

TO: CITY MANAGER

2001 October 31

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

**SUBJECT: URBAN TRAIL BICYCLE CONNECTION ON
FORMER GOVERNMENT STREET R.O.W.**

PURPOSE: To bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw to fund construction in 2001 of an Urban Trail bicycle connection on the former Government Street R.O.W.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$35,000 be brought down to finance the Urban Trail bicycle connection on the former Government Street R.O.W. in 2001.

R E P O R T

The area shown on the ***attached*** map between Halston Court and Cardston Court is the former location of Government Street. This portion of Government Street was closed and became a City-owned property when the adjacent townhouse developments were built and is maintained as a neighbourhood greenway corridor with a pedestrian sidewalk on the south side of the lot. An Urban Trail bicycle connection is being proposed on this lot. This connection is included in the Council-adopted Urban Trail Network of the Burnaby Transportation Plan and in the Lougheed Town Centre Plan. This link was also identified in the recently completed Bikeways public consultation process.

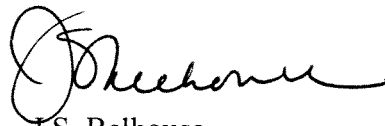
The proposed bicycle connection would be an approximately 210 metre long, 2.5 metre wide asphalt trail. This Urban Trail bicycle linkage will:

- improve the existing pedestrian-only connection through this area to accommodate cyclists
- allow cyclists improved access to and from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School, Cameron Elementary School and the Lougheed Mall area
- provide an alternative to Government Street which experiences high vehicle volumes at peak periods in this area.

This project is appropriate to bring forward at this time as the opportunity is available to pursue construction to completion in 2001 of this connection which is part of the City's Urban Trail Network.

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Sufficient Capital Reserves are available, however, this project is not included in the 2001 Capital Budget. Appropriate adjustments will be made to ensure the 2001 Urban Trails Capital Spending Limit is not exceeded. It is therefore recommended that a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$35,000 (inclusive of 7% G.S.T.) be brought down to finance this Urban Trail bicycle connection project.



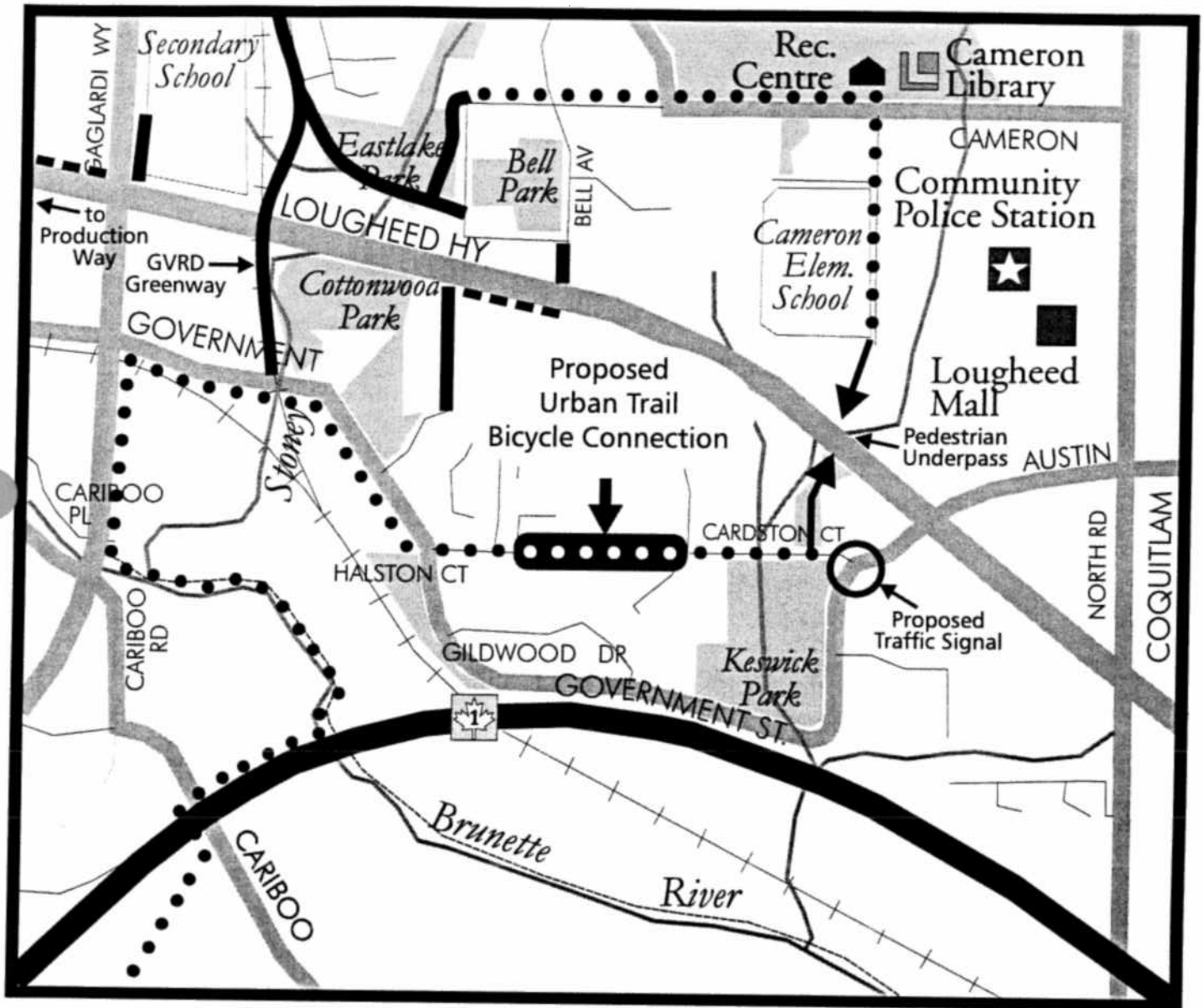
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Director Finance

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Former Government Street Right-of-way Proposed Urban Trail



-  Existing Urban Trail
-  Urban Trail Under Construction
-  Future Urban Trails

