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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 **TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING
BY-LAW RESULTING FROM CONSTRUCTION IN THE
CORE AREA**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the following amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law No. 1 of 1996 for the duration of the Phase I Plaza Bridge and Phase III Wellington Street rehabilitations:

- 1. remove the traffic control signals at Elgin Street (east roadway) and Sparks Street;**
- 2. designate Wellington Street from Elgin Street (west roadway) to Elgin Street (east roadway) one-way westbound;**
- 3. rescind the one-way designation of Elgin Street (west roadway) from Wellington Street to Queen Street to permit two-way traffic;**
- 4. rescind the one-way designation of Elgin Street (east roadway) from Wellington Street to Queen Street to permit two-way traffic;**
- 5. rescind the one-way designation of Metcalfe Street from Wellington Street to Queen Street to permit two-way traffic;**
- 6. implement a westbound reserved bus and bike lane on Wellington Street from Elgin Street (east roadway) to Elgin Street (west roadway);**
- 7. implement a northbound reserved bus lane on Elgin Street (east roadway) from Queen Street to Wellington Street, in the east curb lane;**

8. **enact a special by-law to allow tour buses to use the above-noted reserved lanes;**
9. **prohibit the eastbound through and southbound left-turn movements at Metcalfe Street and Wellington Street, authorized vehicles excepted;**
10. **prohibit the southbound through and left-turn movements at Wellington Street and the east gate access to Parliament Hill, authorized vehicles excepted;**
11. **prohibit the westbound left turn and northbound right-turn movements at Elgin Street (west roadway) and Wellington Street;**
12. **prohibit the southbound through movement at Metcalfe Street and Queen Street.**

DISCUSSION

The above-noted temporary changes to the Traffic and Parking By-law are required to allow the contractor to secure a construction area and implement the traffic management plan as set out in the contracts for the Plaza Bridge Phase I and Wellington Street Phase III rehabilitation. These changes are scheduled to be implemented on 2 February 1998. Specific completion dates for the projects are not known at this time; however, it is anticipated that these regulations will remain in effect until the fall of 1998.

CONSULTATION

The traffic management plan has been developed in co-operation with OC Transpo, Société de transport de l'Outaouais, Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service and the National Capital Commission. Due to the magnitude of these projects, their proximity to Parliament Hill, their importance to central core businesses and the potential impact on traffic resulting from their rehabilitation, extensive consultation on the construction phasing and associated traffic management plans has taken place with all affected stakeholders. All stakeholders have also been invited to attend bi-weekly construction meetings wherein construction schedules are updated and concerns addressed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations of this report reflect required changes to the Traffic and Parking By-law and are therefore administrative. All expenditures for the implementation of the traffic management plan will be paid for from the Wellington Street Rehabilitation Account No. 912-30722 and the Plaza Bridge Rehabilitation Account No. 912-31060.

*Approved by G. Malinsky on behalf of
Doug Brousseau*

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