



**Council Member Report  
For the Council Meeting of March 10, 2016**

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**To:** Council

**Date:** March 3, 2016

**From:** Councillors Young and Isitt

**Subject:** Neighbourhood Input on Douglas Street Southbound Bus Lane Implementation

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**Background:**

On February 25, 2016, Victoria City Council approved a motion endorsing in principle street widening of Douglas Street between Hillside Avenue and Tolmie Avenue for a south-bound bus priority lane, "subject to further community engagement and detailed design improvements that aim to minimize impacts and improve the overall public realm and design improvements and reflect objectives of the local area planning process."

Residents of the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood have expressed concern relating to the retention of trees and opportunities for new pedestrian crossings.

It is therefore recommended that Council provide additional direction to staff and BC Transit to supplement the motion of February 25, 2016, with a view toward identifying design improvements that meet the aspirations and concerns of residents of the neighbourhood to the greatest extent possible.

**Recommendation:**

THAT Council provide additional direction to supplement the motion of February 25, 2016 regarding the BC Transit Southbound Bus Lane proposal on Douglas Street, requesting that staff and BC Transit convene a design workshop with Burnside-Gorge residents and other members of the public to explore opportunities for: (1) the retention of trees and greenspace; (2) provision for replacement trees or greenspace; (3) new pedestrian crossings along Douglas Street between Hillside Avenue and Tolmie Avenue; and (4) application of "complete streets" principles as part of this infrastructure project.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Geoff Young



Councillor Ben Isitt