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1996 MAY 13

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

Re: **MARINE WAY MEDIAN BARRIERS: MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS ANNOUNCEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1996 May 08, adopted the attached staff report advising of funding approval by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for installation of median barriers on Marine Way.

MEMBERS:

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chairman

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Councillor J. Young

Member

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(Transportation and Transit Division)

1996 MAY 06

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

OUR FILE: 08.640

SUBJECT: **MARINE WAY MEDIAN BARRIERS:
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS ANNOUNCEMENT**

PURPOSE: To inform the Traffic and Transportation Committee of the announcement by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways of approval of funding for the installation of median barriers on Marine Way.

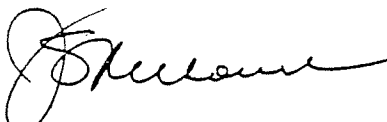
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REPORT

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways recently issued a news release regarding a number of highway projects in Burnaby and Port Moody to be funded under the 1996/97 capital and rehabilitation programs. These include continuing work on the Highway 1 upgrading, the Barnet/Hastings People Moving Project, the Broadway Connector and the Canada Way Corridor project, but also includes new work to install a median barrier on Marine Way and improve pedestrian access on Lougheed Highway between Bell and Austin Avenue.

The Marine Way median barrier and the signalization of Nelson and Marine Way are necessary improvements to this highway required to enhance safety by eliminating head-on collisions and allowing safe left turns on and off the highway. It is anticipated that installation of the median could be completed within 18 months.



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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

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HIGHWAY PROJECTS APPROVED FOR BURNABY AND PORT MOODY

VICTORIA – Approximately \$27 million will be invested in highway projects in the Burnaby and Port Moody areas under the 1996/97 capital and rehabilitation programs, MLAs Fred Randall, Joan Sawicki, Barry Jones and Barbara Copping announced today on behalf of Transportation and Highways Minister Corky Evans.

"In addition to protecting the existing infrastructure, our objective is to maximize people-moving capacity and encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution," said Sawicki.

"These are critical investments in our highways infrastructure," said Copping. "Initiatives such as the Broadway Connector will relieve peak period congestion and enhance safety to the travelling public."

Capital projects include:

- continuing design and construction of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along Highway 1, Port Mann Bridge to Grandview
- opening the Barnet-Hastings HOV lanes, between Boundary Road and Port Moody,
- widening the Broadway Connector from two to four lanes from Gagliardi Way to North Road
- constructing the Gagliardi-Hastings connector.
- intersection improvements on Canada Way at Edmonds and Imperial

Rehabilitation projects include:

- installing a median barrier along the centre of Marine Way to divide eastbound and westbound traffic
- constructing a portable weigh scale pullout on the eastbound side of Marine Way
- improving pedestrian access on the Loughheed Highway at Bell Avenue, cost shared with the Municipality of Burnaby
- rebuilding the traffic signals at 10th Avenue and 6th Street and Cariboo Road at Gagliardi Way

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"Installing the median barrier on Marine Way is an important safety improvement," said Randall. "As well, the new portable weigh scale will ensure that large vehicles comply to weight restrictions, thereby increasing the longevity of the highway and overall safety."

"The Burnet-Hastings People Moving Project will benefit the rapidly growing commuter population of the Burnaby area," said Jones. "With HOV lanes, we are providing the infrastructure to move commuters out of single-occupancy vehicles to reduce congestion and pollution."

Highway capital construction projects are managed by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways on behalf of the BC Transportation Financing Authority and are part of the provincial government's jobs and investment plan, which includes affordable investments in infrastructure to generate new jobs and long-term benefits for B.C.'s economy.

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