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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSWALK ON GILMORE AVENUE
AT WILLIAM STREET**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the installation of a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Gilmore Avenue and William Street.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Kitchener Elementary School, and Sussana Ho and Whak Ling of 1222 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5C 4S7.

REPORT

The Traffic Safety Committee, at its meeting held on 2003 June 03, received and adopted the attached report providing information concerning a request for a school crosswalk.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Vice Chair

Councillor L. Rankin
Member

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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2003 05 20
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 38000-03
SUBJECT: **PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSWALK ON
GILMORE AVENUE AT WILLIAM STREET**
PURPOSE: Provide the Committee with information concerning a request from a school
crosswalk.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the marked school crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Gilmore Avenue and William Street.
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R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

In April of 2003 the Engineering Department was contacted by officials from Kitchener Elementary School located on Gilmore Avenue between William and Kitchener Streets to request that a marked school crosswalk be installed at the intersection of Gilmore Avenue and William Street to provide a visible crossing location for the school age pedestrians currently using this crossing location.

2.0 REVIEW

It is our practice to oblige formal requests for school crosswalks provided that there is a demonstrated level of use at the appropriate crossing location. It is noted that a school crosswalk has been provided at a mid-block location on Gilmore Avenue directly in front of the main entrance to the school but it is not as convenient as the William Street crosswalk for some pupils. Staff conducted a pedestrian study at the intersection to verify the extent of the pedestrian activity at this alternative location. From the data collected there appears to be significant number of pedestrians at this location.

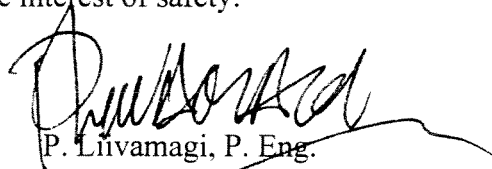
The table below provides a summary of the study findings:

| Time of Day | # of Child Pedestrians | # of Adult Pedestrians |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30 - 9:30 | 38 | 18 |
| 2:30 - 3:30 | 45 | 21 |

The attached Diagram #1 provides an illustration of the proposed crosswalk location as well as the associated parking restrictions required. On-street parking adjacent to three residential properties would be impacted by the installation of a marked school crosswalk and related restrictions. Staff have contacted all registered property owners affected in order to provide them with the opportunity to voice their opinion. To date owners of one of the three properties has voiced objection to this proposed crosswalk, and their response is attached as Exhibit #2.

