

Downtown Bus Terminal – 700 Douglas Street

Governance and Priorities Committee
for the meeting of December 3, 2015



Purpose and Background

- *To provide Council recommendations on the BC Transit proposal to create a Downtown Bus Terminal on Douglas Street between Belleville Street and Humboldt Street.*
- Existing downtown bus terminal tenants are required to find alternate location by May 2016.
- Working with commercial bus operators, BC Transit put forward two options in September 2015 for a new downtown bus terminal/transportation precinct on the 700 block Douglas Street.
- City and BC Transit staff are recommending implementing Option 2.

Required Improvements/Modifications

- On-Street Improvements:
 - New shared on-street bus terminal - south half 700 block Douglas Street
 - New BC Transit bus zone - north half 700 block Douglas Street (consolidation of two existing zones)



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- On-Street Improvements:
 - New BC Transit bus zone - east side Government Street between Superior Street and Belleville Street
 - Reconstruct northwest corner of Douglas Street/Superior Street intersection
 - Minor road marking changes, to facilitate transit re-routing



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- Crystal Garden:
 - Leased space in building for commercial bus operators
 - space for ticket sales, passenger waiting, washrooms, and luggage storage
 - Other passenger amenities (benches, shelter, signage) provided outside



Recommendations

That Council:

1. Endorse the BC Transit proposal to create a bus terminal/transportation precinct on the east side of the 700 block Douglas Street,
2. Request BC Transit and the commercial bus operators consult with stakeholders and citizens, including adjacent property owners and businesses, to solicit feedback on the details of the proposal,
3. Direct staff to work with BC Transit to implement identified on-street improvements prior to April 30, 2016,
4. Direct staff to negotiate a lease with the commercial bus operators for curb space on the 700 block of Douglas Street, consistent with the 2011 Guiding Principles for the Use of Public Space.

