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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **July 24, 2015**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering**

FILE: **5400-80 (12930)**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Funding for Bridgeview Drive Widening and Related Road Works between South Fraser Perimeter Road and King George Boulevard**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council:

1. Authorize a contribution by the City of \$3,564,750.00 (including applicable taxes) for the City's share of the costs of widening Bridgeview Drive between South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) and King George Boulevard (KGB) and associated road works;
2. Set the expenditure authorization limit at \$3,750,000.00 (including applicable taxes); and
3. Authorize the General Manager, Engineering to sign a Canada-Surrey Contribution Agreement that will facilitate the transfer of the funding to the City for the subject project.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to advise that the Government of Canada has agreed to contribute 50% of the eligible costs of widening Bridgeview Drive between SFPR and KGB and associated road works, to a maximum of \$3,040,000.00 and to obtain necessary authorization for the General Manager, Engineering to sign a Canada-Surrey Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada.

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.

Since 2006, the Government of Canada has invested close to \$1.4 billion across Canada for projects that address urgent capacity and congestion problems affecting the efficiency of the Gateway and Corridor. Approximately \$16.5 million in contribution funding is currently available in British Columbia under the APGCI to support projects that can be completed by December 31, 2017. 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.

DISCUSSION

Earlier this year, the Federal Government advised that they had additional funding available through the APGCI Fund. The criteria provided that municipal government projects would be considered for 50% cost sharing. In April, the City of Surrey submitted two applications for the following projects:

- Inter-Regional Commercial Corridor Travel Time System within the City of Surrey (subject of a separate Corporate Report); and
- Bridgeview Drive Widening and related road works from King George Boulevard to South Fraser Perimeter Road.

The project location for the road improvements on Bridgeview Drive is illustrated on the map attached as Appendix I to this report.

This project involves the widening of Bridgeview Drive from two travel lanes to an urban curbed four lane roadway with a multi-use pathway along the west side and in-street bike lanes. The project will tie into the existing laning at SFPR and will support future construction of the Bridgeview Interchange at this location. Laning improvements will also be made to 128 Street and King George Boulevard at the intersection with Bridgeview Drive. This project will improve the efficiency of the multi-modal transportation network in support of the movement of international trade through the local ports and docks and will enhance transportation infrastructure safety and security.

The City has just 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 eligible costs of the above-referenced project to a maximum contribution of \$3,040,000.00. Funding is conditional upon the City of Surrey executing a formal Contribution Agreement by August 28, 2015. As such, it is recommended that Council approve funding for this project and authorize the General Manager, Engineering to execute the Contribution Agreement to secure the referenced funding.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

In alignment with goals of the City's Sustainability Charter the widening of Bridgeview Drive will enhance the public realm, assist in enhancing accessibility within the City, and support efficient goods movement and the economic activity at local docks and ports and support the intermodal goods transfers. More particularly, the project will support the following Sustainability Charter Scope action items:

- SC13: Creating a fully accessible City;
- EN13: Enhancing the Public Realm; and
- EC16: Increase Transit and Transportation to Support a Sustainable Economy.

CONCLUSION

Widening of Bridgeview Drive will support the objectives of the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative. The Government of Canada has offered to contribute 50% of the eligible cost of constructing improvements to a maximum of \$3,040,000.00. With a view to securing this funding, it is recommended that Council approve project funding and authorize the General Manager, Engineering 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.

