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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	31
COUNCIL MEETING	94/05/09

TO: CITY MANAGER 1994 MAY 05

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 01.215.5

SUBJECT: LIVABLE REGION STRATEGY AND TRANSPORT 2021 PROPOSALS - STATUS FOR UPCOMING 1994 MAY 14 COUNCIL OF COUNCILS' MEETING

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the status of the Livable Region Strategy and Transport 2021 proposals prior to the upcoming Council of Councils' meeting on 1994 May 14.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Members of Council attending the Council of Councils meeting on 1994 May 14 express their opposition to the amendment to recommendation (a) under the heading of the Livable Region Strategic Plan as proposed by the GVRD Board and urge that the original recommendation as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee and as contained in Attachment 1 be supported.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Member municipalities of the GVRD were given until 1994 March 31 to submit their comments in relation to the GVRD's Livable Region Strategy and Transport 2021 proposals. Burnaby Council submitted their position as summarized in two reports considered at their meetings of 1994 March 21 (report on Livable Region Strategic Plan) and 1994 March 28 (report on Transport 2021).

Following receipt of all various municipal submissions, the Regional Administrators' Advisory Committee (RAAC) arranged a meeting with the Regional Committees representing the Planners and Engineers to discuss the various issues and formulate a recommendation for the Strategic Planning Committee of the GVRD.

2.0 GVRD STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations as adopted by the GVRD Strategic Planning Committee at its meeting of 1994 April 19 are shown on **Attachment 1**. These incorporated the comments of RAAC and were forwarded to the GVRD Board for consideration at its meeting of 1994 April 29. The recommendations as adopted by the Strategic Planning Committee were in keeping with the thrust of the submission of the City of Burnaby which indicated that additional time was required to address a number of outstanding issues and to allow adequate time to continue our public consultation process. It had been indicated that the City would provide a more definitive response on the growth targets as related to Burnaby by the end of 1994 November.

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3.0 GVRD BOARD ACTIONS

At its meeting of 1994 April 29, the Board adopted a resolution that it **"receive the report from the Strategic Planning Committee and the following recommendations and refer them to the Council of Councils for consideration"**. The "following" recommendations referred to in the resolution are the same as those contained in Attachment 1 **with the exception of a revised wording for recommendation (a) under the heading of the Livable Region Strategic Plan**, which now reads:

"That the Board adopt in principle the Livable Region Strategy proposals and supporting information contained in the Livable Region Strategy: Proposals dated August 1993, subject to refinements based upon municipal comments, as a Regional Strategic Plan, and subject to the proviso that the growth management targets shown on page 29 of the Strategy are preliminary in nature and subject to modification prior to adoption, and that the Board refer the Regional Strategic Plan to members municipalities in accordance with s.4 of the Resolution to Establish Procedures for the Preparation and Adoption of the Regional Strategic Plan for the Greater Vancouver Regional District."

If adopted by the Board this recommendation will start the procedural process associated with a Regional Strategic Plan. Under the original recommendation as presented by RAAC and adopted by the Strategic Planning Committee, the procedural "clock" would not have started until following receipt of the modified growth targets from member municipalities, such as Burnaby, that had requested additional time to deal with their growth management review processes. While there is time allotted in the approval process to formally register objections and seek a resolution, this dispute resolution time period will automatically start with adoption of the draft resolution as amended by the Board.

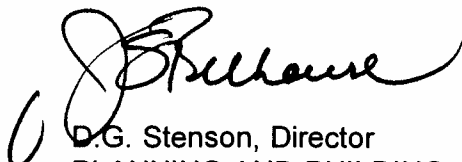
With respect to the Board's actions it should be pointed out that the correspondence entitled "The Board In Brief" appearing elsewhere on the agenda contains an erroneous accounting on the Board's actions with respect to the recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee dealing with the Livable Region Strategic Plan Proposals.

4.0 COUNCIL OF COUNCILS MEETING

At the upcoming meeting of the Council of Councils on 1994 May 14, the recommendations as contained in **Attachment 1**, but incorporating the modification to item (a) under the heading of Livable Region Strategic Plan, will be presented for consideration and discussion. The intent is to bring back these recommendations to the GVRD for consideration at its meeting of 1994 May 27.

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Consistent with Council's past actions in relation to the Regional Strategic Plan Proposals, staff would recommend that Members of Council attending the Council of Councils meeting on 1994 May 14 express their opposition to the amendment to recommendation (a) and urge that the original recommendation as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee and as contained in Attachment 1 be supported.


