

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**D**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

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REPORT

The Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on 2006 October 11, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council's approval for cycling-related funding applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nick Volkow
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Vice Chair

Councillor Lee Rankin
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 2006 October 5

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: PL 90400-01

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REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The City is continuing its provision of cycling infrastructure as identified in the Urban Trail, Cycle Road, and Bikeway plans approved by Council in the Burnaby Transportation Plan. These networks are coordinated with each other so that an integrated system of widened streets, local roads and multi-use paths will ultimately encompass the entire City to facilitate alternative forms of transportation and provide recreational opportunities.

To encourage the development of municipal cycling infrastructure, TransLink provides up to 50% cost-sharing for eligible projects under their Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing (BICCS) program. The program has two components:

- **Block Funding** – distributed to municipalities in proportion to their population. Of the \$1.7 million available region-wide, Burnaby's allotted share is \$162,000.
- **Regional Priority** – a common pool of funding that is assigned to projects anywhere in the region, on the basis of project merit. The total Regional Priority fund is \$850,000. Burnaby has been very successful in this category in the past, securing funding for projects such as the Sea-to-River Bikeway, Cariboo Bikeway, Lakes Bikeway, and bike signals on 10th Avenue.

The proposed BICCS application for 2007 consists of the following projects, as described in more detail below:

- Central Valley Greenway, Section 1
- Midtown Bikeway.

2.0 APPLICATION FOR BLOCK FUNDING

Proposed projects for the Block Funding portion of the BICCS program are:

1. **Central Valley Greenway, Section 1.** This section of the CVG extends from Boundary Road to Gilmore Avenue, along the north side of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway tracks. For most of its length, it runs directly beneath the SkyTrain guideway, weaving around the guideway's supporting columns. The resultant route is narrow, with limited sight lines. However, since construction, the City has been able to obtain additional right-of-way from the adjoining property owner, Bridge Studios. The purpose of this project is to widen the CVG on the north side of the SkyTrain columns, to create a safer and more desirable corridor for cyclists and pedestrians. Total estimated cost: \$106,000; TransLink share \$53,000; Burnaby share \$53,000.
2. **Midtown Bikeway.** This new bikeway project is described below. The intent is to apply for Block Funding to assist with the design of this project, and Regional Priority funding for construction. Total estimated cost for design: \$218,000; TransLink share \$109,000; Burnaby share \$109,000.

3.0 APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL PRIORITY FUNDS

The proposal for the major bikeway project for 2007 is the Midtown Bikeway. The bikeway alignment is illustrated in *Figure 1*. It creates an east-west route on the south side of Highway 1, where none exists today. In so doing, it intersects with existing (or in construction) bike routes at Patterson, Willingdon, Wayburne, Kensington, and 13th Avenue.

The proposed Midtown Bikeway, identified in the Burnaby Transportation Plan, will fill the gap that the network presently has in the central part of the City. During public consultation in 2001, it was identified as the most desired cycling route in Burnaby. The route will directly serve the Civic Centre complex, BCIT, Deer Lake Park, Robert Burnaby Park, and two high schools (Moscrop and Burnaby Central). Through connections with other bike routes, it also provides enhanced access to other destinations throughout the City and Region.

Details of the route will be developed through a public consultation process early in the new year. A subsequent report to the Transportation Committee, with additional project details, will seek approval to begin that process.

Figure 1: Proposed Midtown Bikeway



To make best use of the available cost-sharing funds, it is proposed that design of this project be the subject of the previously-mentioned Block Funding application, with construction to be covered under a Regional Priority application.

Total estimated cost for construction: \$1,522,000; TransLink share \$761,000; Burnaby share \$761,000.

4.0 FINANCE

These proposed projects will be advanced for consideration in the 2007 to 2011 Provisional Capital Program under the existing Bicycle Program. Confirmation of anticipated cost-share funding from TransLink is expected prior to finalization of the 2007 to 2011 Annual Capital Program.

Additional funding is available from the provincial government under their Cycling Infrastructure Partnerships Program (CIPP), which requires the completion of a detailed design prior to application. It is therefore proposed that the Midtown Bikeway be the subject of a separate application for CIPP funding, upon completion of the detailed design (late 2007). This may allow the City to potentially offset an additional 50% of its project costs.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report has identified projects for submission to TransLink for cost-sharing under their BICCS program. The projects advanced for Council approval and submission to TransLink would result in total funding of \$923,000 available from the TransLink BICCS program to fund bike route projects in Burnaby, as follows:

- Central Valley Greenway, Section 1 \$53,000
- Midtown Bikeway – design \$109,000
- Midtown Bikeway – construction \$761,000
- **Total** **\$923,000**

It is recommended that Council approve the submission of these projects as the City's application to TransLink for BICCS funding. It is further recommended that a separate application be made for provincial CIPP funding upon completion of the detailed design for the Midtown Bikeway, and that copies of this report be sent to members of the City's Bicycle Advisory Group.



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