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**SUBJECT JINGLE POT ROAD AND WESTWOOD ROAD INTERSECTION
UPGRADE PROJECT**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise Council of a budget increase to the Jingle Pot Road and Westwood Road Intersection Upgrade Project based on a funding commitment from the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.

BACKGROUND

The Jingle Pot Road and Westwood Road Intersection Upgrade Project is included in the 2019 Financial Plan with a budget of \$1,439,819. This project will improve the intersection of Jingle Pot Road and Westwood Road, including signals and active transportation upgrades.

DISCUSSION

Following the completion of an Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) prepared Road Safety Audit, changes to the design of the intersection were made based on its recommendations. These changes were made after the project budget was set and resulted in increased costs. The construction of the project is now underway and the project is expected to exceed the budget by approximately \$135,000.

ICBC informed the City that they have committed \$138,800 for the project based on the anticipated safety benefits of the new signals, sidewalk infill, "smart channel" right turn lane and pedestrian countdown displays. The contribution of \$138,800 by ICBC will be added to the project budget and cover the anticipated cost increase.

CONCLUSION

The change to the project budget will be included in a future Budget Bylaw Amendment for the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Added Safety benefits, such as smart right turn channels are anticipated to reduce risk of pedestrian injury and side-swipe collisions for right-turning vehicles.
- ICBC committed \$138,800 based on the anticipated safety benefits of the project.
- This grant will offset the expected cost increase to the project.

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