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Attachment

cc: City Manager
City Clerk

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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

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7(g) Results of Review of Livable Region Strategy and Transport 2021 Proposals

- A. That the Board receive the report from the Strategic Planning Committee dated April 25, 1994 and the following recommendations and refer them to the Council of Councils for consideration:

LIVABLE REGION STRATEGIC PLAN

- a) That the Board recognize that while considerable progress has been made towards achieving consensus, further work is required on the land use projections to finalize that consensus and that, therefore, the Board endorse the principles of the Livable Region Strategy and Transport 2021 Proposals but defer consideration of formal adoption until November, 1994."
- b) That the Board direct staff to work with RAAC and local municipalities to bring forward a set of planned growth projections , with consensus support, for inclusion in a Livable Region Strategy by November, 1994.
- c) That the Board direct staff to explore job creation and transit strategies which might encourage the development which does take place in Langley, Maple Ridge and the valley communities to be more consistent with the Livable Region Principles.
- d) That the Board recognize the implications of the proposed strategy for the valley communities and their desire to be a participant in this process, and authorize the Chair of the Board to contact his counterparts in the valley for discussion on this matter, including participation in the studies proposed in the above resolution (c).
- e) That the Board undertake further research and discussion with member municipalities, other Lower Mainland local governments and the province, including the potential for municipalities to attain the population, housing and employment growth targets, the characteristics of complete communities, the financial costs and benefits of implementing the Regional Strategic Plan and an economic implementation strategy directed towards achieving closer balances between employment, housing and population growth.

TRANSPORT 2021 LONG RANGE PLAN

- f) That the Board endorse the policies and recommendations of the Transport 2021 Long Range Plan, subject to refinement of the Plan based upon municipal comments, and incorporate these policies in the Regional Strategic Plan;
- g) That the Board advise the Province of its endorsement of the Transport 2021 Long Range Plan and recommend that the Province adopt the plan as the basis for the development of the regional transportation system and services;
- h) That the Board direct staff to draft, in consultation with ministries, agencies and member municipalities, a financial and institutional framework to facilitate the implementation of the Transport 2021 Long Range Plan, including Transportation Demand Management measures;
- i) That the Board recognize the environmental, social and economic impacts of the Transport 2021 Long Range Plan recommendations, and stress that its support of the Plan is based upon the condition that full public processes to review these issues will be conducted prior to commitment by the Province and other agencies on major transportation projects in the region.

TRANSPORT 2021 MEDIUM RANGE PLAN

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- j) That the Board endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Transport 2021 Medium Range Plan with the exception of the staging strategy of the intermediate capacity transit system, subject to refinement of the plan based upon municipal comments, and incorporate these conclusions into the Regional Strategic Plan.
- k) That the Board resolve that the land use strategy is only acceptable and achievable if there is a firm provincial commitment to construct all three proposed ICTS lines in the Transport 2021 Medium Range Plan within a reasonable and defined time period.
- l) That the Board request that functional planning studies be undertaken by the Province, the GVRD and the affected municipalities to provide a comparative basis for a rapid transit phasing decision to be taken by November 1994, and that the Board offer to lead or support such studies and the preparation of an intermediate capacity transit plan including alignments, technology, costs and financing.
- m) That the Board direct that the transit phasing proposals should be amended to reflect the intent of the above resolutions (k) and (l) and all references to the construction of only one line should be deleted.
- n) That the Board communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Province and that,

recognizing the provincial commitment to transit and municipal commitment to corresponding land use/growth policies are interdependent, formal adoption of the Livable Region Strategy by the GVRD will be dependent on the concurrent establishment by the Province of an institutional and financial framework necessary to carry out the required commitment to transit and road improvements.

- o) That the Board authorize the Chairperson of the Board to seek a meeting with the Premier and/or appropriate cabinet ministers to advise them of the Board's position and seek the aforementioned necessary provincial commitments.

- B. That the Board refer the following separately bound documents to the Council of Councils for information in considering the above recommendations:
 - A. Summary of Responses to Livable Region Strategy: Proposals.
 - B. Summary of Responses to Transport 2021 Long-Range Plan.
 - C. Summary of Responses to Transport 2021 Medium-Range Plan.
 - D. Summary of GVRD Air Quality, Land Use and Transportation Public Attitudes Survey.

- C. That the Board authorize the Chairperson to modify the agenda for the Council of Councils as necessary to reflect the direction recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

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