



April 30, 2002

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Reconstruction of the Stanley Park S-Curve

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the attached council report for information.

BACKGROUND

The Lion's Gate Bridge/Causeway upgrading project is finally nearing completion. The last major construction work involves the "S Curve" at Lost Lagoon and the related replacement of two overpasses. The history of the design and approval of this last construction phase is covered in the council report.

DISCUSSION

The significant issue facing Park Board is minimizing the disruption to vehicular, cycle and pedestrian traffic into and out of the park which is inherent in a major road reconstruction project.

Once the contract is awarded, staff will be meeting with the selected contractor to establish a timing and sequence schedule related to park and commuter related transportation movement in the causeway during the approximately 10 month construction period.

When this information is in hand, staff will be meeting with Park stakeholders to develop responses to any difficulties which can be foreseen with this project. A marketing inducement booklet has already been distributed to encourage Vancouverites to come to the Park this summer. Further communication initiatives will be undertaken as the scheduling impacts are reviewed and mitigated.

SUMMARY

The final product resulting from this construction project will be a significantly improved entrance to Stanley Park. In particular, the redevelopment of the Chilco underpass, removal of the Chilco bus loop and changes to the Devonian Park Plaza will provide a sense of park beauty and programmatic clarity for Stanley Park. The permanent relocation of bus service to the core of the park will also meet an important requirement of the Park's transportation plan.

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