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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2009 January 14

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 7400 08  
*Reference: LocalMotion*

**SUBJECT:** 2009 BURNABY "LOCALMOTION" APPLICATION

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for submission of a grant application for Provincial LocalMotion funding.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the projects outlined in Section 2.0 of this report for application to the Ministry of Community Services for cost-sharing under its LocalMotion program.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

The City received correspondence from the Ministry of Community Development, dated 2008 December 19, inviting applications for LocalMotion funding for projects that promote accessible human-powered recreation and active transportation. The deadline for receipt of an application was extended by the Province to allow for the necessary Council approvals.

The LocalMotion Fund provides up to 50% cost-sharing for eligible projects including bike paths, walkways, greenways, improved accessibility for people with disabilities, and community playgrounds. The goals of the Program are to improve physical fitness; reduce the risk of traffic crashes; reduce air pollutants; and meet the diverse needs of seniors, young families, and all British Columbians.

This Province-wide program was established in 2006 with total available funding of \$40 million over a four period. Each city was eligible to apply for up to \$1 million a year and total allocation of \$4 million. In 2007, the City received \$2 million dollars under this program for the Central Valley Greenway and the Burnaby Mountain Bicycle Skills Facility. The Province has indicated that 2009 is the last year to apply for funds under this program, and that, due to current economic conditions, it would give priority to projects that are 'shelf ready' and able to be under construction by May 2009.

This report requests Council authorization to make application for LocalMotion funding for the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail Boardwalk and the Midtown Bikeway, as these projects meet the Provincial requirements for funding.

## 2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

### 2.1 Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail

As part of the City's Urban Trail network, the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail is planned to extend from Vancouver to New Westminster along the banks of the Fraser River utilising parkland, dykes and streets paralleling the river. Council has previously approved the preparation of design and construction drawings for the first section of the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail to extend from Byrne Creek to Wiggins Street. The planned first phase of this work involves the development of a boardwalk linking the existing river front trail in the western section of the Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park to the former Wheaton Street right-of-way on the eastern edge of the parklands, as shown in *Figure 1*. The proposed 4 meter wide, universally accessible boardwalk would traverse the marshy wooded edge of the river through the eastern section of the foreshore park.

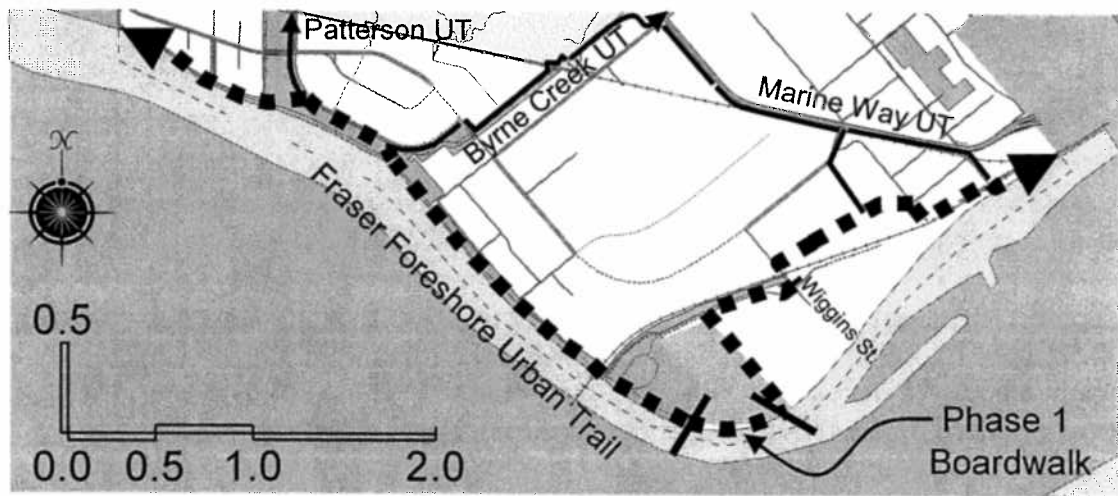


Figure 1: Fraser Foreshore Section 1 Construction Phasing

As noted, design and construction drawings and preliminary tender documents have been completed for this project. As such, this phase of the project is ready for tender in 2009 March, subject to Council approval, and would meet the Province's spring construction target for supportable applications. The current cost estimate for this phase of the project is \$2.1 million. Accordingly, an application for \$1,050,000 is proposed to be submitted to allow for a 50 / 50 cost share of the boardwalk. Future phases of works would extend the Urban Trail to a finished standard west from the boardwalk to Byrne Creek and north-east from the boardwalk along the former Wheaton right-of-way to Riverbend Drive and then to Wiggins Street.

