

TO: CITY MANAGER DATE: APRIL 1, 1998  
FROM: CITY SOLICITOR  
SUBJECT: 20TH STREET IN NEW WESTMINSTER  
PURPOSE: To apprise Council of the concerns arising from the City of New Westminister changing the use and function of 20th Street as a truck route

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT a copy of this report be sent to the City of New Westminister and the Minister of Transportation and Highways

**R E P O R T**

Staff have recently been approached by the legal representative of a large Burnaby warehouse and distribution firm regarding the adverse impact caused by New Westminister Street Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 6425, 1997, adopted February 23, 1998 which deletes 20th Street in New Westminister as a designated truck route.

We understand that this change in use has now been put into effect through the placement of signs by New Westminister, including a sign on the Burnaby side of 20th Street. This regulatory change was accomplished without consulting the City of Burnaby and is in fact at variance with the City's Transportation Plan. In particular, Burnaby has developed the Griffiths/19th/20th route southward from Kingsway as an arterial truck route in explicit accordance with the Transportation Plan adopted in 1979 (see *attached*). This plan has been reviewed with New Westminister in the past. Without 20th Street (in New Westminister) in the truck route network, direct north-south access between the Annacis bridgehead and the Kingsway corridor is severed. Future development of the Marine Way/10th Avenue Connector will not obviate this.

Section 582 of the *Municipal Act* provides:

**"Disputes regarding transecting roads**

- 582 (1) This section applies if 2 or more adjoining municipalities, including the City of Vancouver,
- (a) are served by a highway that transects those municipalities, and

- (b) as a result, are interested in but unable to agree on the use, location, function, maintenance, repair or improvement of the highway.
- (2) The Minister of Transportation and Highways, on the minister's own initiative or on the application of one or more of the councils of the affected municipalities, may
  - (a) determine the use and location of the highway or extensions,
  - (b) designate the function of the highway, and
  - (c) set the amount that each municipality is required to spend on the highway and the mode of expenditure.
- (3) An award and decision of the Minister of Transportation and Highways under subsection (2) is final and binding on the affected municipalities."

It is recommended that copies of this report be forwarded to both the City of New Westminster for comment and the Minister of Transportation and Highways for possible action under section 582.

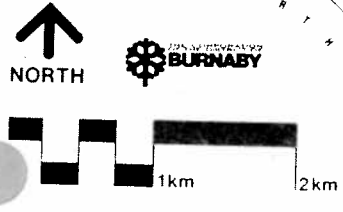
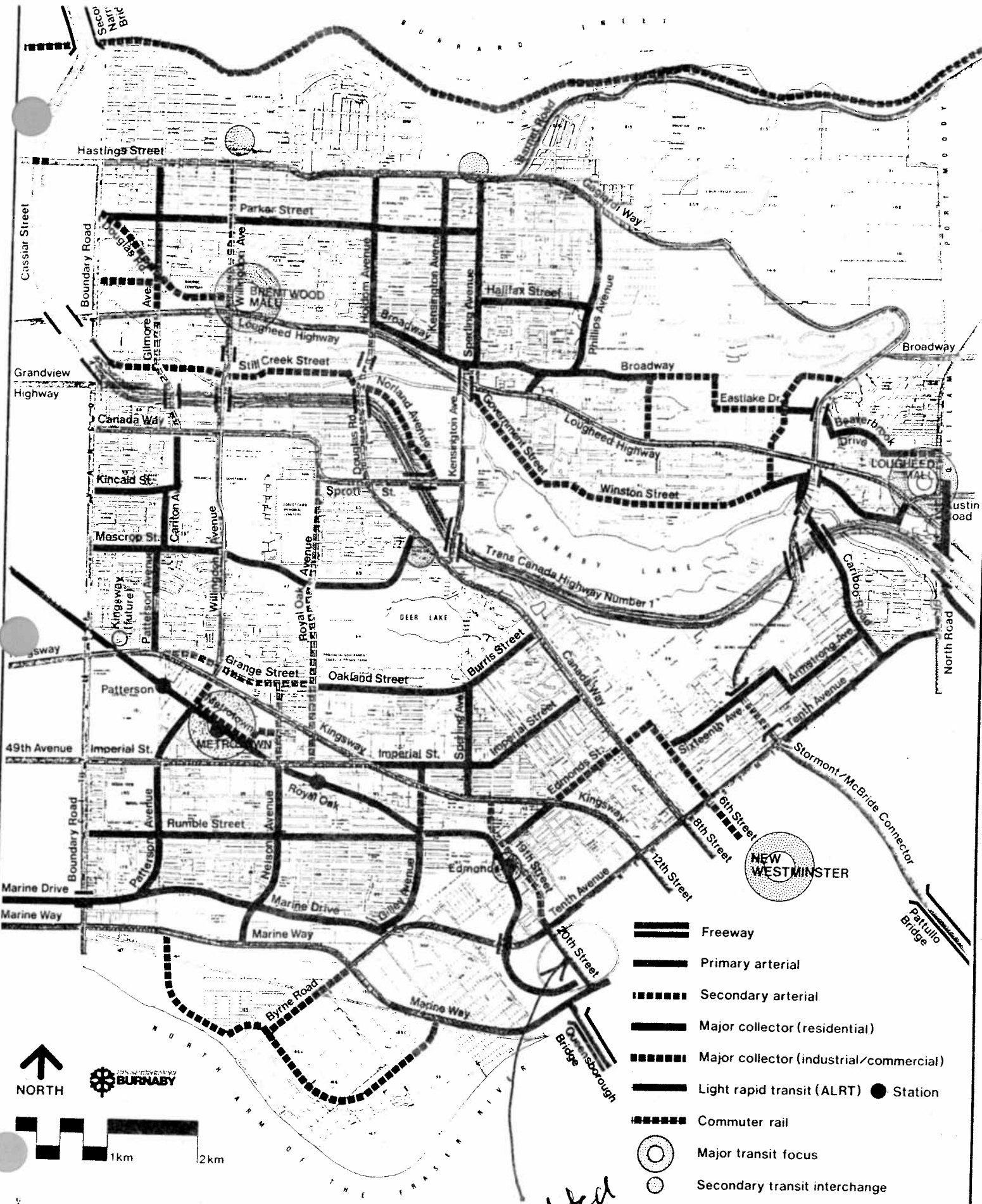


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Director Planning & Building

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- Freeway
- Primary arterial
- Secondary arterial
- Major collector (residential)
- Major collector (industrial/commercial)
- Light rapid transit (ALRT) ● Station
- Commuter rail
- Major transit focus
- Secondary transit interchange

*Deleted Truck Route*

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