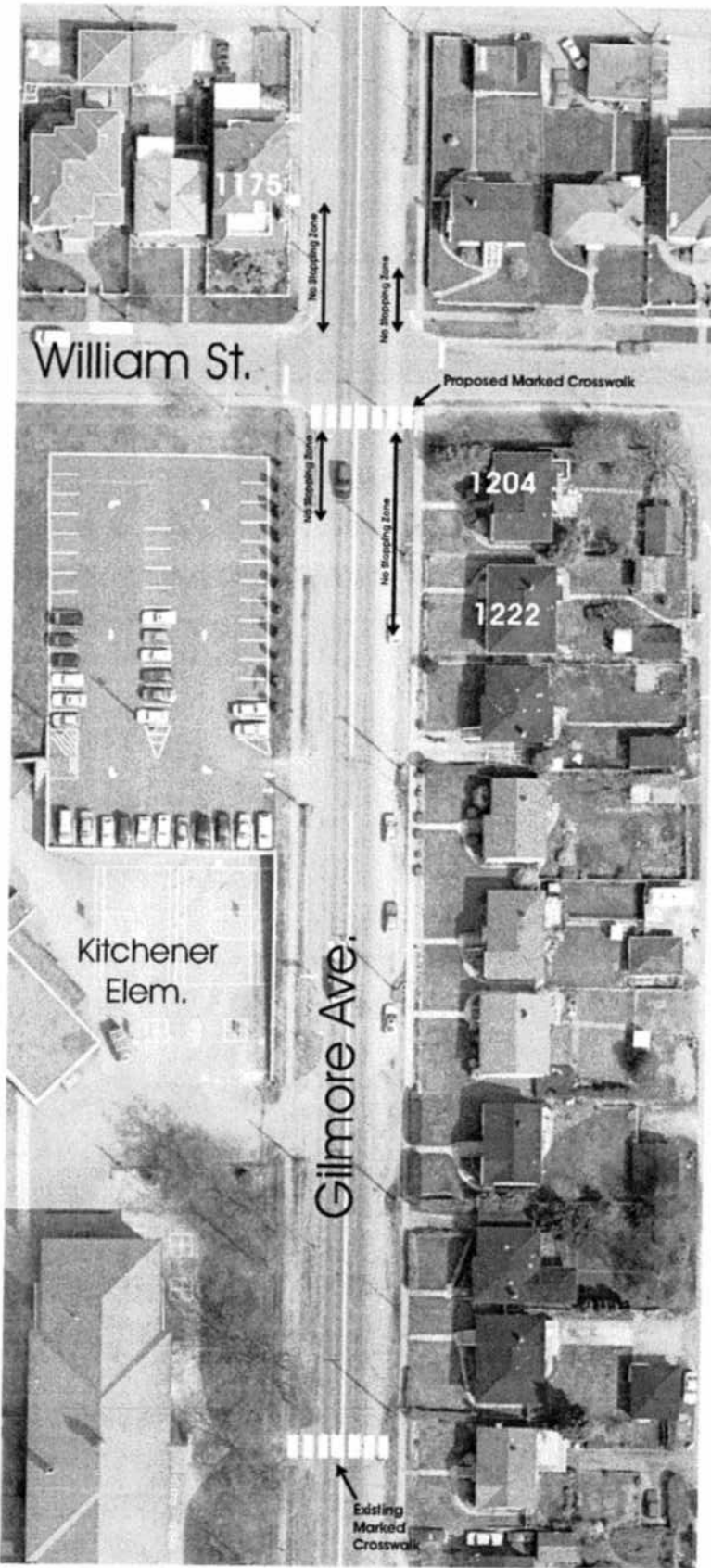
3.0 REVIEW

Notwithstanding the opposition to this crosswalk by a resident, the volume of child pedestrians crossing Gilmore Avenue at William Street suggests a need for a marked school crosswalk at this intersection in the interest of safety.


P. Liivamagi, P. Eng.
ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENG. SYSTEMS

AE:
Attach.
cc: City Manager





Report: Kitchener School Crosswalk



Diagram #1 Proposed School Crosswalk and Associated Parking Restrictions

DRAWN BY: AKE

SCALE: NTS

APPRV'D BY: PL

DATE: 29/04/03



EXHIBIT 2

1222 Gilmore Avenue,
Burnaby, B. C.,
V5C 4S7
7th May, 2003

The Director of Engineering,
City of Burnaby,
4949 Canada Way,
Burnaby, B. C.,
V5G 1M2

Attn : Mr. W. C. Sinclair, P. Eng

Dear Sirs,

Re : Installation of School Crosswalk
Your File : 38000-03/38100-05

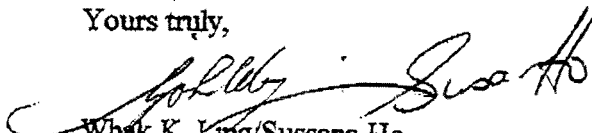
We refer to your letter dated 1st May, 2003 on the above subject, and advise that there are two bus stops at the junction of William Street and Gilmore Avenue, one at the east side of William Street and the other at the west side of the same street. The bus stopping to drop and pick up passengers will block the views of the oncoming vehicle drivers.

The marked crossing will give the pedestrians false sense of safety/security without using common sense defensive approach in crossing the street. We have lived at this address for 15 years and we are not aware of any accident involving pedestrian at this junction. Therefore, the marked crossing near/at the bus stops will create situations in which the accident is more likely to happen especially during the fall and winter when the daylight is short. It is safer not to have pedestrian crosswalk at this junction.

We view the proposed pedestrian crossing is not prudent and say "No" to it.

Thank you.

Yours truly,


Whak K. Ling/Sussana Ho

c.c. Mr. P. Liivamagi, P. Eng.
c.c. Mr. Mr. Alan Evans ✓
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