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\* I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

\* First name: Corianne  
\* Last name: Jenner  
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Phone: 4036694515  
\* Subject: Green Line

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please be brave and move FORWARD with this project for our great city. I am born, and have been raised, in the Center-North quadrant of Calgary. I am very fortunate to have a truck, a trailer, a bike, and running shoes for means of transportation. What I've never had is a C-Train within a 5K radius of where I've lived, and thus have never had real viable, and timely, mode of public transportation.

Our city needs this and wants this.

Please, be brave and MOVE FORWARD NOW on this project for my great city, for our great city.





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\* First name: Erin  
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\* Subject: Green Line

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My concern about being above ground along Center street is the reduction of traffic lanes, thus, most likely increasing traffic along Edmonton Trail. Numerous pedestrian issues have been raised about Edmonton trail south of 16th Ave, how it is part of a walkable or trying to be walkable young community of Renfrew, the lack of sidewalk space, trees, well identified crosswalks and to be a street that people want to walk along and access stores and restaurants. Traffic from Center street will most definitely come to Edmonton Trail, totally defeating the intention of what the Northhill community planning has worked on so far. what is the plan for Edmonton trail to ensure that it is not a thoroughfare but a vibrant pedestrian friendly part of Renfrew and Crescent Heights?

Thank you.





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If train is above ground on center street then it will be difficult for seniors to cross the street, if you build bridges for pedestrians then it will be difficult for seniors to walk up and downstairs, especially in winter time. Cars will have trouble turning from centre to Ave and vice versa. Does it really benefit the shops if ctrain is the only continent way to pass through Centre street? If it is not done right please think again.



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I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

\* First name Fred

\* Last name Eosadiuk

Email fredrosadiuk@yahoo.ca

Phone 5874338149

\* Subject I think the green lines is an excellent project

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

This is the time to build infrastructure when the economy is at its low points. This green line will serve the people and reduce having to take several busses. This would reduce our emissions in our city. Not to mention the job creation it will create. Well done to the green line projects team.

Fred Rosadiuk CD, Airborne



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\* I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

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\* Subject: Green Line Stage 1

I am writing in support of Administration's recommendation for Stage 1 of The Green Line. The Green Line is critical for Calgary, now and for our future. Your decisions today will also redefine how we think about and value public transportation for decades to come.

This is a momentous opportunity for us, and we must get it right. We must execute every aspect of it exceptionally well. We cannot settle for short-term thinking or a "good enough" option. The health and economic uncertainties we are facing now cannot be used to stop us from thinking about our future. Building the green line and our "economic recovery", whatever that will look like, are not mutually exclusive.

This is a moment in time. A transit network, and a culture around why and for whom we build are investments that last a lot longer. We cannot settle because we deserve better. And what's more, we have done the work!

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We were here from day 1. Citizens, City staff, and Council, we have spent years working on this together: reviewing, workshopping, collaborating, debating; which goes to show how much we all care about this project, and by extension, how much we care about this shared vision for our city. A city where we have exceptional public infrastructure and public spaces for everyone; reliable, convenient, and comfortable mobility options for everyone; beautiful and interesting architecture for everyone; and cleaner air and water for everyone.



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Public transit is for everyone.

We are here today because we need The Green Line, and because of all the hard work done by so many people. What comes out of today should be reflective of that. This is a precious opportunity, and we are poised for action now. Please support the recommendation and move this forward — not conditionally and not with concessions — but with enthusiasm, optimism, good will and good sense, and the knowledge that the work has been and will continue to be done together.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, Committee, the Green Line Project Team, Council, and citizens for the work you have done so far in getting us here. Let's keep going.

Thank you.



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Phone:  
\* Subject: Support for the Green Line

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Green Line = Jobs. City estimates state that the project will create 20,000 jobs. Calgary's economy is already unsteady – we can't afford to lose employment. Thousands of Calgarians rely on transit. Last year, Calgarians completed 106.5 million trips on city transit. The Green Line will help us get to work, school, and businesses across the city. It reduces pollution. The Green Line will reduce greenhouse gases by 30,000 tonnes. That's like 6,000 vehicles being taken off the road in ONE day.



