

TO: CITY MANAGER 2000 JANUARY 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION STUDIES  
RELATED TO BUS SERVICE  
HOLDOM SKYTRAIN STATION  
REZONING REFERENCE #99-31**

PURPOSE: To provide the requested report on traffic and transportation studies relating to bus service undertaken by the owner of the site for the Holdom SkyTrain Station.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the City Clerk be authorized to enter this report into the record of the Public Hearing scheduled for 2000 January 25 for Rezoning Reference #99-31 for the Holdom SkyTrain Station.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to:
  - a. Mr. Daniel McIntyre, Pines McIntyre & Shrieves, 1950 - 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6E 2K3.
  - b. Mr. Glen Leicester, Manager Implementation Planning, TransLink, #1700 - 4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 4N2.

**R E P O R T**

At its meeting of 2000 January 10, Council received an information report in response to a delegation at its 1999 December 20 meeting by the Solicitor for the owner of the site on which the Holdom SkyTrain Station is to be located. The report indicated that alternatives to the currently indicated on-site bus loop were being explored by a traffic and transportation consultant engaged by the owner and that staff were continuing to pursue these discussions with the owner and his consultant. Arising out of the Council discussion of the report, staff were requested to submit a further report for the Council meeting of 2000 January 24 on the updated status of the consultant's studies in order to ensure that any mutually-agreeable bus service adjustments could continue to be pursued after the Public Hearing scheduled for 2000 January 25 for the Holdom SkyTrain Station (Rezoning Reference #99-31).

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City Engineering and Planning staff have met with the owner and his consultant to explore any alternatives to the on-site bus loop to service Bus Route #136 which would digress from its current route south from Broadway/Halifax at Holdom to reach the Holdom SkyTrain Station. From the owner's viewpoint keeping the bus route on-street without requiring an on-site bus loop is preferable as the bus loop takes up valuable site area and reduces the redevelopment potential of the site. An on-site bus loop also may not be required in the longer range future when the proposed Holdom/Douglas bridge connector over the railway and Still Creek south to link with Canada Way is pursued with bus routes being possibly realigned at that time.

A variety of alternatives have been examined on a conceptual basis. Both on-street bus looping and the current on-site bus loop alternatives have pros and cons. However, preliminary indications are that an on-street alternative, particularly one which uses a south on Holdom to Goring, Springer, Lougheed and north on Holdom bus looping is worthy of further examination. This bus looping may have the added benefit of offering bus service to significant existing development and potential higher-density future development in the area. While some discussions have been pursued by the owner's consultant with TransLink, further discussions are needed and the agreement of TransLink to any alternative on-street bus looping solution will be required.

The owner and his consultant have considered the discussions with staff to be constructive. Both an on-site bus loop or on-street bus looping solution can be accommodated within the context of the Holdom SkyTrain Station rezoning proposal (Rezoning Reference #99-31). Staff will be pursuing resolution of this matter prior to the rezoning being advanced to Council for consideration and Third Reading.

It is considered appropriate for this report to be entered into the record of the Public Hearing scheduled for 2000 January 25 for Rezoning Reference #99-31, to ensure that the possible alternatives to an on-site bus loop can continue to be pursued and an appropriate resolution achieved.



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