

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: WILLINGDON HOV PROJECT (PHASE 3)
BRENTLAWN TO HASTINGS STREET**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

The Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on 2008 September 10, received and adopted the *attached* report advising of the status of the Willingdon HOV Project from Brentlawn to Hastings Street.

Phase 3 of the Willingdon HOV Project proposed a number of initiatives from Brentlawn to Hastings Street. Arising from the public comments received at the Open House, staff are proposing to assess changes in the design concept to address concerns and issues raised by local residents. On completion of this work, staff would prepare material for review and consideration by the Committee and Council as a basis for further public consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 2008 September 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: PL 37500 – 01
Ref: Willingdon

**SUBJECT: WILLINGDON HOV PROJECT (PHASE 3)
BRENTLAWN TO HASTINGS STREET**

PURPOSE: To advise the Committee and Council of the status of the Willingdon HOV Project from Brentlawn to Hastings Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Transportation Committee forward a copy of this report to Council for information purposes.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On 2008 February 11, an Open House was held at the Confederation Seniors Centre to receive public input on the proposed Phase 3 segment of the Willingdon HOV Project from Brentlawn to Hastings Street. The purpose of the Open House was to present and receive public comment on the key design elements of the project.

This report summarizes the proposed Willingdon HOV Phase 3 Project, the public comments received, and advises Committee and Council of the next steps in the process.

2.0 WILLINGDON HOV PROJECT

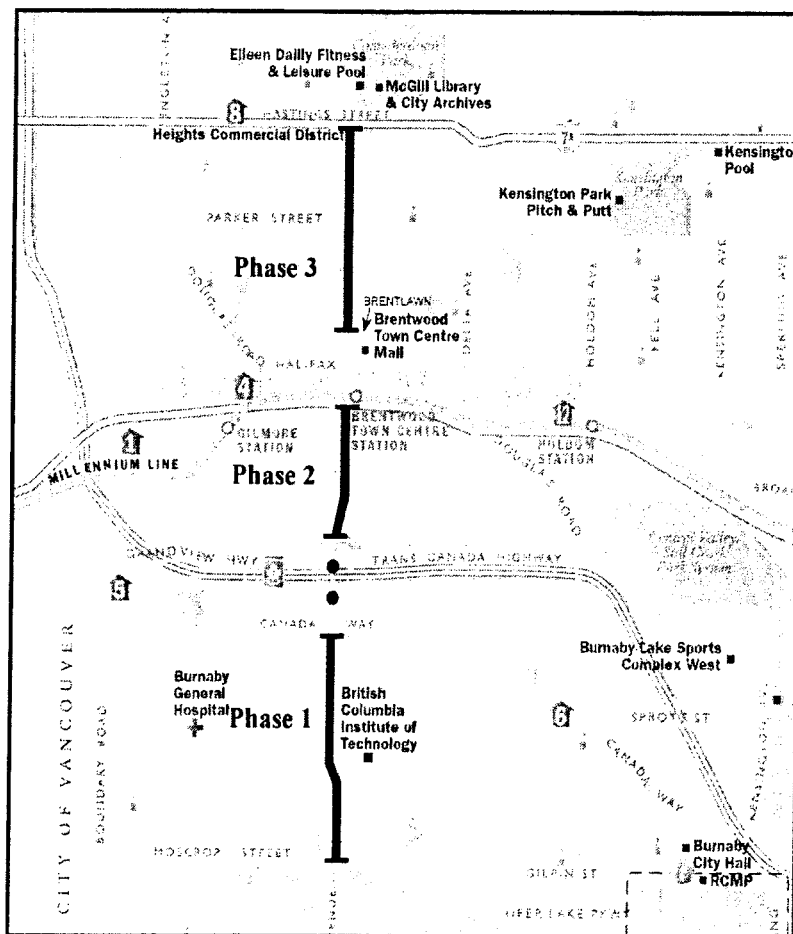
In 1999, Council approved the implementation of Phase 1 of the Willingdon HOV Project involving the provision of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and an Urban Trail on Willingdon Avenue between Moscrop Street and Canada Way. The Willingdon HOV lanes are designated for vehicles carrying 6 or more persons only, and as such, they essentially operate as exclusive bus lanes.

In 2008 June, Phase 2 of the Willingdon HOV Project was completed in conjunction with the Cape Costco development, extending the HOV lanes north of Highway 1 between

Still Creek Avenue and Lougheed Highway. Phase 3 of the Willingdon HOV Project from Brentlawn to Hastings Street was proposed to include extension of the bus lanes, provision of an Urban Trail, wider curb lanes for cyclists, raised medians, new signed pedestrian/bike crossings and left turn lanes.

The phases of the Willingdon HOV Project are shown in *Figure 1* below.

Figure 1 Willingdon HOV Project Phases



3.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To receive public input on the Willingdon HOV Project (Phase 3), an Open House was held at the Confederation Seniors Centre on 2008, February 11. At the Open House, the project design concept was presented with staff available to discuss the design concept and respond to questions. Comments were received verbally and through a questionnaire available at the meeting. Staff also received comments through emails and other correspondence submitted after the Open House.


General support was received for elements of the project relating to the Urban Trail, pedestrian crossings, traffic signal locations and the wider curb lanes for cyclists. Specific issues raised included the following:

- location and extent of raised medians and potential changes in local traffic patterns arising from the median
- potential for increases in traffic on local streets proposed for signalization.
- the transition of bus lanes northbound and southbound through the Parker intersection
- the advisability and impact of advancing road improvements that may contribute to general traffic increases

Staff are currently assessing these issues in response to the input received from the public. It is anticipated that this work would be completed for review by the Transportation Committee later this year. On consideration by the Committee and Council of staff's assessment and response to these issues, it is proposed to present the results of this work to the public at a subsequent Open House to be held in early 2009.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Phase 3 of the Willingdon HOV Project proposed a number of initiatives from Brentlawn to Hastings Street. Arising from the public comments received at the Open House, staff are proposing to assess changes in the design concept to address concerns and issues raised by local residents. On completion of this work, staff would prepare material for review and consideration by the Committee and Council as a basis for further public consultation.


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