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\* Subject **Spending on Public Infrastructure Projects**

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**It is my strong belief that we must go ahead with the Green Line transportation project. In these challenging economic times projects like these are absolutely necessary for the good of our society.**





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\* I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

\* First name **Linda**

\* Last name **Fava**

Email

Phone

\* Subject **Green Line**

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**Please do not cancel the Green Line project as it will create many jobs and thousands of Calgarians reply on transit. It will also reduce pollution instead of everyone using vehicles.**



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\* First name Shone

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Phone 4038195926

\* Subject Green Line

Good afternoon,

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I am a resident of Ward 12 and I wish to offer my support to advance progress on the Green Line. There have been multiple opportunities to provide feedback to this point, and extensive due diligence has been completed. Not only will the Green Line provide needed mass transit, it will be an economic contributor to Calgary at a time we very much need it.

Thank you.

**From:** [Anica Bica](#)  
**To:** [Public Submissions](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Opposition to Green Line LRT! NO!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:12:12 PM

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Hello!

I do not support this project. Calgary doesn't need this line.  
For sure the oil prices won't bounce back and without oil this city will be a ghost city for sometimes.

The problem is that in this city used to be too much \$\$\$ money and everyone was spending big including the City Hall.

We have to get real with the new norm- the big money\$\$ are gone for good.  
Please learn and adjust to the new norm and don't put more financial stress on us.  
The number one priority for people in Calgary is to survive, to put food on the table for our families and not to spend billions for a transit line which is not crucial.

Please listen to Calgary!

Thank you,  
Ana Burla  
#1303 128 2nd street SW  
Calgary AB



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\* Subject Greenline

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Support for the Greenline- I would like to express my utmost support for the city of Calgary to continue developing the Greenline infrastructure. I feel that this is an essential piece of infrastructure if we want to develop a diverse, resilient economy and city culture. We can not continue to have the vast majority of our population tied to the oil and gas economy and the Greenline will provide the infrastructure requires for the city to grow and diversify.



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\* First name: **Beddington Heights**

\* Last name: **Community Association**

Email: **bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca**

Phone:

\* Subject: **Green Line Committee June 1: Item 7.1 - Public Submission in support**

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**Please find attached the Beddington Heights Community Association letter of support for administration's recommendation of Green Line Stage 1.**



June 1, 2020

RE: The Green Line Stage 1

Mayor and Councillors,

Beddington Heights is well-served by many bus and BRT routes. We are lucky to be the beneficiaries of frequent transit service that allows residents, workers, students, retirees, and everyone in-between to move and stay connected. Good transit is vital to our vibrant community, schools, local businesses, and the lives of those in Beddington, Ward 4, the greater NW, and all who pass through.

We ask that Council support Administration's recommendation for Stage 1 of The Green Line. We acknowledge that there is much uncertainty related to COVID-19 and the current economic situation; we are all nervous for many reasons these days. However, this does not mean that we stop thinking about or planning for the future.

The Green Line is critical infrastructure that has had the entire city talking about the possibilities, alternatives, funding, alignment, etc., for years. We have talked about our shared vision for The Green Line and how it will contribute to an even better life in our great city. This means that we all care very much, and we have got to get it right.

'Getting it right' means remembering and respecting the years of work, research, technical review, and countless conversations had between City staff, citizens, and yourselves. As a community that will eventually be part of the line, we urge Council to ensure that this current opportunity is not jeopardized. Council, your decision will inform not only our practice of planning, but also the way we talk about, think about, and value public transportation and the public good for decades to come.

This is our shared future; all of ours (that includes you!). We cannot allow further delays, setbacks, or misinformation to compromise this opportunity from unfolding. Please help us show the world that Calgary is ready to give the people who live and visit here more mobility choices and better public spaces.

We thank Council, Green Line Committee, and the Green Line team for years of work, engagement, and collaboration on this incredible project. Although it is taking time to get there, we will get there. Please support Administration's recommendation for Stage 1 of The Green Line.

Thank you,

Beddington Heights Community Association  
Board of Directors



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\* Subject: Calgary Green Line

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I think the Green Line at this point in time should be post-posted if not cancelled altogether due to the economic situation the City of Calgary, Province and the Country currently find ourselves. And yes I understand that long term projects need to be planned for and constructed even during economic downturns if they are for the long term betterment of society. However, I question the validity of the Greenline not only for the economics but also regarding how technology is changing and so too in all probability make LRT transportation obsolete in the not too distant future. Will people be travelling to the downtown core in similar numbers as in the past? Why was the priority to plan the line straight north and not to the airport and no airport connection until after the Blue Line is constructed and creating the Airport Interconnect - some 15 years out. I think Council should rethink this whole strategy of the current and expanding LRT system.

