



Corporate NO: R018

Report COUNCIL DATE: January 31, 2000

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: January 26, 2000**

FROM: Manager, Land Development & Transportation
Engineering Department **FILE: 4000-502**

SUBJECT: Temporary Removal of 32 Avenue (152 Street - 196 Street) from Truck Route Network

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve a revision to Schedule "C" to the Highway & Traffic By-law, 1997, No. 13007, as outlined in this report.
2. Approve the introduction of an Amending By-law relative to this change.

INTENT

To seek Council's approval in amending the Highway & Traffic By-law, 1997, No. 13007, to temporarily remove 32 Avenue (152 Street - 196 Street) from the City's current truck route network until December 31, 2001.

BACKGROUND

On December 14, 1998, Council adopted the City's truck route network as part of the *Surrey Transportation Plan* development.

On June 21, 1999, Council passed a resolution to temporarily remove 32 Avenue from the truck route system. Staff commenced the preparation of an amendment to the Highway & Traffic By-law for this purpose and discovered that approval was also required from the GVTA (Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority), now known as TransLink.

DISCUSSION

According to the GVTA Act under Section 21 (2), (4), and (5), any amendment or replacement of a municipal by-law that prohibits the movement of trucks in the transportation service region (i.e., all municipalities and rural areas within the GVRD), requires the approval of the authority (i.e., GVTA). Consequently, staff have communicated with TransLink staff since July 5, 1999, both in writing and verbally to address this issue as expeditiously as possible.

City staff recommended to TransLink staff that this be referred to as a minor amendment such that it could be expedited at the staff level. Our rationale for this was as follows:

1. It involves a non-MRN (Major Road Network) road element, based on the network approved by MRTAC (Major Road Technical Advisory Committee) as of April 1, 1999;
2. A minor amendment could be approved by TransLink staff as opposed to the Board;
3. The removal of this portion of 32 Avenue as a truck route only affects Surrey and Langley Township directly; and
4. The removal is only temporary.

The nature of the temporary removal is subject to:

- (a) Completion of Phase 1 of the South Surrey Interchange;
- (b) Completion of planned road improvements to 32 Avenue; and
- (c) The opening of a new elementary school in Rosemary Heights (bounded by 152 Street, 32 Avenue, 168 Street, and 40 Avenue).

Phase 1 of the interchange has been completed and was opened to traffic in December, 1999. Planned road improvements to 32 Avenue are anticipated to be completed by the Fall, 2000. However, a new elementary school for the Rosemary Heights area is not expected to be completed prior to the end of 2001.

After numerous discussions with TransLink staff concerning this matter, a report from the Senior Vice-President, Planning & Service Contracts dated December 7, 1999, was submitted to the Board at its Regular meeting held on December 15, 1999. The report (attached) recommended:

“That the Board authorize the Senior Vice-President, Planning & Service Contracts to approve Surrey's request to remove 32 Avenue between King George Highway and 196 Street from the City of Surrey truck route network upon being satisfied that the amending by-law removing that portion of 32 Avenue has the effect of restoring that portion of the road as a truck route as of January 1, 2002.”

The Board approved the recommendation of the report as indicated in the attached meeting minutes, which are to be formally adopted at the Board's January 19, 2000 meeting.

Consequently, a by-law to amend the Highway & Traffic By-law, 1997, No. 13007 for the purpose of temporarily removing the portion of 32 Avenue between 152 Street and 196 Street from the truck route network, has been prepared

for introduction. As required by the GVTA the by-law amendment will remain in effect until December 31, 2001 after which time the truck route designation will come back into effect. As the first phase of the South Surrey Interchange is open, it is planned to limit the temporary lifting of the truck route designation along 32 Avenue to the portion between 152 Street and 196 Street. The section of 32 Avenue between King George Highway and 152 Street provides a valuable linkage for goods movement and will remain as a designated truck route.

CONCLUSION

A by-law amendment is required to remove a portion of 32 Avenue from the City's truck route network. The amending by-law removes the truck route designation immediately and restores it effective January 1, 2002.

Jamie Umpleby, P.Eng.

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Attachments - Surrey Council Resolution of June 21, 1999

- Report to TransLink Board by Larry Ward dated December 7, 1999
- December 15, 1999, TransLink Board meeting minutes
- Proposed Amending By-law, Highway & Traffic By-law, 1997, No. 13007

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