

CITY OF BURNABY

COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

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*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: TRANSLINK FUNDING OF METROTOWN BUS LOOP IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive the *attached* report for information.

REPORT

The Community Policing Committee, at the Open meeting held on 2003 October 09, received and adopted the *attached* report providing information on the status of TransLink's proposed improvements to the bus loop in Metrotown.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

2003 October 02

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: Rez 02-27

SUBJECT: TRANSLINK FUNDING OF METROTOWN BUS LOOP IMPROVEMENTS

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee with information on the status of TransLink's proposed improvements to the bus loop in Metrotown.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2003 September 11, the Committee considered a report on the integration and renovation of Metropolis and Metrotown Centre retail/office complexes. Among the issues discussed in the report were safety improvements to the Metrotown bus loop. The cost of the improvements was to be shared by the shopping centre owner, Ivanhoe Cambridge, and by TransLink. The report indicated that some of the improvements which were the responsibility of TransLink were to be undertaken with Federal funding which had yet to be secured. The Committee requested an update on the status of the Federal funding and of TransLink's commitment to the proposed bus loop improvements.

This report responds to that request.

2.0 METROTOWN BUS LOOP IMPROVEMENTS

As outlined in a 2003 July 10 Council report regarding Rezoning Reference #02-27 (which involves the integration and renovation of the Metropolis and Metrotown Centre retail/office complexes), Ivanhoe Cambridge and TransLink agreed to provide a number of improvements to the Metrotown bus loop. The shopping centre owners proposed the following improvements to the bus loop:

- upgrade the ambient lighting in the covered area of the bus loop
- paint the back wall of the bus loop a bright color
- provide ongoing trimming and selective removal of existing shrubs and trees to improve sight lines and view corridors for surveillance of the bus loop from Central Boulevard.

Trimming and selective shrub and tree removal has already been undertaken. Ivanhoe Cambridge and their consultants are proceeding with the design of the upgraded ambient lighting plan, and will provide the required submissions to the City and the necessary guarantees (through deposit of a letter of credit) to complete both the light upgrading and the wall painting. This will be done through the rezoning process, which is expected to be finalized within the next two months. The work should be completed prior to the occupancy of the Phase II renovations (the two level retail connection, revised parking and outdoor plazas), which is expected to be completed in 2004.

TransLink proposed the following improvements to the bus loop:

- upgrading the lighting levels of the driveway and passenger loading platform
- additional seating for transit users
- additional weather protection along the south side of the passenger platform
- upgrading the transit information kiosk.

Planning Department staff have met with TransLink to discuss the details and timing of these improvements. TransLink staff indicate that the provision of additional seating for transit users is intended to be completed within approximately two months. TransLink's review of the lighting levels for the driveway and passenger loading platform determined that the existing light levels meet current standards. As a result, upgrading will not be necessary. Additional weather protection along the south side of the passenger platform and the upgraded transit information kiosk will be completed during 2004. TransLink is pursuing these improvements as one of the "Transit Village" projects for the Transport Canada Urban Transportation Showcase Program. A decision on Federal funding which was originally thought to be made in 2003 September has been delayed for one month. However, TransLink has indicated that it will proceed with these improvements regardless of the federal funding decision.

This is for the information of the Committee.



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