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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP. Director Mobility Services and Corporate Fleet Services

**Environment and Transportation Department** 

SUBJECT/OBJET ISLAND PARK DRIVE AND MERIVALE ROAD -

INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AND

ASSOCIATED INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS

## **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

That Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the expenditure of up to \$110,000 to assist the National Capital Commission in the reconstruction of the intersection of Island Park Drive and Merivale Road in order that a traffic control signal can be installed.

### **BACKGROUND**

The intersection of Island Park Drive and Merivale Road is under the jurisdiction of the National Capital Commission (NCC). The Commission has approached the Region of Ottawa-Carleton to contribute one-half the cost, up to \$110,000, to fund the installation of a traffic control signal and to construct the required roadway modifications (refer Annex A) in order that the proposed signal will operate effectively.

### **DISCUSSION**

Island Park Drive and Merivale Road has a severe right angle collision history which can only be resolved by the installation of a traffic control signal. A traffic control signal is 100% warranted.

The table below contains the collision history for this intersection. There has been an average of 14.4 right angle collisions per year for the five years between 1994 and 1998. Right angle collisions are deemed preventable by the installation of a traffic control signal.

	Total Number of	Number of Right
Year	Collisions	Angle Collisions
1994	15	13
1995	23	21
1996	9	8
1997	16	16
*1998	14	14
Total	77	72

<sup>\*</sup> Collision numbers not verified.

The NCC has approached the Region to cost-share the installation of a traffic control signal and the construction of the roadway modifications in order that the signals can operate effectively.

Therefore, due to the poor collision history of this intersection and because it is at the terminus of a Regional road, it is proposed that the Environment and Transportation Department commit funds of up to \$110,000 to help fund this project.

The estimated cost to install a traffic control signal is \$150,000 and to construct the required roadway modifications is \$70,000 for a total cost of \$220,000.

### **CONSULTATION**

The NCC has conducted public consultation with different groups, including the Island Park Drive Community Association, the Island Park Drive Community Consultative Group and the Traffic Calming Steering Committee which includes representatives of various Community Associates in the Island Park Drive area. Also, a draft of this report has been circulated to the Chair and Members of Council.

#### FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the 1999 Capital Budget, Account No. 912-37146 (Order No. 900117), New Traffic Control Signal Programme (Reference page 176). The NCC will be responsible for the annual maintenance and operating costs and will sign a legal agreement to this effect.

Approved by Doug Brousseau

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