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TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **May 21, 2013**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **1713-010/01**

SUBJECT: **Contribution from the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative,
Transportation Infrastructure Fund for Scott Road and Tannery Road
Intersection Improvements**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a Canada-Surrey Contribution Agreement under the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund that will result in the City of Surrey receiving funding in support of constructing improvements at the intersection of Scott Road with Tannery Road.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to advise that the Government of Canada has agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of improvements to the intersection of Scott Road with Tannery Road, to a maximum of \$900,000, and to obtain authorization for the appropriate City officials to sign a Canada-Surrey Contribution Agreement that will facilitate the transfer of the funding to the City for the subject project.

BACKGROUND

The Government of Canada implemented the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative, (APGCI) with the primary focus to enhance the capacity and efficiency of Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor. This investment program is targeted squarely on goods and people moving between North America and Asia. In developing an integrated long-term plan for Gateway and Corridor infrastructure, the Initiative will address emerging bottlenecks and multi-modal transfer points to build the reputation of the Gateway and Corridor as a reliable, efficient and secure connection between North America and Asia.

To meet the above objectives the Government of Canada committed \$283 million to a number of transportation projects that address urgent capacity and congestion problems affecting the efficiency of the Gateway and Corridor. This funding is to be combined with the investments of other governments and the private sector to promote more efficient and seamless connections between the various modes of transportation. The infrastructure projects in the lower mainland that have been funded under the Initiative include the new Pitt River Bridge and Mary Hill Interchange, the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program, dredging of ports on the Fraser River and

the South Fraser Perimeter Road – Deltaport Connector. This funding Program was initially set to end on March 31, 2014.

DISCUSSION

In mid-2012 it became evident to the Program administrators that the federal contribution budget would not be fully subscribed in relation to projects that had been approved or were in stream for approval. As a result a decision was made to invite applications from other orders of government for funding for other projects that would contribute to the objectives of the Program and at the same time extend the funding under the Program an additional year. The criteria provided that municipal government projects would be considered for 50% cost sharing.

The City of Surrey submitted an application for cost sharing of improvements to the intersection of Scott Road with Tannery Road, which is illustrated on the map attached as Appendix I to this report. This project will improve the efficiency of the multi-modal transportation network in support of the movement of international trade through the Fraser Surrey Docks and will enhance transportation infrastructure safety and security.

The City has received notice from the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and from the Federal Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway that approval-in-principle has been granted to fund 50% of the cost of the above-referenced project to a maximum contribution of \$900,000. Funding is conditional upon the City of Surrey executing a formal Contribution Agreement by June 7, 2013. As such, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Contribution Agreement to secure the referenced funding.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

In alignment with goals of the City's Sustainability Charter the improvements to the intersection of Scott Road with Tannery Road will enhance the public realm, assist in enhancing accessibility within the City, and support efficient goods movement and the economic activity at the Surrey Fraser Docks. More particularly, the project will support the following Sustainability Charter Scope action items:

- SC 13: Creating a fully accessible City;
- En 13: Enhancing the Public Realm; and
- EC 16: Increase Transit and Transportation to Support a Sustainable Economy.

