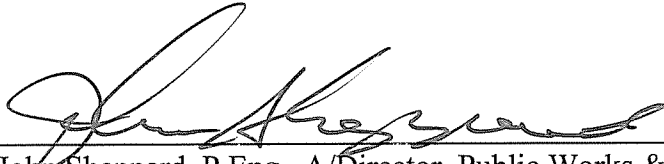

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
July 2, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
John Sheppard, P.Eng., A/Director, Public Works & Transportation

DATE: June 24, 2002

SUBJECT: MAIN STREET WIDENING FOLLOW-UP

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council, May 21, 2002, item 10.2.13

BACKGROUND

Council approved a cost-sharing agreement with Sobey's for widening a portion of Main Street and, in so doing, requested that staff look at the potential for significantly increased traffic on Ridgecrest Drive.

DISCUSSION

The Main Street widening project between Ridgecrest Drive and Forest Hills Drive contemplates construction of an extended bypass lane for eastbound Main Street traffic turning right onto Forest Hills Drive. This will allow traffic turning right from Main Street better opportunity to avoid being caught in the queuing at Forest Hills Drive. It is expected that this will greatly reduce any benefit to using Ridgecrest Drive as a short-cut between Main Street and Forest Hills Drive.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

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