

File No. 04-1000-20-2011-059

May 27, 2011

s.22(1)

Dear s.2  
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Re: Request for Access to Records under the *Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act")

I am responding to your request of March 9, 2011 for a copy of all records:

1. documenting how and when Mr. Dobrovolny advised Council, prior to their approval of separated bicycle lanes on the Burrard Bridge, that there was a possibility for greater number of accidents at the intersection of Burrard St. and Pacific St. due to his redesign;
2. of what was done to monitor the number of accidents at the intersection of Burrard St. and Pacific St. from July 2009 to October 2010; and
3. documenting how and when Mr. Dobrovolny reported an increase in accidents at the intersection of Burrard St. and Pacific St. to Council and to Vancouver commuters.

The record response to your requested item number one is the Council Report dated April 29, 2009, RTS No. 7838. As you sent us a copy of that report, it is not being included among the records enclosed with this letter.

In response to your second requested item, a number of emails document "was done to monitor the number of accidents at the intersection". These emails are enclosed. The ICBC data referenced in the emails is as per the data that you also obtained from ICBC and had in the past emailed to Mr. Dobrovolny as an attachment.

In response to your third requested items, no responsive records were located.

You will find additional information about the Burrard Street bridge bike lane on the City's website, at <http://vancouver.ca/projects/burrard/index.htm> including the enclosed use data.

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9A4  
Tel. 250-387-5629; Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following:

- 1) the file number assigned to your request (see at top);
- 2) a copy of this letter;
- 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and
- 4) detailed reasons or grounds upon which you are seeking a review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,



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Manager, Corporate Information & Privacy

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**Rae, Shobha**

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**From:** Rawsthorne, David  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2009 1:22 PM  
**To:** Lam, Jason  
**Cc:** Dobrovlny, Jerry; Edwards, Scott; Ballard, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** RE: Burrard Bridge collisions, 2008 vs 2009

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**Subject:** Burrard Bridge collisions, 2008 vs 2009

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Thank you,

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**Jason Lam**  
City of Vancouver, Engineering Services  
tel. 604.873.7912 fax. 604.873.7212

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**From:** Ballard, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2009 1:38 PM  
**To:** Rawsthorne, David; Lam, Jason  
**Cc:** Dobrovolny, Jerry; Edwards, Scott  
**Subject:** RE: Burrard Bridge collisions, 2008 vs 2009

Good one! Jason and David are out of the office for the rest of the week. Scott, Pls get Sylvia to do this since it is requested ASAP.

Thanks  
Elizabeth

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**From:** Blackman, Jen [mailto:Jen.Blackman@icbc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2009 1:31 PM  
**To:** Chou, Winston  
**Cc:** Lam, Jason; Floro, Susan  
**Subject:** 4319b\_Burrard St Bridge corridor crashes

Hi Winston,

As per our conversation, please find attached report # 4319b (Burrard St Bridge corridor

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crashes), including crash incident details.

Please note that both this report (4319b) and the previous summary version I had sent to Jason (4319) are only approved for the internal use of the City of Vancouver, and cannot be shared with the public.

If you require data from this report for release to the public, please let me know and I will re-format it for release and obtain the necessary approvals. This process should only take a day or two once requested.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

<<4319\_Burrard Bridge\_details.xls>>

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**Jen Blackman**

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**Subject:** ICBC data  
**Location:** David's office  
  
**Start:** Wed 6/16/2010 10:00 AM  
**End:** Wed 6/16/2010 10:30 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded  
  
**Required Attendees:** Rawsthorne, David; Liu, Nicholas

Nick,

I need some collision data for Blenheim Street (see e-mail attached) and for Burrard Bridge (Oct & Nov 2008 and Oct & Nov 2009)



RE: ICBC collision  
data reques...

Let's meet to discuss.

Thanks, David

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**From:** Rawsthorne, David  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 9:10 AM  
**To:** Kirk, Sylvia  
**Cc:** Edwards, Scott  
**Subject:** ICBC collision data request - Blenheim

Sylvia,

I understand that you are able to access or request this data.

