

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: TOWN CENTRE CYCLING ENHANCEMENT REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve an expenditure of \$52,500 (inclusive of 5% GST) for the 2009 funding of the Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Program, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

The Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 January 14, received and adopted the *attached* report introducing a program of cycling improvements in Town Centres.

For each Town Centre the Program will identify priority short-term and long-term cycling requirements and enhancements. Metrotown is proposed as the first Town Centre to be addressed under this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow
Chair

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Vice Chair

Councillor R. Chang
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 2009 January 7

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

FILE: 90400-01
*Reference: Town Centre Cycling
Enhancement Program*

SUBJECT: TOWN CENTRE CYCLING ENHANCEMENT REVIEW

PURPOSE: To introduce a program of cycling improvements in Town Centres.

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REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The City of Burnaby has three classes of bicycle facilities:

- Urban Trails are off-street multi-use paths. They are designed for casual, recreational cyclists who are not comfortable riding in traffic.
- Bikeways are on-street routes, primarily on local roads with low traffic volumes. They are thus intermediate-level facilities, appealing to both casual and more experienced cyclists.
- Cycle Roads are on-street routes on busier collector or arterial roads. Cyclists are accommodated either in wide curb lanes or designated bike lanes.

The *Burnaby Transportation Plan* identifies a complete cycling network for each of Urban Trails, Bikeways, and Cycle Roads. Those networks have focused on longer routes spanning the City to connect major destinations. The cycling program would benefit from more detailed review and development of routes within the City's four Town Centre areas. To address this, a new Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review is recommended.

2.0 PROPOSED PROGRAM

The City's four Town Centres are desirable areas for the promotion of cycling activity, as they offer:

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- Numerous trip destinations: community centres, libraries, stores, services, places of employment.
- Numerous trip origins: higher-density residential areas.
- Good cycling distances: travel within a Town Centre is a short trip by bike.
- Good grades: most trips within each Town Centre can be made on relatively flat terrain.
- Larger catchment: each Town Centre serves a larger area, still within easy cycling distance.
- Excellent transit: each Town Centre is a transit hub, allowing bikes to form one part of a larger trip.

This new program seeks to enhance the cycling networks within Town Centres, to capitalize on the above assets. It will create a finer grid of cycling routes in Town Centres, to serve the multiple destinations that exist there. Coupled with the City-spanning networks that are already in the *Burnaby Transportation Plan*, this will allow cyclists to both get *to* the Town Centres and circulate *within* them.

The proposed Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review will seek to address each Town Centre by:

1. Reviewing existing and currently-planned cycling facilities;
2. Identifying desire lines (demand patterns) for cycling travel within each town centre; and
3. Developing short- and long-term plans for cycling enhancements.

It is anticipated that each Town Centre would be the subject of this process. It is proposed to start with Metrotown Town Centre in 2009, and complete the other Town Centres at one-year intervals.

Upon completion of each review, staff would report to Council on the results, with recommendations for amendments to the *Burnaby Transportation Plan* and proposals for priority implementation items that would be pursued in subsequent years.

3.0 FINANCIAL

A 2009 budget allocation of \$50,000 has been included in the *2009 – 2013 Provisional Capital Program* for the Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review. Consistent with Council's adopted guidelines and the *Capital Program*, the Review is proposed to be funded from Casino Reserve funds.

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It is recommended that Council approve an expenditure of \$52,500 (inclusive of 5% GST) for the 2009 funding of the Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review. The 2009 work program will focus on Metrotown Town Centre as a first priority.

4.0 CONCLUSION

This report introduces the Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review to provide greater cycling mobility within Town Centres. For each Town Centre, the Program will identify priority short- and long-term cycling requirements and enhancements. Metrotown is proposed as the first Town Centre to be addressed under this program.

It is recommended that Council approve an expenditure of \$52,500 (inclusive of 5% GST) for the 2009 funding of the Town Centre Cycling Enhancement Review.



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