**From:** [Barbaatar, Davaa](#) on behalf of [City Clerk](#)  
**To:** [Public Submissions](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Re: My concerns regarding the green line LRT updated alignment (May 12, 2020)  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:31:32 AM

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**From:** T Z [mailto:zyz611.tz@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 7:36 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <CityClerk@calgary.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Re: My concerns regarding the green line LRT updated alignment (May 12, 2020)

Attention: Councillor Shane Keating, GL Technical Committee Chair  
His worship, Mayor Naheed Nenshi  
Councillor Druh Farrell, Ward 7, Greenline Committee member  
Other Members of Calgary City Council

Your Worship and Memebers of Calgary City Council,

The Green Line LRT alignment approved by Calgary City Council in 2017 Committed to an underground tunnel beneath 2nd street SW in the downtown core, the Riverwalk Pathway, Prince's Island Park, Bow River, Crescent Heights community, and Center Street to 16th Avenue North. This approved alignment, which I continue to support, brought with it the promise to:

- **Preserve and enhance public access and enjoyment of the Riverwalk pathway and Prince's Island Park;**
- **Protect the wetlands and the birds, fish and other wildlife that all it home;**
- **Revitalize the Crescent Heights, Chinatown, Eau Claire, Beltline and Victoria Park communities with the spirit fo best practices of urban planning in mind;**
- **Create a legacy LRT line to serve the long-standing needs of Calgary's growing communities; and**
- **Embrace and deliver on the vision of Calgary as a world class, vibrant, and walkable city where all residents can access and enjoy the beautiful natural setting and culturally diverse communities of the downtown core**



I understand and appreciate that due to funding and other concerns, City Council directed the Green Line project team to revisit the alignment and build approach in order to examine other alternatives, but the proposed revised alignment DOES NOT meet the commitments made to community residents.

Calgarians, like me and my neighbours, are still holding The City to these promises.

### **My Concerns**

An updated Green Line LRT alignment was presented on May 12, 2020. I support the SE segment to the Downtown, but the alignment and the build approach north of the downtown core are **UNACCEPTABLE**.

Specifically:

- any LRT bridge over Prince's Island Park and the Bow River breaks the promises made to:
  - Preserve the park and its wetlands, birds and fish;
  - Maintain or increase access and walkability of the local pathways and park spaces;
  - Maintain the spectacular views of Prince's Island Park and the Bow River, which are currently enjoyed by the local residents and many members of the public visiting the area;
  - Enhance and revitalize the local neighbourhoods through the thoughtful addition of mass transit in a manner that respects the history and residents of those communities.
  
- The LRT bridge intersecting at the top of the Center Street Bridge will impede southbound vehicle traffic, impair access to downtown and Chinatown, hurt business operators and festival/event organizers;
- Placing the LRT line at-grade (i.e. street level) with two center roadway train lines breaks the promise of a city-shaping initiative. It would create traffic barriers east/west, increase accident risk at intersections, deter people from visiting by personal vehicles;
- The propose Green Line LRT alignment is "less than' approach where scope and quality is reduce to stay within the \$4.9B funding envelope. This, again, breaks the promise of a legacy mass transit system.
- An LRT Bridge over the river will have the impact of obstructed views, produce significant noise and light pollution and an overall negative effect

on my property value.

**As a local resident who stands to be impacted by the future Green Line LRT, I find the current proposal, with respect to the issues outlined above, UNSUPPORTABLE. This is our only opportunity to make the Green Line the best it can be - settling for an inferior proposal should not be on the table.**

**I urge the Green Line Technical Committee and Members of Calgary City Council to revisit and rethink this segment of the plan. It should not, in its current form, be approved by Council at their June 25th meeting.**

Sincerely,

Zhiying Zhao

222 Riverfront Avenue, SW, Calgary, AB T2P0X2



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Although faced with uncertain times, Calgary cannot lose sight of the future. Calgary is a young, progressive City built on entrepreneurship and innovation. We have been set back by a change in the oil markets and now a global pandemic, but we can't allow these setbacks to define us and to kill our willingness to invest in our community. A robust public transit system is standard for any world class City, it connects neighbourhoods and people in a way that is critical to uniting Calgarians of all social-economic classes. The Green Line is decades overdue and presents an opportunity for employment when critically needed, an exciting advancement for the City when excitement is in short supply and the ability to remove personal vehicles from the road which is essential to environmental stewardship. I fully support investing in the Green Line and other projects/events that maintain Calgary's rightful place as a progressive City with an eye on the future.



