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

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **2000 SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME -
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$275,000 from the Wellington Street Project (Order No. 900060) to the Safety Improvement Programme (Order No. 900079).

BACKGROUND

The Safety Improvement Programme is an annual programme with the purpose to fund a variety of modifications to hazardous intersections and other locations in the road network. These modifications are necessary to eliminate conditions which jeopardize safety and to relieve existing operational problems.

Three projects for the 2000 Safety Improvement Programme are now nearing the final stages of design in preparation for contract tendering in July. Detailed construction estimates are now available to better define budgetary requirements. Construction is scheduled for August through October 2000.

Funding levels in this programme are limited and this transfer of funds will allow the completion of the projects that are tender ready and have gone through the public hearing process.

The 2000 Safety Improvement Programme is outlined below:

	<u>Estimate</u>
1. Rideau Street/King Edward Avenue	\$325,000
2. 1800 Bank Street Median Closure	\$45,000
3. Lane Markings, Signal Modifications - Various Locations	\$200,000
4. Regional Road 174/Jeanne d' Arc - Pedestrian Accessibility	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total	<u>\$820,000</u>

These works are needed to improve the safety of the public that use these intersections, however, the total cost exceeds the available funding. Therefore, in order to implement all of the elements that have reached the stage of final design in this construction season, staff are requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$275,000.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

The Safety Improvement Programme is an ongoing programme which has been budgeted at approximately \$630,000 per year for the past several years. The 2000 budget of \$630,000 already has financial encumbrances of \$85,000 leaving the available funding at \$545,000.

The works currently ready for implementation have a total estimated cost of \$820,000 and exceed the current available funding by \$275,000.

In order to provide sufficient funding staff are proposing a transfer of funds from the Wellington Street project (Account 900060) to the Safety Improvement Programme (Account 900079). The Wellington Street project has sufficient remaining funds and it is virtually complete.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation has been completed for all of these works and two projects have been approved by Committee and Council through the Public Hearing process. The Public Hearing process is not applicable for the Lane Markings project. The Public Hearing for the last project, Regional Road 174/Jeanne d' Arc, is scheduled for 21 June 2000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL

	900079	900060
	\$	\$
Approved Budget to Date	1,240,000	17,601,147
Increase (Decrease) in Authority	<u>275,000</u>	<u>(275,000)</u>
Revised Budget	1,515,000	17,326,147
Total Paid and Committed	<u>(694,488)</u>	<u>(17,222,053)</u>
Balance Available	<u>820,512</u>	<u>104,094</u>

Funds are available for transfer from Order No. 900060, Wellington Street Rehabilitation, (Reference page 511), 2000 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$275,000 to Order No. 900079, Safety Improvement Program (Reference page 171), 2000 Capital Budget.

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

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available for transfer as indicated.

In accordance with the Financial Guidelines, Ottawa Transition Board approval will be required.

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