



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
SUBJECT: 2006 Street Rehabilitation and Sidewalk Reconstruction Programs

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve funding of \$3,000,000 in advance of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget: \$2,000,000 in category A-1a1 to permit early commencement of the 2006 Arterial Street Rehabilitation Program; and \$1,000,000 in category A2b to permit early commencement of 2006 Sidewalk Reconstruction work. Funding is provided from 2006-2008 borrowing authority approved by plebiscite.

COUNCIL POLICY

Funding for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of arterial roadways and sidewalks is approved by Council as part of the annual Streets Basic Capital Budget.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval for funding in advance of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget to facilitate the rehabilitation or reconstruction of arterial roadways and sidewalks.

DISCUSSION

Funding and approval for the rehabilitation of arterial roadways and sidewalks are usually given by Council when approving the Streets Basic Capital Budget. Funding is provided from 2006-2008 borrowing authority approved by plebiscite.

Given the significant volume of work required to maintain and improve the condition of Vancouver's arterial street network, it is necessary to schedule work early in the year. Scheduling rehabilitation work early in the year is only possible if funding is approved in advance of the Streets Basic Capital Budget, which is usually approved in late spring. Accordingly, \$2 million of the City's \$3.7 million funding available in category A-1a1 (Arterial Street Rehabilitation Program) and \$1 million of the City's \$1.6 million funding available in category A2b (Sidewalk Reconstruction Program) are requested in advance of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget.

Once advanced funding is approved, it will be used to rehabilitate arterial streets such as Howe Street between Cordova and Smithe, Dunsmuir Street between the Viaduct and Melville, and Richards Street between Cordova and Georgia. Advanced funding for sidewalk reconstruction will be used for projects such as the Main Street Showcase project which is underway and scheduled to be completed later this year. Early construction will benefit the affected businesses as traffic disruptions, loss of parking and noise associated with our work will take place now instead of the summer, when businesses are generally busier.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding of \$3,000,000 is requested in advance of the Streets Basic Capital Budget for the rehabilitation of arterial roadways (\$2 million) and sidewalk reconstruction (\$1 million) programs. If funding is approved at this time, City crews will be able to schedule and complete the arterial rehabilitation and sidewalk reconstruction work planned for 2006

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve this funding in advance of the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget to permit early commencement of the Arterial Street Rehabilitation and the Sidewalk Reconstruction programs.

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