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Hello, as a Beltline resident I urge Council to get the Green Line going. The actions of a few wealthy individuals do not speak for the majority of Calgarians, despite what their money may buy.

The Green Line needs to be built to connect this city. The deep southeast is a transit wasteland and home to over 100,000 people. How we can simply sit back and not deliver transit to them is shortsighted and this project has been badly needed since at least 2006. I believe that there will be a change in our downtown due to the downturn and the pandemic, but that isn't an excuse to not build transit. Downtown will need to change and adapt to the new world if working from home becomes the new normal, and building owners will make the necessary changes, and Council will make amendments to make downtown work from Calgary.

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What this may mean is more residential in downtown rather than commercial, but those people will still require mobility. The people of southeast Calgary already require mobility. The answer to this is relatively simple at this point. Don't rush the bridge and track over the Bow River. Build from downtown south. Build the Green Line to at least McKenzie Towne, and ideally get it to the tens of thousands of people in Mahogany and Auburn Bay. This will not just be a transit project, but truly a City-building project. I feel for the people of North-Central Calgary who have been waiting for this project as well, but the truth is they have significantly more transit options available. If rush hours are not going to be as busy as they once were, a dedicated BRT service can likely handle



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the load and can be fast and efficient. I'm not saying never deliver a Green Line north, but let's get the land acquisition north of 16th Ave going and then worry about connecting once we can actually deliver a train to Beddington at the very least.

Calgary needs the Green Line. Let's build it so it's properly functional. Deliver it to the people of southeast Calgary so they are connected to the Beltline and we are connected to them. Let's enhance BRT service to north-central Calgary. Let's not let Kock-brothers style anti-transit rhetoric take hold in this city. They are old, tired, false arguments and have no place in Calgary. Connect the city, deliver some real city-building and get the Green Line south to where the people are.



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**I agree for a go ahead on the green line up centre street and 16avE North ,  
Thankyou**



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I strongly support the Greenline LRT.. I am a member of North Calgary, we need this public infrastructure investment. Don't be short sighted. This is for Calgary's future. This is for my children.



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**Calgary needs safety, comprehensive public transit. We do not need a publicly funded entertainment centre. Please do the right thing and support all Calgarians, not just those who can afford to go to Flames games. Enough is enough. Please move this vitally needed project forward.**





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Please choose to invest in public transit today. By creating travel options for Calgarians that are not exclusively car we are creating a city that is more connected, more safe, and more equal. This reduces drunk driving, allows those without drivers licenses to get to and from work, and makes the city feel more accessible to more people. Also it is good for home builders who are developing communities in NE Calgary. By the way, I am frustrated that as a young person I have to write to politicians every week to choose to make positive change in this city. Choose growth and improvement rather than stagnation. Thank you for listening to me.



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I have become aware that the green line is being lobbied against and continues to be delayed. This delay is unacceptable and places tens of thousands of individuals in Calgary at a disadvantage, a disadvantage that has been toyed with being alleviated. Build the green line, raise taxes if you must but before you do that I would consider curbing the thousand dollar birthday parties hosted by the Calgary Fire Department. Their bloated statistics have fallen flat during this pandemic and the level of money funneled into their valuable but bloated system is near embezzlement.



Calgary Firefighters Association  
@CGYFireFighters

Our Drive-By Birthday program ends today. 🎈 🎉 🚒

This started as a simple way to connect with our community during a strange time. Thank you for welcoming us so enthusiastically to your front streets. We've loved celebrating nearly 8000 #yyc birthdays.

📷 credit: @cityofcalgary





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The greenling will be completed and even required on day when the Alberta and Canadian economy recovers after the Oil price decline and Covid is gone. This will take many years to come together.

