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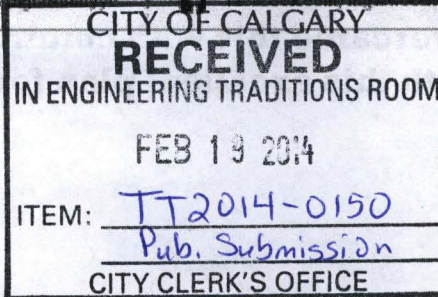


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Dear Mayor Nenshi, Calgary City Councilors and Staff,

The Inglewood BRZ is fully supportive of the Cycle Track Plan for the City of Calgary; in fact we are excited about seeing it expand to include Inglewood sometime in the future! The sooner that a safe, continuous, and fluid connection for cyclists is made to connect Inglewood with downtown, the better it is for businesses in Inglewood and in the downtown district, and the closer the city of Calgary will be to being one of the best places to live in the world.

Cycle tracks make roads safer and more convenient for people travelling in the Centre City. Separated bike lanes attract more people to choose cycling as a way of traveling in Calgary's busiest areas. This infrastructure encourages people to ride in the dedicated space on the road, not the sidewalk. When respect is shown for this legitimate means of transportation through adequate infrastructure, it will result in more people following the rules of the road, whether walking, cycling or driving. Cycle tracks provide a roadway that results in fewer collisions between people walking, cycling, and driving.

The cycle track on 1 Street S.E. improves transportation choices in the busiest area in Calgary. The Inglewood BRZ is "green" with envy over the plans for the 1 Street SE cycle track! Here in Inglewood, we endorse a route that makes 1 Street S.E. a street for all people, regardless of how they travel: walk, cycle, transit or drive. We recognize that this improves getting around for people who choose not, to or are unable to drive, or just love to feel the wind in their hair as they pedal to work. It reduces stress on parking, builds on the increase of people cycling into the downtown, and it connects people to major destinations in the downtown. It also addresses a demographic in the city centre that is very receptive to this form of transportation.

When councilors like Sean Chu shoot from the hip without a comprehensive understanding of the economic potential of cycle tracks, they are letting down their constituents and their city. The number one asset of this city is the pathway system. Forward-thinking Calgarians like Bill Robinson fought for

that pathway system in the early 1970s and they had significant adversity. Fortunately for Calgary, they overcame this with common sense and grounded principles. Let's do the same with this excellent plan for cycle tracks.

Sincerely,

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