I need collision history for three intersections on Blenheim : 21st, 29th and 37th  
for two time periods: Nov 2004 - Oct 2006 and Nov 2008 - Oct 2009

Thanks, David



**Rae, Shobha**

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**From:** Dobrovolny, Jerry  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2010 12:27 PM  
**To:** Rawsthorne, David; Lam, Jason; Liu, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Fw: ICBC Crash Data 2009  
**Attachments:** ShapefileAttributeDefinitions.xlsx; Crash\_Report\_Wizard\_RIP\_UserGuide.doc; INSTALLATION ON WINDOWS VISTA\_\_V2.doc; Secure File Transfer Protocol - Instructions.pdf

Fyi

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Jerry W. Dobrovolny, P.Eng., MBA  
Assistant City Engineer - Transportation

604-873-7331

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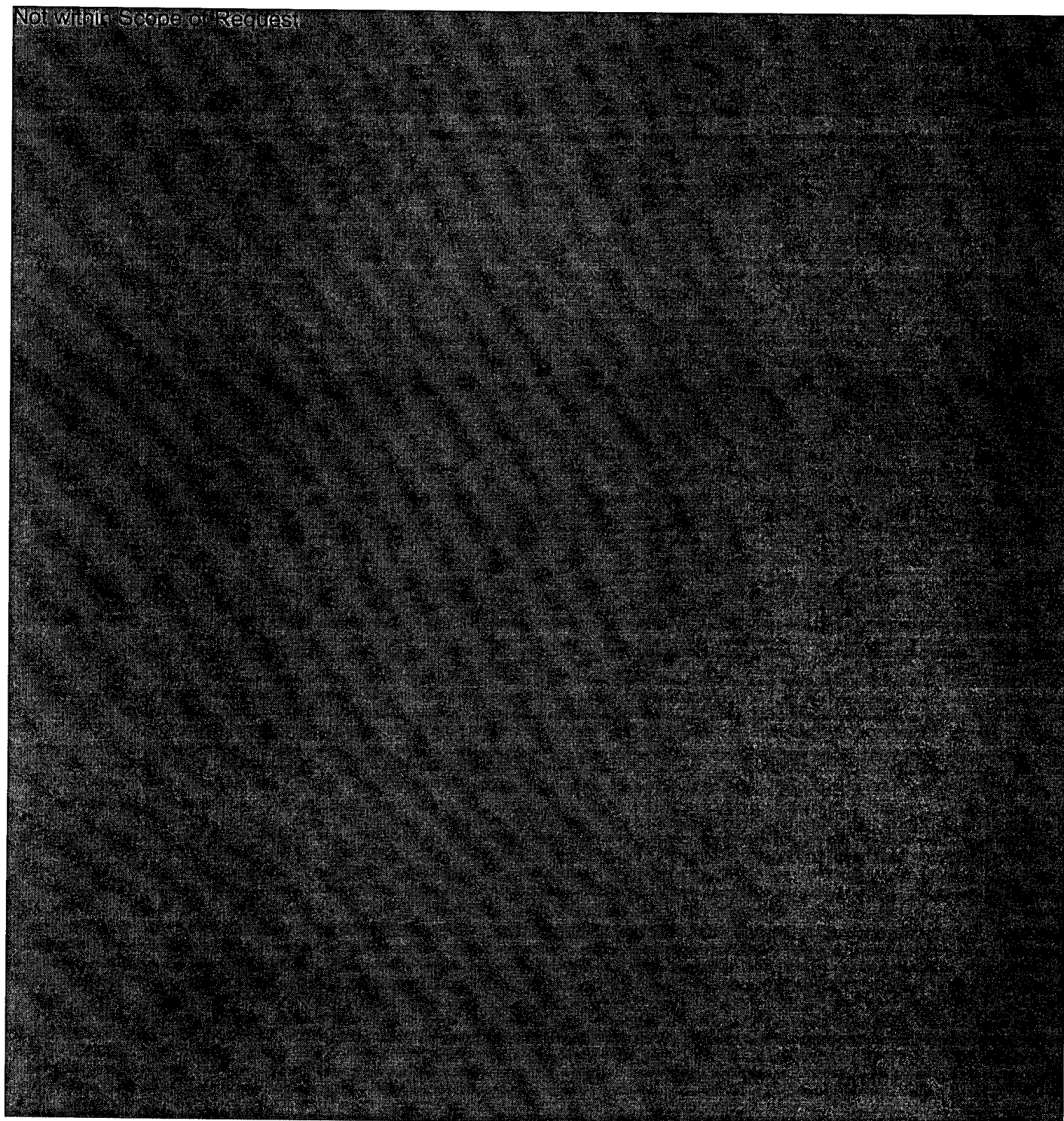
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ICBC REPORTED CRASH TABLE - ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