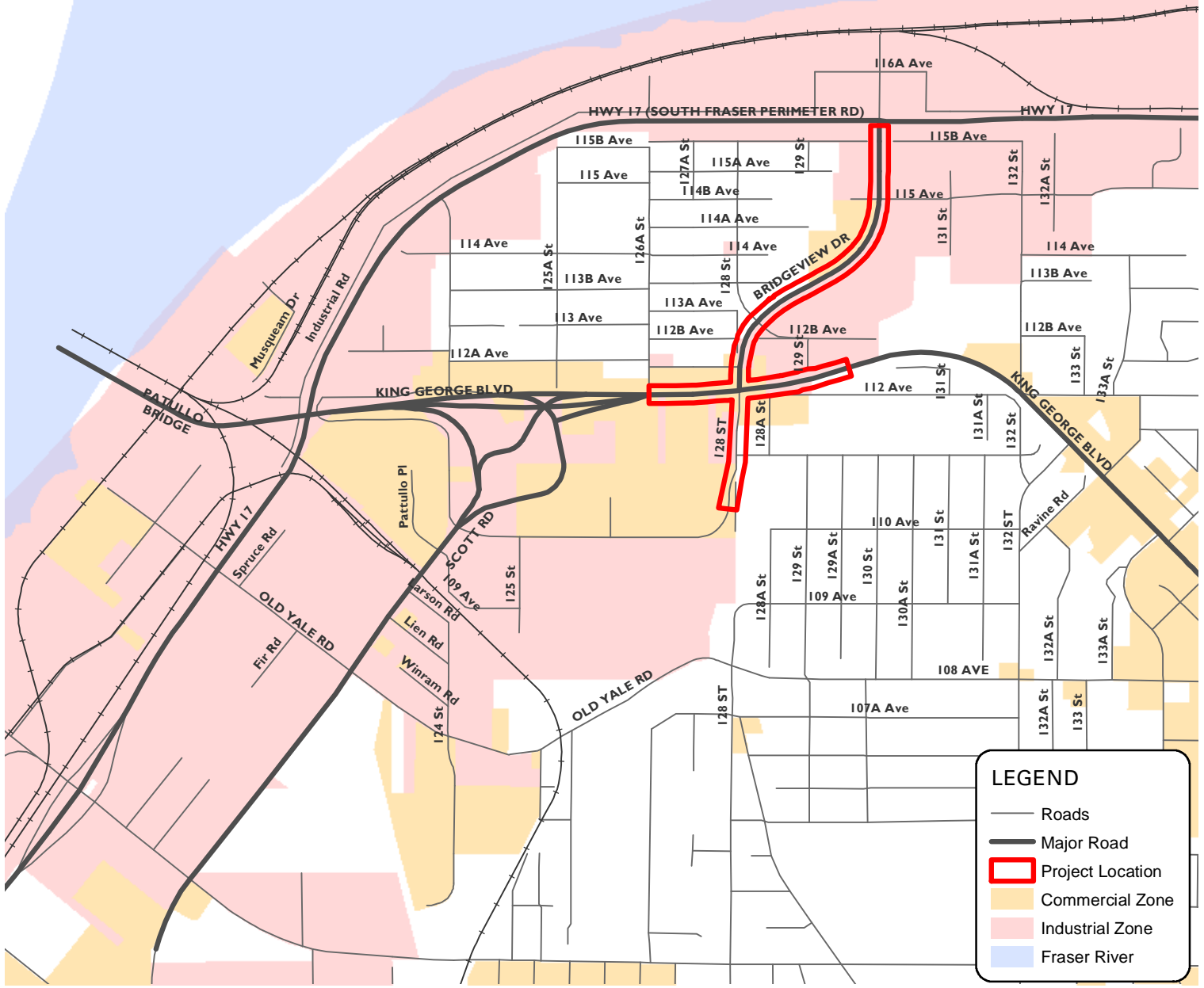
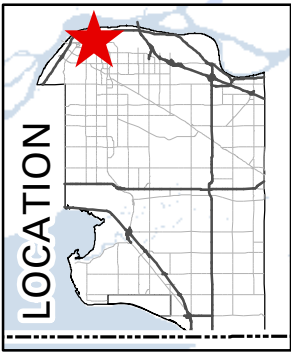
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Appendix I – Map of Bridgeview Drive Road Widening Improvement Area

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APPENDIX I



LEGEND

- Roads
- Major Road
- Project Location
- Commercial Zone
- Industrial Zone
- Fraser River

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Bridgeview Drive Widening Project

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