

APPENDIX D

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

D-1 Stakeholders / Stakeholder Groups

D-2 Business Contacts

D-3 Information Package

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EXHIBIT D-1: STAKEHOLDERS / STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

BC Transit

- James Wadsworth
- Wanda LeRoux

Business Representatives

- Lisa Martin

Capital Regional District

- Malcolm MacPhail
- Sue Hallatt

Community Associations

- Mount View Community Association
 - o Korene Torney
- North Quadra Land Use Protection Association
 - o Patrick Chenier
- Prospect Lake Community Association
 - o Paul Scrimger – President
- Royal Oak Community Association
 - o Greg Holloway - President
- Strawberry Vale Residents Association
 - o Barbara Meek – Past President
 - o Lisa Martin - Liaison
 - o Sue Henry - President

Educational Facilities

- Camosun College
 - o David Sovka, Associate Director – Marketing
 - o Susan Haddon, Director – College & Community Relations
 - o Kathryn Le Gros (Liaison), Director of Ancillary Services
 - o Marian Miszkiel, Director of Physical Resources
- Pacific Christian Primary
 - o Bill Helmus, Principal PC Primary and Secondary
- Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence
 - o Andrea Carey, Liaison
- Spectrum Community School
 - o Judy Harrison, Principal
 - o Sharoyne Gaipman, Vice-Principal
- Strawberry Vale Elementary School

- Louise Sheffer, Principal
- Karian Brigidear, Vice-Principal

Emergency Services

- BC Ambulance Service
 - Jenna Brazier, Administration Assistant
- Fire, Saanich
 - Todd Cave, Assistant Fire Chief
- Police, Saanich
 - Murray Mashford, Traffic Safety Unit

Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition

- Darren Marr, President

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

- Julian Rozental

Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

- David Edgar

Municipal Governments

- Central Saanich, District of
 - Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
- Victoria, City of
 - Mike Lai, Assistant Director – Transportation and Parking Services
- View Royal, Town of
 - Emmet McCusker, Director of Engineering
- Saanich, District of
 - Paul Butterfield, Transportation Technician
 - Steve Holroyd, Manager, Engineering Planning / Design
 - Anne Topp, Manager of Community Planning
 - Chuck Bell, Planner
- Advisory Transportation Committee
 - Isobel Hoffman, Senior Committee Clerk
- Saanich Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee
 - MaryAnn Greco, Senior Committee Clerk

EXHIBIT D-2: BUSINESS CONTACTS

Les Plan Educational Services

- Eric

Luv-a-Rug

- Stephen Roberts

Co-op Gas Station

- Rob Pollard

Brew Works

- Adam or Mike Helm

Jack's Restaurant

- Amy Low

Magnolia Hair Design

- Cindy Swallows

Subway

- Grant Fikowski

Pizzazz Pizza

- Mr. Bhandal

People's Drug Mart

- Shelina Dawood

Mac's Convenience Store

- Davinder

Sherwood Dental Clinic

- Brian Carr-Harris

Brown Bros. Homeowners Insurance

- Michele Moss

Knockan Back Grill

- Corey Mitchell



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RE: Review of Wilkinson Road / Interurban Road / Hastings Street Intersection

Dear Sir or Madam,

The following information has been compiled to provide you with an overview of the above project as well as to inform you as to how you can provide input or participate in this project.

BACKGROUND

For many years, the intersection of Wilkinson Road, Interurban Road, and Hastings Street has been identified as a vehicle traffic “pinch-point” thus limiting the capacity of the Wilkinson Road / Helmcken Road corridor. As noted in the Terms of Reference for this study: continued growth in outlying areas, an increase in residential lots in the local area and regional growth have all contributed to increased traffic volumes within this corridor. Capacity constraints on the provincial routes of the Trans Canada Highway and McKenzie Avenue have caused drivers to explore alternative routes through this community for regional trips. The result has been increased congestion levels, not only during times of peak commuter traffic in the morning and afternoon, but also on weekends.

