

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: SOUTHPOINT DRIVE TRUCK ROUTE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council forward a copy of this report to Mr. David Teefel, #418 - 6760 Southpoint Drive, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 4V8.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1996 February 14, adopted the attached staff report responding to a request from Mr. David Teefel to prohibit trucks from using Southpoint Drive from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Staff supported continued use of Southpoint Drive as a truck route without restriction pending completion of the Marine/10th Connector.

MEMBERS:

Mrs. Y. Coveney-Boyd
Mr. E. Neumann
Ms. L. Tatangelo
Mr. L. Werden

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chairman

Councillor J. Young
Member

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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: SECRETARY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DATE: 1996 02 15
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING, FILE:
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS
SUBJECT: SOUTHPOINT DRIVE TRUCK ROUTE
PURPOSE: To provide the Committee with background information regarding the request by Mr. David Teefel to curtail usage of the Southpoint Drive truck route.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. David Teefel, #418 - 6760 Southpoint Drive, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 4V8.

REPORT

Council has referred a letter from Mr. David Teefel regarding truck usage of Southpoint Drive to the Traffic and Transportation Committee for report. The letter was referred to staff for report.

In his letter, Mr. Teefel indicates that he is aware that Southpoint Drive's usage as a truck route will be discontinued when the Marine Way/10th Connector link is completed. Accordingly, he urges early completion of this road link. The 1996-2000 provisional capital budget indicates a continuing annual expenditure on this project through the budget period. In the interim Mr. Teefel suggests, *"First, to change the truck route bylaw to prohibit trucks from using Southpoint Drive from 10:00 pm until 7:00am daily. At least then residents will be able to get a better night's sleep since trucks generate the greatest noise, although not the greatest volume. Second, to remove the prohibition of trucks from Gilley until the new Connector is finished. While neither Southpoint nor Gilley are good choices for a truck route, both roads being steep and residential, at least this will share the traffic between the two streets and give some further relief to those of us living on Southpoint"*.

The Committee discussed the second part of this proposal at some length and it was agreed that an interim redesignation of Gilley as a truck route was undesirable. Accordingly, staff was asked to review the first part of Mr. Teefel's suggestion relative to updated traffic count data.

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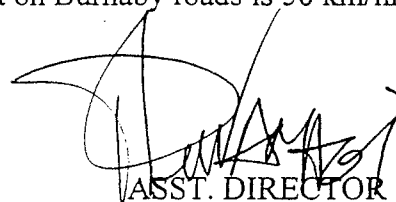
Staff used automatic counters to classify vehicles on Southpoint at Hanna Court for 6 days in January. The data gathered are summarized below:

Day of Week	Total Vehicles	Trucks (24 hours)	Trucks (10pm - 7am)
Average Weekday	5,400	220	5
Saturday	3,511	49	4
Sunday	2,933	30	4

It should be noted that the trucks listed above are those that would be regulated by the Street and Traffic Bylaw's Truck Route provisions. Residents are often unaware that lighter trucks that typically only have two axles are not regulated.

Our observation is that the night time usage of Southpoint by trucks is very low. Attempting to further limit usage would at best be symbolic because of the difficulty in enforcing the nighttime truck prohibition on such a low volume. Signing for the time limit would have to be placed at both ends of this truck route (ie. at Southpoint/19th and Marine Way/Byrne). The amount of signing particularly at the lower end of the truck route on Marine Way that would be required to obviate confusion for the occasional night time user may well lead to daytime interpretive confusion at some cost to traffic safety.

Our recommendation would be to continue usage of Southpoint as a truck route without restriction pending completion of the Marine/10th Connector. We are installing driver awareness signing on Southpoint to point out that the speed limit on Burnaby roads is 50 km/hr.



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cc: City Manager
Director Planning & Building