In the meantime, this city can not afford this multiBillion dollar infrastructure. The jobs that its proponents are touting can be created by fixing our existing infrastructure, which is in dire need. Our main roads and transit are worse than those in third world countries. Even newly built roads are in terrible shape because we build cheap instead of to last. The excuse the city has is our harsh climate, it is possible to build much better to withstand our climate-there are examples of those roads here in Calgary. Travel demand has changed and will continue after Covid, by the time `normal` times come back we will have learned how to live and travel or commute in a different way, we learned its possible to change our old habits and way of life because we like some of the new.

Its said that our taxes will not be affected by the construction of the greenling, I would like to see a report from an independent accountants showing us how spending multi-billions on infrastructures will not have to be paid by our taxes; I think that will be amazing book keeping.

Compare number of jobs this proposal will create HERE IN CALGARY, with spending the same amount fixing all of our existing infrastructure.



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Hi there,  
The above project will support Calgary top stay as 3rd. or 4th major metropolitan city in Canada.  
We need to diversify the economy and be able to attract various industries like IT, Financials, etc. to keep attracting people to move to Calgary as a city with highest affordability in housing market in Canada which will help the Housing Market to recover down the road.  
Thanks for your consideration.



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I just want to say that I believe we should HOLD OFF on any further LRT Green Line development because we are in a time of uncertainty that we have never seen before. The economy is in terrible shape with the pandemic. Transit ridership is way down, of course because people are staying home right now, but also because people I've spoken to that normally take transit just don't want to risk the close exposure in transit. We can think of other options now while we see what happens in the world over the next 2 years.



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My name is Romania Leo. I am representing myself as a resident of Crescent Heights I was born and raised in Calgary; as a child Prince's Island park is where my parents took us weekly and during the summers to picnic, bike ride, peddle boats at the time - back then we were allowed to feed the ducks with bread. Now, with 3 children of my own - Prince's Island Park continues to be where I take my family, along with many many Calgary families who go to Prince's Island park as a Retreat and Escape from the everyday stresses of life.

I plead... to all the Councillors listening today, as key individuals who ultimately decide the Fate of Prince's Island Park..

Behind your roles as Councillors to make the best decision for Calgary... You are either a Mother like me... or Fathers who take your children, family, friends, grandparents, or just yourself to enjoy the park. Prince's Island is NOT JUST a park. It is the highlight of downtown and the EAU CLAIRE area. It is Calgary's most popular attraction site in downtown - annual Canada Day celebrations, and historical landmark - Prince's Island ON the Bow River.

I wear 4 hats which makes me a passionate protestor against the Green Line.

I personally live on top of the NE side of Crescent Heights and Prince's Island Park, beautifully perched behind Centre Bridge is my direct view.

I personally own 4 properties at the Waterfront Condo project - with the plan such that

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when our 3 children grow up, they would each have their own unit, while my husband and I would be retired and helping out with grandchildren - Close but not in their face. I personally work at the Waterfront project where I assist 40 owners with taking care of their properties - every single one of these owners purchased at Waterfront for the reasons of being directly in front of Prince's Island Park's beautiful setting and all that it has to offer in terms of outdoor enjoyment.

AS Mentioned...I am a mother of 3 children - and Prince's Island Park is our Front Yard - Calgarian's Front Yard, especially for residents in the area. Since Calgary's Covid Crisis started, we seek refuge at Prince's Island Park - from being shackled in our homes in order to #StopCovid.... once a day to 2-3 times a day.

With schools closed, online zoom classes only an hour a day, businesses closed and parents having to work from home - anyone with children knows - StayHome Stay-Healthy with children is equivalent to locking up wild animals in a cage. Whether we are families





May 29, 2020

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Dear Councillor Carra,

Sustainable Calgary supports moving forward with the proposed alignment of the Green Line. We believe that developing a robust transit system that serves the needs of all Calgarians is more important now than ever, helping us embrace equity, quality of life, public health, climate action, and economic opportunity when we most need it. We appreciate the additional reach of the Green Line in its new alignment, and its connections with the larger network, which will help Calgarians get where they need to go more efficiently.

*Investing in the Green Line is essential for the economy.* As we face economic hardship due to COVID-19, investing in our citizens takes on new importance, as both a public duty and an economic strategy: to revive a faltering economy, we need people capable of spending in it. The role of cities in alleviating and preventing poverty is limited, with a few key levers of influence. Providing affordable and convenient transportation options is one of the biggest impacts we can have.