ARCHMAP NAME	ICBC REPORTED CRASH TABLE - ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS	
	ATTRIBUTE FULLNAME	COMMENTS & DESCRIPTION
S.15(1)(i)	CRASH INCIDENT ID	ICBC INCIDENT REFERENCE NUMBER
	CRASH INCIDENT CITY	THE CITY WHERE THE CRASH OCCURRED
	LATITUDE	GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES
	LONGITUDE	GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES
	STREET ON NAME	NAME OF STREET TRAVELLED ON
	BLOCK NUMBER	STREET BLOCK NUMBER
	CROSS STREET NAME	CROSS STREET NAME
	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	LOCATION DESCRIPTION
	INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT DATE
	INCIDENT TIME	TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED
	CRASH INCIDENT REGION	REGION INCIDENT OCCURRED
	INCIDENT MONTH	MONTH INCIDENT OCCURRED
	DAY OF WEEK	DAY INCIDENT OCCURRED
	INCIDENT SEVERITY	SEVERITY OF CRASH INCIDENT (I-INJURY-F-FATALITY; M-MATERIAL DAMAGE <= \$1000; N-MATERIAL DAMAGE >\$1000)
	PARKING LOT INCIDENT FLAG	YEAR INCIDENT OCCURRED
	PEDESTRIAN INCIDENT FLAG	FLAG INDICATING IF INCIDENT OCCURRED IN PARKING LOT
	HVY VEHICLE INCIDENT FLAG	FLAG INDICATING IF AT LEAST ONE CYCLIST WAS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT
	CRASH CONFIGURATION	FLAG INDICATING IF AT LEAST ONE PEDESTRIAN WAS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT
	CONFIDENCE LEVEL	FLAG INDICATING IF AT LEAST ONE HEAVY VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT
	XY	TYPE OF CRASH IMPACT
		ACCURACY OF THE CRASH CONFIGURATION (1-CONFIDENT, 5-LESS CONFIDENT)
		INTERNAL FIELD - PLEASE DO NOT DELETE OR RE-NAME

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**From:** Edwards, Scott  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2010 1:49 PM  
**To:** Rawsthorne, David  
**Subject:** Burrard & Pacific

**Importance:** High

**Attachments:** FW: Road Safety - Data Request #01553 - Medium - Burrard & Pacific crashes (2005-2010 YTD); FW: Road Safety - Data Request Burrard & Pacific crashes (2005-2010 YTD); Picture (Metafile)



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David,

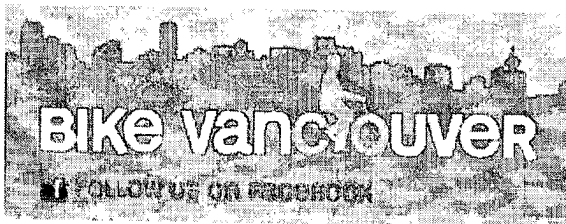
Please review the attached info and analyze the types of collisions etc.  
We have staff in GNT that can access the ICBC data, for your review.

A timely response is needed.

Scott

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**Scott Edwards, P.Eng, M.Eng.,**  
*Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer*  
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**From:** Rawsthorne, David  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** Clelland, John  
**Subject:** Burrard web update

John,

Please add the following paragraph to the Safety section of the Burrard Bridge statistics page. Please confirm with me before this goes live.

Thanks, David

An assessment of detailed collision data for comparable periods before and after the installation of the separated bike revealed the following:

- The most common collision type, both before and after the installation of the separated bike lanes, is a rear end collision in the Pacific to Burrard right-turn lane(s)
- the incidence of rear end collisions in the Pacific to Burrard right-turn lane(s) has increased
- the incidence of other collision types does not appear to have changed

In light of these findings, changes will be made to the Pacific to Burrard right-turn lane with the aim of reducing the incidence of rear end collisions. The effect of the changes will be monitored to assess their effectiveness.

**Rae, Shobha**

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**From:** Rawsthorne, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 3:31 PM  
**To:** Clelland, John  
**Subject:** Burrard Bridge web updates for November  
**Attachments:** stats\_burrard\_bridge\_2009JJASOND\_2010JFMAMJJASON.xls

John, please make the following changes to the Burrard Bridge statistics page

1) replace the "summary of the data" with this spreadsheet:



stats\_burrard\_bridg  
e\_2009JJASO...

2) change "October 2010" to "November 2010"

3) In the Pedestrians section, change 990,000 to "one million" and replace the graph with an updated one Allan will provide.

4) In the Cyclists section:

- add the following as the new 4th paragraph:
- Bike volumes in November 2010 were lower than expected. This was likely due to construction which closed the Hornby Street bike lane from late October until early December.
- delete "nearly" before "1.5 million bike trips" in the last paragraph.
- replace the graph with update one from Allan.

5) In the Safety section, change "changes are being made" to "changes have been made" in the last paragraph.

Thanks, David