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To: [REDACTED] Hilts [REDACTED]

Cc: Mayor and Council <MayorandCouncil@whiterockcity.ca>; Guillermo Ferrero <GFerrero@whiterockcity.ca>

Subject: RE: Johnston Road at Five Corners -Question & Answer Period

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email discussing traffic concerns in and around Five Corners.

City Council endorsed a new Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Plan (ITIMP) in 2022. The ITIMP is a comprehensive multi-modal transportation master plan that will guide the City's transportation investments, municipal infrastructure improvements, capital expenditures, and decision making over the next twenty years and beyond. Traffic safety is a key component of the Plan. The plan can be accessed at [Integrated-Transportation--Infrastructure-Master-Plan \(whiterockcity.ca\)](https://www.whiterockcity.ca/Integrated-Transportation--Infrastructure-Master-Plan).

A traffic safety improvement is identified in the ITIMP for Five Corners. Staff will start conceptual design following anticipated budget approval by Council in May. This will be followed by public consultation and preliminary design in 2024 and construction start in 2025. The improvements will include closure of the Johnston Road roadway between Buena Vista Avenue and Beachview Avenue.

An illustration of the pre consultation concept is shown below:

Johnston Road, Pacific Avenue, and Buena Vista Avenue. Improvements include closing the existing southbound leg of Johnston Avenue to create additional public space along with a connection to the Johnston Road greenway to the south. This also involves a new crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection if warranted, along with a new curb extension on the northwest corner. Finally, this involves improvements to the pathway within the Buena Vista Avenue right-of-way to improve the greenway connection with lighting and widening (see **Figure 21**).



Figure 21: Johnston Road, Pacific Avenue, and Buena Vista Avenue Illustrative Concept

We look forward to your feedback when consultation starts in early 2024. In the meantime, we will investigate and repair uneven pavements, crosswalks pavers and sidewalks as necessary. We will forward your speeding concerns to the Police.

Best Regards,

Jim

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From: J [REDACTED] Hilts [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Question & Answer Period

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Re: Five Corners Increasing Traffic Danger

March 31/2023

It continues to be of great concern for local residents that the ongoing traffic chaos gets more dangerous every year at the confluence of Five Corners.

I've been informed that changes to the configuration at this corner will be addressed sometime within the 'three-year' plan for this intersection. It's very unclear how the city plans to effectively accomplish this, but at the very least lower Johnston Road should be blocked off from speeding traffic continuing down this steep hill to the beach.

Pedestrians crossing from Johnston to Pacific via the rainbow crosswalk take life and death decisions crossing these streets regularly. Young children trying to get to and from White Rock Elementary often need to outrun cars travelling at high speeds coming around this corner. Recently I observed three elementary age kids riding on 'razor' scooters carrying drinks just barely making it across the rainbow crosswalk before cars came racing down the hill through the crossing. These cars often travel well over the speed limit. No surprise there. This is a beach town.

Cars stopped at the top of Buena Vista never know if a car coming down Johnston Road hill is going to go straight and continue through to lower Johnston, or suddenly turn left towards Pacific Avenue. I've observed several near misses as drivers inch out at the top of Buena Vista to get a clearer view up the hill, then have to suddenly brake to avoid a collision. Lots of angry honking ensues.

Pedestrians crossing here are almost hit on the sidewalk midway by cars trying to nose out into the traffic at Johnston and Pacific. This intersection is especially treacherous for seniors and disabled people.

Yesterday I helped woman who'd fallen down on the notorious uneven brick sidewalk at the corner of Buena Vista at Pacific. Why haven't the brick sidewalks been replaced from Thrift down to Pacific on the west side of Johnston Road? Taxpayers have been waiting far too long for safer sidewalks, why isn't this in the budget?

I've lived at [REDACTED] for just over a year, but have lived and worked in White Rock since 1978. The increase in car traffic due to unrestrained population growth in South Surrey and high rise development in White Rock is the single major contributing factor to the traffic danger residents experience south of Thrift Avenue, and throughout the upper Town Centre.

I can't believe city council is waiting for a tragedy to occur before it sees fit to address this nightmare at Five Corners. But you are waiting. And it will happen. I suggest mayor and council go stand at this corner and observe for themselves the traffic chaos at any given time, on any day of the week.

White Rock residents, and our children and grandchildren deserve an immediate solution to this very serious problem. Find the money to fix this NOW.

J [REDACTED] L. Longworth

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