

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**RE: SIGNAGE AT THE BOUNDARY ROAD AND KINCAID STREET  
INTERSECTION**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council forward a copy of this report to Mr. Free of 1003-6175 Nelson Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 2001 June 05, received and adopted the *attached* report to respond to correspondence to Council concerning the potential for confusion regarding signing at this Boundary Road/Kincaid Street Intersection.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans  
Chair

Councillor B. Der  
Vice Chair

Councillor G. Begin  
Member

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- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

**TO:** TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2001 04 30  
**FROM:** ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,  
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 55 13 02  
**SUBJECT:** Signage at the Boundary Road and Kincaid Street intersection  
**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence to Council concerning the potential for confusion regarding signing at this Boundary Road/Kincaid Street Intersection.

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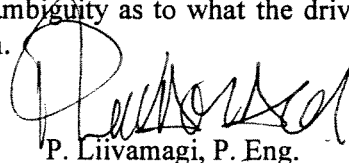
Appearing on the current Traffic Safety Committee agenda is correspondence dated 2001 April 18th from Mr. Free of Nelson Avenue, Burnaby to Burnaby Council. The correspondence was referred to the Committee by Council for a report. In his letter, Mr. Free expresses concern over specific signage at the intersection of Boundary Road and Kincaid Street, and its potential to confuse motorists.

Staff have reviewed the sign placement at this intersection. An illustration of the intersection configuration and sign placement has been attached for greater clarification.

The 'no left turn' signs on Kincaid Street, are intended to restrict westbound traffic from turning onto Boundary Road and continuing southbound, rather than discouraging motorists from unwittingly turning left into the northbound lanes of Boundary Road. This restriction was implemented in the Spring of 1993, following approval of the Traffic Safety Committee. The restriction was proposed as a means of resolving BC Transit's concern regarding conflicts between vehicles turning left from both Boundary Road and Kincaid Street simultaneously and consequent congestion delay.

The 'go around the median' sign Mr. Free refers to is a standard highways keep right sign intended for Boundary Road traffic. The signs are meant to indicate that traffic must pass to the right of an obstruction, in this case the centre median dividing directions of travel on Boundary Road.

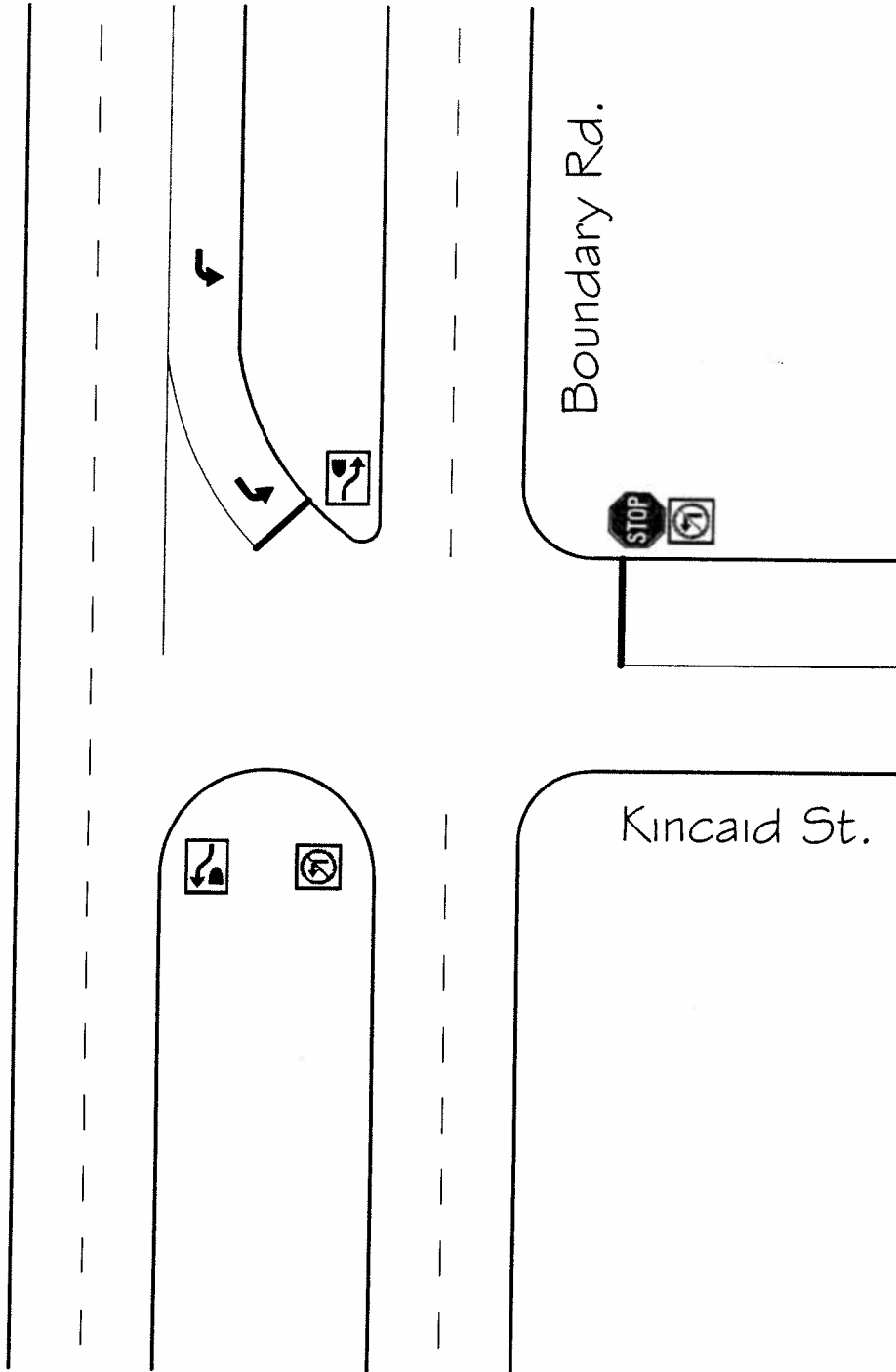
While we appreciate the correspondents confusion with the existing signage, it is a standard application. In rural situations where the mainroad median is so wide that there may be ambiguity "do not enter" signs with a "wrong way" tab sign may be used to stop people from going the wrong way down a one way carriageway. Turn prohibition signs would not be used to forestall this eventuality. In this case where there is no through movement the no left turn sign should leave little ambiguity as to what the driver must do. Staff have telephoned Mr. Free to discuss the situation with him.



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Boundary Rd. & Kincaid St.  
Intersection Configuration and Signage

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