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COUNCIL REPORT

**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2007 October 31

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING **FILE:** 87000 05  
*Reference:* **ROD #07-7**

**SUBJECT: ROAD CLOSURE REFERENCE #07-7  
 PEDESTRIAN PASSERELLE OVER CENTRAL BOULEVARD  
 X-REFERENCES: REZONING #02-27 (Phase III); SUBDIVISION #06-79  
 4700 AND 4800 KINGSWAY - METROTOWER III**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council's authority to close 3.0 m of Central Boulevard Road Right-of-Way on either side of the existing passerelle to accommodate a future upgraded pedestrian handicapped accessible walkway passerelle.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council authorize the introduction of a Burnaby Highway Closure Bylaw involving the closure of 3.0 m of Central Boulevard road right-of-way on either side of the existing passerelle and the raising of title for that portion of Central Boulevard being closed for the purpose of pursuing an air space parcel and right-of-way to permit upgrading of the existing pedestrian passerelle.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On 2003 April 07, Council advanced Rezoning Application #02-27 to Public Hearing. The rezoning proposal was to permit the integration, renovation and expansion in three phases of the two existing retail/office complexes known as Metropolis and Metrotown Centre. Each of the three phases has been pursued through separate rezoning bylaw amendments. Phase I and II have been completed. The rezoning bylaw amendment for Phase III, the 425,000 sq. ft. Metrotower III, currently stands at Second Reading. The applicant is now working towards completing the prerequisites for the Phase III bylaw amendment.

One of the requirements of Phase III is to make provision for the upgrading of the existing pedestrian passerelle connection between the Metropolis complex/ Metrotown bus loop and the Metrotown SkyTrain Station which is currently not handicapped accessible and is at or near capacity. A proposal to share the cost of this work between various parties, the developers (Ivanhoe Cambridge), City of Burnaby and Translink, is currently being explored. Details have not yet been determined.

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**PROPOSAL:**


In order to facilitate a wider pedestrian passerelle design, which is to be handicap accessible and to accommodate more pedestrians, it has been determined that 3.0 m widening on either side of the existing passerelle ground parcel is required; therefore, 3.0 m of Central Boulevard on either side of the existing ground parcel (as shown on the attached sketch) must be pursued through a Highway Closure Bylaw. As public pedestrians will benefit from the upgrades to the passerelle to cross Central Boulevard and also gain access to the existing Metrotown bus loop, it is proposed that there be no charge for the additional air space parcel area.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Currently B.C. Transportation Financing Authority is the registered owner on Title for the ground parcel, which is functionally a part of Central Boulevard. As part of a City road, it would be desirable to transfer title of the ground parcel to the City of Burnaby. The existing air space parcel for the passerelle above the ground parcel is currently owned by Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority which is proposed to retain ownership of the proposed larger revised air space parcel. A statutory right-of-way over the air space parcel is required to ensure public access is available at all times.

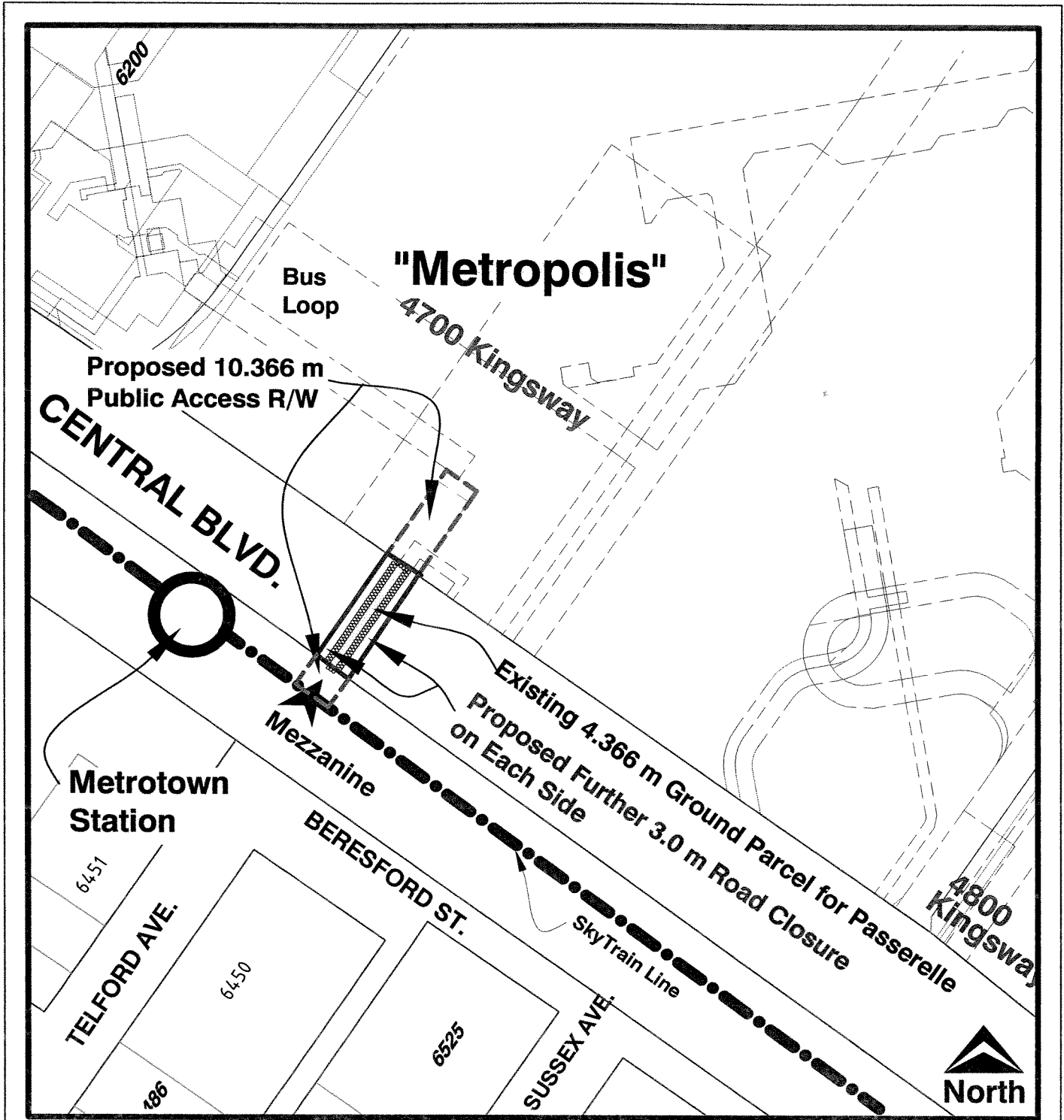
**CONCLUSION:**

This road closure will allow for proposed upgrades to the existing pedestrian passerelle in order to facilitate the growing numbers of public pedestrians using the passerelle and will provide an opportunity for the City of Burnaby to obtain ownership of the existing ground parcel, under the existing passerelle, which is currently owned by B.C. Transportation Financing Authority. The Planning Department recommends the closure of the Central Boulevard road allowance as outlined in this report.

  
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Attachment

cc: City Solicitor  
Director Engineering  
City Clerk



**Planning and Building Department**

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**Road Closure Reference #07 --7**

(Includes Ground Parcel and Air Space Parcel for Passerelle )

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4700 and 4800 Kingsway

Sketch #1