In addition to the challenges posed by traffic growth, the District has expressed a desire to support ‘Active Transportation’ within the community which is identified as the Strawberry Vale Village in the District of Saanich’s Official Community Plan. There is a need to find a balance between transportation and land use objectives, integrating pedestrians, cyclists, and transit with vehicular traffic. Initiatives addressing the need for alternative mode facilities can be realized with assistance from different levels of governments in the form of Grants, therefore, a key component of the project will be on the development, evaluation and recommendation of appropriate improvements to support these objectives.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In an effort to address the issues, the District of Saanich held a number of public meetings to discuss the issues and have developed a number of concepts for modifications of the



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intersection and its approaches to improve operations. However there has yet to be any public consensus reached on the options presented to date.

The District of Saanich Engineering Services Department (Saanich) engaged Bunt & Associates Engineering Ltd. (Bunt) to review and assess the scenarios previously developed, along with any other improvement scenarios which the consultant deems may have merit, in order to establish a program for the implementation of these improvements.

Bunt has examined the issues in detail and expanded the Study Area in order to gain a better understanding of existing traffic patterns and in order to give consideration to the ramifications of any recommended improvement options and their effect on the liveability of the local neighbourhood. This consideration is needed as some of the design options may alter the existing traffic patterns within the vicinity of the Wilkinson Road / Interurban Road / Hastings Street intersection and perhaps regionally.

TECHINCAL REVIEW

Bunt developed an additional four concepts, for a total of fifteen concepts including the original eleven by the District of Saanich. They have been evaluated in terms of performance (delay, queues, level of service) as well as the provision of a balanced transportation environment including pedestrian, bicycle and transit modes. They are also being prioritized based on triple bottom line criteria of economic, environmental and social factors.

The outcome is three viable alternatives, one of which will be identified as being a Preferred Alternative”.

It should be noted that all options considered included:

- a new southbound left turn storage lane at Knockan Drive on Helmcken Road;
- a new eastbound left turn storage lane on Burnside Road West at Helmcken Road with advanced phasing; and
- implementation of the Saanich streetscape concept for the Wilkinson Road / Helmcken Road corridor between Interurban Road and Burnside Road West.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Along with the technical review component was a comprehensive consultation process which identified a number of stakeholder groups who were all contacted and informed of the current study.

The stakeholder list includes five community associations, all affected business owners / managers, emergency service providers, five schools / educational institutions, two Saanich transportation committees, three levels of government and crown corporations as well as other interested parties. Many wanted to be kept informed via email or surface mail while

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others were met individually or collectively to discuss the project and solicit input on concepts.

As part of the consultation process, a Public Information Session is scheduled for Thursday June 11, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the gymnasium of the Strawberry Vale Elementary School at 4109 Rosedale Avenue.

Graphics boards of background information as well as the three recommended options will be displayed for attendees to review and Project Team members will be present to respond to any queries. We would also request that all attendees complete a questionnaire as to their comments / input with respect to the material presented at that time or fax / email their comments shortly thereafter.



The presentation materials will also be available on the District of Saanich website (<http://www.saanich.ca/index.html>) for your review if you are not able to attend the Public Information Session on June 11th.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at your convenience

Yours truly,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

June 11, 2009 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Strawberry Vale Elementary School Gymnasium
4109 Rosedale Avenue**

Wilkinson Interurban Hastings Intersection Review

The District of Saanich has retained Bunt & Associates Engineering Ltd to conduct a review of the Wilkinson Road / Interurban Road / Hastings Street intersection. This location has been a concern for some time due to growing traffic volumes causing increased delays, noise and shortcutting through rural and neighbourhood areas.

The desire of the community is to have increased travel choices, safer and more abundant pedestrian facilities, integrated bicycle pathways, and improved transit facilities while ensuring the major roads through the community perform at appropriate levels of service, and provide a safe and effective option for other users. The intent is to improve the intersection for all users while encouraging vehicular traffic to use appropriate routes for travel.

All attendees to this Public Information Meeting will have an opportunity to provide their input in terms of issues with this intersection to the Project Team.