## 2.2 Midtown Bikeway

The Midtown Bikeway was approved by Council on 2007 April 16 and the design is now complete and works are underway. This is an on-street bikeway to extend 9.4 kilometres across the full width of Burnaby from Vancouver to New Westminster. The alignment is shown in **Figure 3**. Among other features, the project includes new trail sections, a bike/pedestrian traffic signal, traffic circles, information kiosks, signage and pavement markings to support travel by bicycle.

The approved project expenditure budget is \$1.8 million (exclusive of GST), of which TransLink has agreed to contribute \$0.6 million. Accordingly, an application for LocalMotion funding in the amount of \$0.6 million is proposed to again provide for a total 50 / 50 cost share funding for the City.

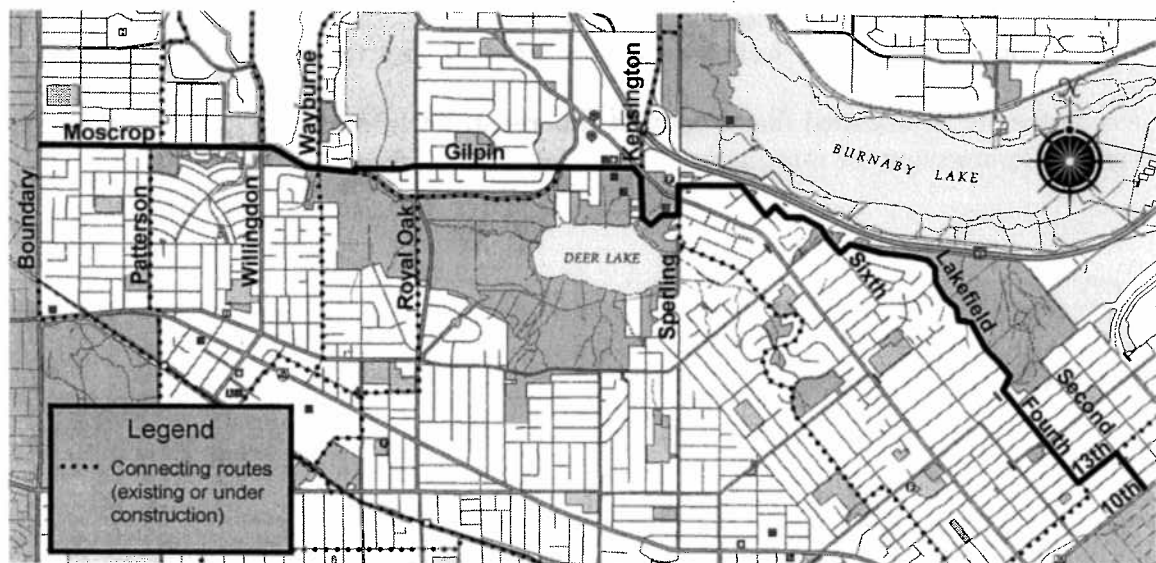


Figure 3: Midtown Bikeway

## 3.0 THE APPLICATION

This application for LocalMotion funding totals \$1.65 million. Should this proposed application be successful, it would bring the total LocalMotion funding received by the City to \$3.65 million, just under the \$4.0 million allocation limit set by the Province. As required by the LocalMotion application process, the City must indicate the order of priority for multiple projects. In this case, from highest to lowest, the proposed City priorities are the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail (\$1.05 M) and the Midtown Bikeway (\$0.6 M).

## 4.0 FINANCE

The City must provide funds which match or exceed the LocalMotion funds for all successful projects. Both projects are currently provided for within the City's Provisional 2009 to 2013 Capital Program under the respective 2009 Urban Trail and Bikeway components. As noted,

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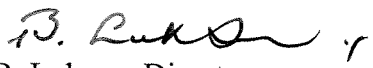
Council expenditure authorization has been given for the Midtown Bikeway project. Should the City be successful for the Fraser Foreshore Urban Trail, the requisite expenditure authorization approvals would be sought through subsequent reports to Council. With receipt of LocalMotion funding for the Midtown Bikeway project, the Provincial funds would be used to off-set the City's currently approved expenditures for this project.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

The Province's LocalMotion fund presents an opportunity for the City of Burnaby to secure matching funding for eligible City projects. The projects identified in this report will enhance the opportunities for active lifestyles in Burnaby. If successful, direct funding benefits to Burnaby from the program would total \$3.65 million.

It is recommended that Council approve the projects outlined in this report as the basis for a City of Burnaby LocalMotion application. With an award of LocalMotion funding, staff would report back to Council to seek any further necessary authorizations for the funded projects.

It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information.

  
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