*Investing in the Green Line is good for our health.* We are not only in the midst of a global pandemic, we are in the midst of a chronic health crisis. The “major 4” chronic health diseases are responsible for **63% of all Canadian deaths**. The World Health Organization states that 80% of deaths related heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes are considered premature and preventable. What can we do about it? We can make it easier for Calgarians to remain active. Sedentary lifestyles are an underlying cause of chronic disease in Canada, and as of 2019 – thanks to research at the University of Calgary – they are linked directly to our built form and transportation infrastructure. Transit users are measurably healthier than those who drive exclusively, and according to the City of Calgary data, Calgarians living near LRT lines walk and bike more for daily trips. Let’s be a city that *improves* the health of our citizens.

*Investing in the Green Line is essential for our climate.* The City of Calgary’s Low Carbon Economy 2018 reported that without further action, in 2050 our city’s greenhouse gas emissions will be 300% higher than our own target of 80% reduction in emissions. Calgarians are second only behind Edmonton in number of kilometres driven per capita in Canadian cities. Investing in effective transit is the low-hanging fruit when it comes to climate action.

*Investing in the Green Line aligns with what we have heard from thousands of Calgarians.* Through the Active Neighbourhoods Canada program, we have engaged with more than 2,000 Calgarians over the last six years about their visions for their communities. Their visions extend well beyond an ‘efficient’ transit system. They want a transit network of such high quality that it is consistently their first choice of transportation. They call for safe and comfortable routes to transit stops. They call for exciting, convenient and safe LRT stations, achieved through on-site amenities, eyes-on-the street and social destinations. Coffee shops, grocery stores, workout equipment, and bathrooms are on their wish lists. The vision of the Green Line as part of a city-building initiative aligns with this feedback.

*Investing in the Green Line is forward-thinking.* There are two sides to every balance sheet, and now is the time to be cognizant that *not spending* can incur costs to the City, Province and local citizens. For example:

- Congestion costs Greater Vancouver, Greater Toronto and Greater Montreal **\$10.1 billion** (2015).
- Inactivity costs Canada **\$10 billion** in direct health care costs and lost productivity (2014).

- Owning a motor vehicle in Canada costs **\$8,600-\$13,000**, or 20% of a *middle-class* after-tax household income.
- Poverty costs Alberta **\$9.5 billion** (2012).
- Re-orienting developments depending on the Green Line for transit-oriented development policy frameworks carries an as-of-yet unknown pricetag.

Developing an effective transit system mitigates each of these costs.

**Investing in the Green Line is a win-win... win-win-win.** Building now on the momentum that has been created toward making Calgary one of the best places to live, building on the unprecedented funding from the Province and Federal Government by moving forward with the Green Line, is imperative.

We are so excited to see this vision for Calgary come to fruition. Please be in touch should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Celia Lee  
Executive Director  
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\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I attended the information session on May 21 and was impressed with how clearly and openly staff on the project informed the public about all aspects of the current design and route. I was reassured that the Green Line has gone through rigorous planning from very capable people. This is a project that will have positive effects on many generations to come and I hope that this continues to be front of mind for everyone on the Committee and in Council.

As we get closer to the potential construction stage, I wanted to add the voice of one Calgarian who believes that this project is a watershed moment in the positive evolution of our city, similar to projects like the new Public Library, the Peace Bridge, and others. These are projects that are accessible and available to everyone and benefit people equally regardless of their socioeconomic status. The Green Line will create more equitable transportation options and create a city that is more accessible to all. Encouraging healthy growth and healthy people will surely improve our overall sense of community and make Calgary a more vibrant, attractive place to live.

Voices in opposition to the project have become more visible over the past year and although I believe all views should be heard in such a significant public project, I cannot help but feel they are not arguing in good faith. The size of their platform is disproportionate to the number of voices they have on their side and there is clearly a significant amount of money behind their campaign. Those people, myself included, who benefit the most from a project like the Green Line are great in number but do not have the resources for such a large platform. I hope it is these voices that Council considers as they make their decision whether to approve the Green Line as it now stands.



## Public Submission

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I cannot really add anything more to this conversation that has already been said about data, social effects, or environmental outcomes of improved transit access. However, I can say that a project like this represents a vision for the kind of city I want to live in and that many in my generation of people under 40 also want to live in and raise a family in.