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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **CYCLING FACILITIES ON BLAIR ROAD**
 SCOPE CHANGE

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve a scope change in the amount of \$126,188.97 to reimburse the City of Gloucester for costs to construct bicycle facilities on Blair Road during the summer of 1995, bringing the revised total cost of this project to \$276,188.97.

BACKGROUND

On 12 July 1995, Council approved the construction of a bicycle facility on Blair Road between Ogilvie Road and Montreal Road in conjunction with sidewalk construction during the summer of 1995 by the City of Gloucester. The estimated cost of the bicycle facility was \$150,000. Upon further investigation, it was decided by Regional staff that an additional expenditure of \$126,188.97 was required to provide a safe facility. As a result, this scope change recommendation is before Committee.

DISCUSSION

Blair Road is identified in the RMOC Cycling Transportation Network (CTN) as a primary cycling route. The City of Gloucester's decision to construct a new sidewalk on the east side of Blair Road made it an opportune time to construct the appropriate on-road cycling facilities on Blair Road. In order to allow for the recommended bicycle facility, the new sidewalk had to be offset the appropriate distance to provide the additional required roadway surface width. The City of Gloucester modified its sidewalk design accordingly. In the interest of economy and efficiency, it was considered appropriate to construct the cycling facility as part of the reinstatement of the roadway following sidewalk construction.

Council approved the project on 21 July 1995 based on the original estimate of \$150,000. Subsequently, it was determined that an additional cost of approximately \$100,000 (including engineering, administration and GST) would be incurred to construct the cycling facility to the required standard.

Additionally, on 29 September 1995 it was suggested by the project consultant that asphalt for a width of approximately 1m along the west edge of pavement be removed because of its deteriorated condition so that a consistent crossfall would be established for the southbound lane, and the potential hazards to cyclists of a deteriorating and uneven driving surface would be substantially reduced. The estimated cost of this extra work was \$30,000.

The final invoice for the extra work in the amount of \$126,188.97 was submitted by the City of Gloucester on 02 April 1996.

CONSULTATION

Construction of this project took place during the summer of 1995. At that time the Regional Cycling Advisory Group (RCAG) indicated its support for this project subject to concurrence by the Gloucester Cycling Advisory Committee. The latter advised the City of Gloucester of its support for cycling facilities on Blair Road as a priority at that time over other Regional cycling routes in Gloucester.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

The RMOC and many of the area municipalities are taking action to encourage cycling as an alternative means of travel for regular trip-making. The implementation of the RMOC CTN Plan may assist in achieving this goal. The Blair Road project, along with the others approved for implementation during 1995-96, will provide a key portion of route links in the overall network. In view of the timing for construction of the sidewalk, it was considered advantageous to proceed with the on-road shared use lane construction at the same time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Approved Budget to Date	1,091,000
Total Paid & Committed	<u>(762,613)</u>
Balance Available	328,387
THIS REQUEST	<u>(126,189)</u>
Balance Remaining	<u>202,198</u>

Funds have been provided in the 1996 Capital Budget, Account No. 912-33417, Cycling Facilities Improvement Programme (reference page 5-75).

*Approved by
M.J.E. Sheflin, P. Eng.*

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available as indicated.

*Approved by T. Fedec
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*

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