

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

A. CANADA WAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 1998 June 02, adopted the attached report responding to safety concerns regarding high school students jaywalking across Canada Way east of Norland.

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Respectfully submitted,

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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 1998 05 25
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 55-01-04
SUBJECT: CANADA WAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS
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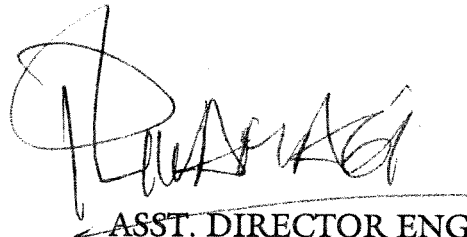
REPORT

Staff and the Committee have received complaints regarding Burnaby Central Secondary School students jaywalking across Canada Way in front of the City Hall. The primary source of the problem is students disembarking en masse from westbound Canada Way buses at the farside Ledger stop and then streaming to the school along as straight a line path as possible. This results in their jaywalking, often in front of the bus, diagonally across four lanes of Canada Way traffic to the large triangular on the south east corner of Norland and Canada Way. From the island, a second jaywalking leg across Deer Lake Parkway takes them to the school. The Ledger bus stop is sited at the north end of the pedestrian overpass of Canada Way. The

students could also alight at the farside of the Canada Way/Norland intersection and cross at the signal but choose not to do so. The fencing of the City Hall parking lot put a kink in the straight line path from bus stop to school and somewhat reduced the attraction of the jaywalk mode but the bulk of the problem remains. Efforts at educating the students relative to this issue and the benefit of not jaywalking have also not borne fruit. The option of discontinuing the farside Ledger stop has been discussed but this stop remains a convenience to other transit users.

A fence along the median of Canada Way is the obvious solution and other options having failed, it is now recommended. The most recent installation of a chain link fence along the west leg median of Moscrop at Willingdon has successfully addressed a similar problem. Maintenance has not been as significant a problem as anticipated nor have secondary safety concerns arisen. Because of the location in the civic complex, a wrought iron style fence (similar to the one used on the east side of the Civic Square along McKay) is recommended. Funding is available in Capital Contingency.

It is recommended that a copy of this report be sent to the principal of Burnaby Central Secondary School and to BC Transit staff who have recently corresponded on this issue.



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