

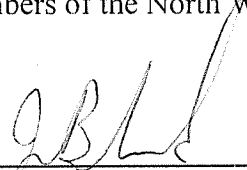


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North West Community Council
November 25, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of the North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Mr. John Merriek, Chair, North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: October 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Request for Roadway Upgrades

ORIGIN

The October 13, 2010 North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the North West Community Council write to the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting improvements to the roadway for the Sackville Metro Link Terminal area and the Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal area located in Lower Sackville.

BACKGROUND

The North West Transit Advisory Committee has raised concern with the dangerous situation commuters, both pedestrian and vehicular, have experienced in exiting the Sackville Metro Link parking area located off the Old Sackville Road and Walker Connector Road and the intersection at the Old Sackville Road and Beaver Bank Connector Road.

Concern has also been raised in regard to left hand turns onto the Cobequid Road from the Sackville Metro Transit Terminal.

Discussions have been held with Metro Transit and the HRM Transportation and Public Works Department who have advised that the roadways in question are under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

DISCUSSION

The North West Transit Advisory Committee recommends that the North West Community Council request that the provincial government take action on the following proposed roadway upgrades for the two problem areas as noted above.

The Sackville Metro Link Terminal situation could be improved with the following road/intersection upgrades:

1. A marked crosswalk from the Sackville Metro Link Terminal across the Old Sackville Road to the Walker Connector Road as the most recent traffic study concluded that there are now enough pedestrians crossing to warrant a marked crosswalk.
2. A left turn signal from the Beaver Bank Connector Road to the Old Sackville Road.
3. Improvements to the corner of Walker Connector Road, widen the corner, as buses have difficulty manoeuvring that section of road and often must stop and wait for traffic to pass.

The Cobequid Terminal situation could be improved with the following road/intersection upgrades:

1. A left turn signal for vehicles exiting the Cobequid Terminal and heading left onto the Cobequid Road.
2. Widening the corner for right hand turns when exiting the Cobequid Terminal as currently, a hard right turn is required and is difficult to manoeuvre.

Ensuring pedestrian safety and vehicular efficiency is the desired outcome, therefore; the North West Transit Advisory Committee strongly recommend that the North West Community Council encourage the provincial authority to take immediate action to upgrade the safety and efficiency of these roadways.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No budget implications to the Halifax Regional Municipality are expected to result from this request.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The North West Transit Advisory Committee has a current membership of eleven (11) with ten (10) of the members being citizen representatives from the districts under the North West Community Council and one (1) elected official representing the North West Community Council. The Community Engagement requirement has been met.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The North West Community Council may choose not to write to the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting the roadway upgrades. This is not the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS - NONE

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