESS

2.1 Review of Transit Needs and Opportunities

This component of the Burnaby Transit Plan will focus on assessing current transit service in the City of Burnaby relative to community needs and market opportunities. The review will involve interaction with the community to identify current deficiencies in the provision of transit service in local neighbourhoods, to and from town centres and regional services. Based on an analysis of current conditions the review will also be responsible for defining opportunities for adapting transit services to better address community needs.

The review of transit needs would require a survey of Burnaby households, including transit users and non-users to solicit views on the following aspects of transit service:

- (i) current quality of service including routing, service coverage, service frequency, access to activity centres, etc.

- (ii) needs for direct express bus services from communities within Burnaby including level of service, routing, destinations
- (iii) opportunities for new service options including para-transit, smaller buses, etc.
- (iv) longer term service options including rapid transit.

2.2 Burnaby Service Plan

This component of the Burnaby Transit Plan will aim to develop service plans for transit in Burnaby for a five, ten and fifteen year time frame. The Service Plans will comprise the following:

- (i) a statement of objectives for transit services in Burnaby
- (ii) an analysis of future growth in population and employment in the Region and the City of Burnaby.
- (iii) an identification of areas which will require service improvements to meet future transit demands
- (iv) a range of service options to meet current transit needs and future market opportunities based on growth
- (v) a statement of the costs and benefits of the service options in terms of increased ridership etc.

2.3 Implementation

An implementation section will be provided in the Burnaby Transit Plan defining an overall five year budget and schedule. It will include consideration of other aspects of implementation including facilities requirements including vehicles.

3.0 CONDUCT OF THE PLAN

It is proposed that the Burnaby Transit Plan be undertaken by a consulting firm with appropriate qualifications in transit planning and engineering. The consultant would report to a steering committee of staff from both B.C. Transit and the City of Burnaby.

The cost of the Burnaby Transit Plan is estimated at \$60,000. It is suggested that the cost of developing the plan be funded 50% by B.C. Transit and 50% by the City of Burnaby.

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In view of the aforementioned concerns Council has identified the need for an independent review of transit needs and development of an overall Transit Plan for the City of Burnaby. At its regular meeting of 1993 October 13 the Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division) reviewed terms of reference submitted by the City of Richmond to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission for a transit study of the municipality. Arising out of the discussion the Committee requested staff to draw up terms of reference for Transit Plan for Burnaby to be undertaken jointly between BC Transit and the City of Burnaby. This terms of reference is provided in Attachment A for the consideration of the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

It is recommended that this terms of reference be forwarded to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission for consideration of 50% funding by BC Transit and the City of Burnaby.



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Attachment

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Director Engineering
Director Finance

