

Vancouver Council approved the following at the June 13, 2006 meeting:

1. THAT Council adhere to its unanimous opposition to twinning of the Port Mann Bridge and widening of Highway 1.
  
2. THAT Council request the Provincial Government, in consultation with municipalities, TransLink and the GVRD, carry out a comprehensive review of alternatives to increasing Highway 1 road capacity, including:
  - major expansion of the region's transit system;
  
  - implementation of an enhanced region-wide transportation demand management strategy, and
  
  - inclusion of regional rail and marine goods movement options.
  
3. THAT Council urge the Provincial Government to proceed first with the North and South Fraser Perimeter Roads, including the new Pitt River Bridge.
  
4. THAT Council accept Recommendations A to H (as set out below) of the Administrative Report dated May 29, 2006 entitled "Gateway Program Pre-Design Phase - Highway 1 Corridor" as points of dialogue for staff to seek opportunities to bring the Gateway Program's proposals for Highway 1 into alignment with the City's transportation policies:
  - A. THAT Council support the recommendations contained in the GVTA (TransLink) staff's April 10th, 2006 report titled "Regional Transportation Implications of the Provincial Gateway Program" (attached as Appendix A), with the exception of GVTA Staff Recommendation C which recommends conditional support for Highway 1/Port Mann Bridge widening, as this support would be contrary to existing City policy.

Should the Provincial Government decide to proceed with the changes to the Highway 1 corridor noted in the Gateway Program Definition Report, staff recommend:

B. THAT Council support only the conditions to the GVTA staff recommendation C, that the Gateway Program include:

(i) the introduction of tolls and other transport pricing mechanisms to fund, manage demand and promote efficiency in the use of the transportation system;

(ii) the introduction of a system of road user priorities to be reflected in the designation of specific lanes, priority access and other measures to promote the movement of transit, high-occupancy and goods movement vehicles ahead of single-occupant vehicles;

(iii) the Province does not promote the Patullo Bridge as a free alternative to the Port Mann Bridge, due to the traffic diversion effects that may arise;

C. THAT Council request that the GVTA Board include in their recommendations:

- examination of distance-based tolls between the Port Mann and Second Narrows bridges;
- completion of a regional HOV strategy;
- consideration of additional cost-sharing for the westerly extension of rapid transit along the Broadway corridor;
  
- identification of strategic transit system needs between 2021 and 2031; and
- examination of opportunities to enhance regional transportation modelling, as listed in Appendix B.

D. THAT Council endorse the recommendations from the GVRD April 21st, 2006 staff report titled "GVRD Response to the Provincial Gateway Program" (attached as Appendix C) supporting:

- the Ministry of Transportation being advised of support for the Gateway Program's overall goals;
- the need for a regional demand

management strategy; and

- the need for a regional goods movement strategy, as listed in Appendix D.

E. THAT the Ministry of Transportation and the Gateway Program be requested to fund integration, mitigation and safety improvements that may be needed on city streets as a result of Gateway Program projects.

F. THAT the scope of the Gateway Program Cycling Plan be defined to include funding for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in the vicinity of Highway 1's Cassiar Connector, including connections to Burnaby and North Vancouver.

G. THAT Council support the Gateway Program's proposed inclusion of safety improvements to Highway 1 on-ramp and off-ramps, and that the Gateway Program be requested to consult with the City and the GVTA on the details of these proposals.

H. THAT Council direct staff to forward copies of this report to the GVTA Board,

the GVRD Board, the Ministry of Transportation, the Gateway Program and federal ministers responsible for Canada's Pacific Gateway Strategy.