CONCLUSION

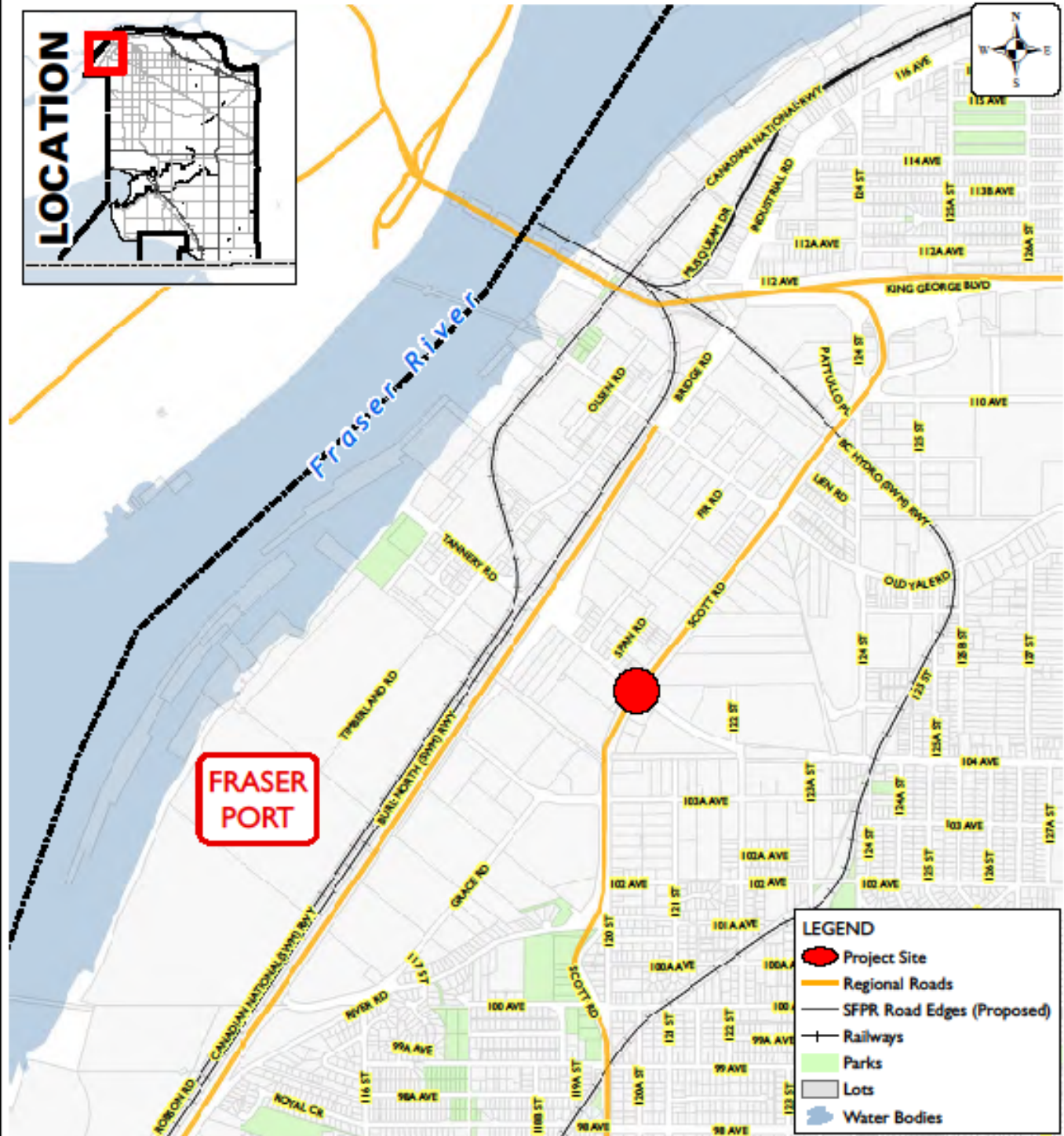
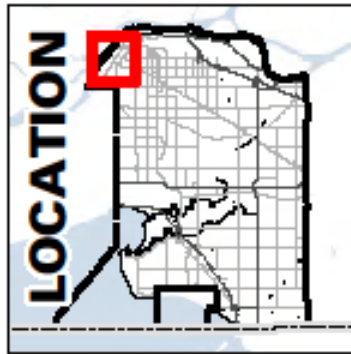
Improvements to the intersection of Scott Road with Tannery Road will support the objectives of the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative. The Government of Canada has offered to contribute 50% of the cost of constructing improvements at this intersection to a maximum of \$900,000. With a view to securing this funding, it is recommended that Council authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a Canada-Surrey Contribution Agreement under the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative Transportation Infrastructure Fund to satisfy a condition that is precedent to receiving the funds.

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Appendix I – Map of Scott Road and Tannery Road Intersection Improvement Area

APPENDIX I



Produced by GIS Section: May-02-13, C6S



Scott Rd & Tannery Rd Intersection Improvement

**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.
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