
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: 2006 BIKE ROUTE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$102,720 (inclusive of 7% GST) to finance the 2006 Bike Route Enhancement Program as described in this report.

REPORT

The Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on 2006 March 08, received and adopted the *attached* report requesting spending authorization for 2006 Bike Route Enhancement Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow
Chair

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Vice Chair

Councillor L. Rankin
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 2006 March 1

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: PL 90400 – 30

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PURPOSE: To request spending authorization for 2006 Bike Route Enhancement Program.

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REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The City's on-street bike routes are provided in the form of Cycle Roads and Bikeways. A Cycle Road is a road with a wide curb lane or paved bike lane. A Bikeway is a designated bike route operating in mixed traffic, typically on quieter residential streets.

Our existing Cycle Roads and Bikeways have been implemented over a number of years, to varying standards in terms of signage and other components. To gradually bring the entire network up to a higher level of quality, we have an annual program of localized improvements to Cycle Roads and Bikeways.

2.0 THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

Our guidelines for on-street bike lanes specify that such routes should have bike stencils on the pavement, bike route signs, and the inclusion of a bicycle icon on the street name blade signs. However, most of our existing bike lanes have only the stencils on the pavement. Accordingly, this year's program is to add bike route signage (including junction signs for intersecting routes) and street name blade signs. This will be done on the following Cycle Roads: Lougheed Highway, Marine Way, Gaglardi Way, Burnaby Mountain Parkway, Broadway, and Barnet Road. This will raise the profile of existing cycling routes, enhance way-finding for cyclists, and increase motorist awareness on bike routes.

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This work is cost-shared with TransLink under their Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing (BICCS) program. TransLink staff have already given their approval for this expenditure, with formal approval by the TransLink Board expected in the next two months. The total estimated cost is \$96,000, of which the City's share is \$48,000 and TransLink's share is \$48,000.

3.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available and this project is included under the Bicycle Program of the 2006 Provisional Financial Plan. It is recommended that a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$102,720 (inclusive of 7% GST) be brought forward to finance this project.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

Higher-quality facilities enhance the safety, desirability, and visibility of the City's bike routes, leading to increased bicycle use. This, in turn, produces benefits, such as greater fitness and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This year's Bike Route Enhancement Program will allow for signage improvements to various bike routes throughout the City. It is recommended that Council approve a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$102,720 (inclusive of 7% GST) to finance this work.



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DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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