

Item	24
Manager's Report No.	07
Council Meeting	97/03/03

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 1997 02 19

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 50-06-21

SUBJECT: BOUNDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN
THURSTON STREET AND KINGSWAY

PURPOSE: To advise Council of the implications of the Ministry of Transportation & Highways withdrawal from participating in this project and to request that Council appeal the Ministry's decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council write to the Minister of Transportation & Highways requesting that Provincial cost sharing funding for the Kingsway/Boundary intersection widening be provided in the fiscal year 1997/98.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the City of Vancouver and B.C. Telephone Company.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Burnaby MLAs.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

The City has been recently notified (Attachment 1) that the Ministry of Transportation & Highways (MOTH) will not be funding the Kingsway widening project at Boundary Road in the fiscal year 1997/98. This decision has significant financial implications to the City.

At its regular meeting of 1996 February 19, Council approved a design and implementation strategy for Boundary Road improvements between Kingsway and Thurston Street. This report discussed the design concept and identified a number of cost sharing agreements between the City of Burnaby as the overall project manager and the City of Vancouver, the MOTH, and the B.C. Telephone Company.

The design concept provides for the reconstruction of Boundary Road to a six lane standard from north of Vanness Avenue to a point south of Kingsway including a pedestrian/cycling signal with transit actuation at the Boundary/Vanness intersection which would accommodate pedestrians and cyclists crossing Boundary Road at grade and the left turn out movement for buses and emergency vehicles wanting to go northbound on Boundary Road.

This project would also accommodate some modifications of the existing signals at Kingsway and Boundary Road plus the widening of Kingsway to the east. This reconstruction of Boundary Road would also relocate the parking/stopping area adjacent to B.C. Tel and realign B.C. Tel's current driveway access from Boundary Road.

The project is scheduled for construction during 1997 and the timing is critical to the Collingwood development in east Vancouver and the anticipated traffic volumes generated at the Boundary Road/Vanness Avenue intersection.

2.0 PROJECT COST SHARING

The 1996 February 19 Council report identified the following cost sharing breakdown:

BOUNDARY ROAD PROJECT Cost Breakdown and Responsibility					
Project Item	Total Cost	Cost Responsibility			
		City of Burnaby	City of Vancouver	MOTH	B.C. Tel
1. Boundary Rd Reconstruction	\$1,050,000	\$525,000	\$525,000	--	--
2. Intersection Signalization					
i) Boundary/Kingsway	\$145,000	\$36,250	\$72,500	\$36,250	--
ii) Boundary/Vanness	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	--	--
3. Kingsway Reconstruction	\$250,000	--	--	\$250,000	--
3. B.C. Tel Components					
i) Parking Replacement	\$120,000	--	--	--	\$120,000
ii) Driveway Relocation	\$100,000				\$100,000
TOTAL COST SHARING	\$1,765,000	\$586,250	\$672,500	\$286,250	\$220,000

The MOTH share was predicated on the work that is to be undertaken on Kingsway and the fact that Kingsway is a Provincial Arterial Highway.

3.0 MINISTRY'S COMMITMENT

By letter dated 1987 October 01 (Attachment 2), Roy Illing, then Deputy Minister of the MOTH, wrote to the City Manager concerning planned improvements to portions of Kingsway including the section between Boundary Road and Patterson Avenue.

The suggested arrangement put forth by Mr. Illing arose out of discussions between then Mayor Lewarne and the Minister of Transportation & Highways. The suggested arrangement being that the Ministry would undertake all costs of construction if Burnaby would make available the necessary additional right-of-way. Council, at its meeting of 1987 November 27, endorsed this arrangement and subsequently acquired the necessary right-of-way for the Kingsway widening.

Given the projected 1997 construction schedule, staff wrote to the MOTH in 1996 July seeking funding commitment for the Ministry's share. The MOTH responded (Attachment 3) by stating that the project would be advanced for funding approval. The latest letter dated 1997 February 10 from MOTH now indicates that this project will not be funded in fiscal year 1997/98.

4.0 OPTIONS

The Ministry's decision leaves the project underfunded by approximately \$300,000. To relieve this situation, the City could delete the Kingsway/Boundary widening component of the project, however, this option would severely compromise the overall functionality of the intersection upgrading. Improvements to the Kingsway/Boundary intersection are long overdue and have been long anticipated. It is not recommended that this widening be deleted from the project.

The City could proceed with the work and fund the shortfall from its own reserves, however, this option would place an unfair financial burden on the City. Further, this option allows the Ministry to forsake its commitment and financial obligation.

The most equitable and preferred option would be for all parties to fulfill the original cost sharing arrangement. Therefore, it is recommended that Council write to the Minister of Transportation & Highways requesting reconsideration of the decision not to provide cost sharing funding for the Kingsway widening project at Boundary Road.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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Attach.

cc: Director Planning & Building
Director Finance



File: 16-20-Kingsway

February 10, 1997

City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby BC
V5G 1M2

Attention: W.C. Sinclair, P. Eng.
Director, Engineering

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Re: Improvements Kingsway @ Boundary Road
Burnaby

I refer to your letter of February 5, 1997 to Mr. Joe Jensen, Regional Director which was forwarded to this office for reply.

Subsequently, to my July 10, 1996 letter the above noted proposed improvement project was put forward for funding considerations.

As you know, financial proposals are subject to various selection criteria including priority and availability of funds. I regret to advise that the subject proposal did not pass the selection process, and accordingly will not receive funding in fiscal year 1997/1998.

Yours truly,

Bob Pearson
Area Manager
Burnaby/Coquitlam

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copies: Lawren Wagar, District Highways Manager, LMD
Joe Jensen, Regional Manager, SCR

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YOUR FILE:

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October 1, 1987

Mr. Melvin J. Shelley
Municipal Manager
The Corporation of the
District of Burnaby
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Burnaby, B.C.
V5G 1M2

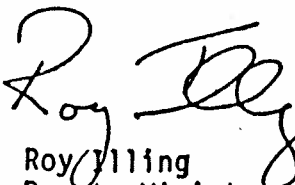
Dear Mr. Shelley:

Re: Widening of Kingsway
a) Patterson to Boundary
b) Imperial Street Intersection

Thank you for your letter of September 16, 1987 regarding the above.

The Ministry is agreeable to treat the two above improvements as one project and to carry out the construction provided the Corporation will provide and pay for the necessary additional right-of-way at both locations. Please confirm whether this arrangement is agreeable to Council. Meanwhile, I will attempt to advance arrangements for funding the Ministry's portion of the undertaking.

Yours truly,


Roy Illing
Deputy Minister

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ATTACHMENT 2

File: 16-20-0-B

July 10, 1996

City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, B.C.
V5G 1M2

Attention: D.G. Stenson, Director
Planning & Building

Dear Mr. Stenson:

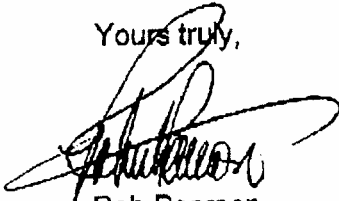
Re: Boundary Road Project

I refer to your letter of June 20, 1996, addressed to Mr. Joe Jensen, Regional Director, relating to the above.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Bob Glover and have agreed that the Ministry will advance for funding, the improvements to the Kingsway leg easterly from Boundary Road for the 1997/98 fiscal year. As always, this Ministry's commitment is subject to the advancement of funds and priority.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further please call me at your convenience.

Yours truly,



Bob Pearson
A/District Highways Manager

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