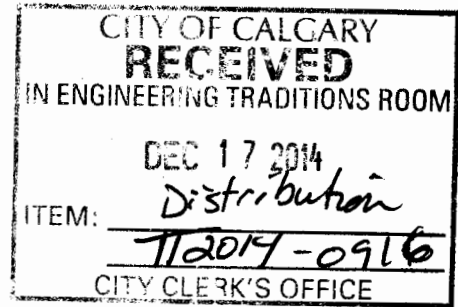


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Bike Calgary Comments Pertaining to the North Central LRT Route Planning Study

Attention Councillor Keating, Chair SPC Transportation & Transit

Dear Councillor Keating,

Bike Calgary is pleased to provide comments on the North Central LRT Route Planning Update. Bike Calgary has been closely following the stakeholder meetings regarding planning and design processes for the new North Central LRT Route, as it potentially effects a vital bicycle transportation corridor.

During the October 2014 update open houses we were disappointed to learn that the route plan will no longer include cycling infrastructure. One of the core Community Principles identified early in the stakeholder meetings included a commitment to complete streets guidelines, and a dedicated North/South corridor accessible by bike.

Identified as an area of particular constraint is segment one, crossing the Bow River into downtown. Bike Calgary understands that the project team is working to create a parallel corridor north of the river, but as no other on street facility exists within 10 blocks in either direction of the Centre Street Bridge, we feel maintaining the Center Street peak time bicycle lanes within the roadway context should be a factor in determining the eventual alignment option.

In this area, Bike Calgary would respectfully ask that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council encourage the further exploration of Option Three, in order to maintain existing access to all modes of transportation. This recommendation would align with the findings of public input gathered during open houses held in April, 2014.

Sincerely,

<signed>

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(President, Bike Calgary)

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