

Community Association Letter

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The City of Calgary
Planning and
Development
P.O. Box 2100 Station M
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ATTN: Joseph Yun, File Manager

RE: DP2020-0004 – 17 SX Stampede Station Canopy and Platform

Dear Mr. Yun,

I am writing this letter in response to the above-noted development liason on behalf of the Beltline Urban Development (BUD) committee, representing the board of directors of the Beltline Neighbourhoods Association (BNA). Tyson Bolduc has recused himself from this review due to professional reasons. We have had an opportunity to review the project with the team over the last several years during early concept and design and are excited to be seeing this project proceed. We are appreciative of the level of engagement that we have been a part of.

We see the replacement of the Victoria Park Stampede LRT Station and transition to an at-grade pedestrian connection as a vital part of development in the Beltline and the exciting ongoing projects in Stampede Park. This project will be an important part of reducing the barrier that separates Stampede Park from the Beltline, serving as an important gateway in both directions.

The BNA fully supports this application and is looking forward to seeing this key project completed. We have the following specific comments based on the circulated application materials:

- **Architectural Language:** The station design as shown is interesting and expressive, which we think is a good thing given the prominent location of the station for all Calgarians and visitors to see.
- **Pedestrian Connection:** During our initial meeting with the applicant, we emphasized the opportunity to provide an at-grade pedestrian connection across the tracks on both the north and south ends of the new station/platforms. During our discussions, the design only included one on the south end at the 17th Avenue extension. While it is not clear from the circulated material if an additional pedestrian crossing has been incorporated, we would like to reiterate that we feel providing a second at-grade pedestrian connection at the north end would be an important addition to the project. This would further enhance pedestrian connection to the river's district, the BMO, the future event centre, and other future projects in the area including the green line station.
- **CPTED:** The existing station and elevated crossing of Macleod Tr pose CPTED concerns that we are happy to see remediated with this project. By ensuring the area is integrated with surrounding grades, more open and built with robust materials we think there will be a marked improvement with the ongoing issues.
- **Bike and e-scooter Parking:** We are happy to see the bike parking and e-scooter parking provided in the proposed scheme, this is an important recognition encouraging multi-modal transportation solutions and should encourage people to use the area in new ways.

Thank you for considering our comments on this important project.

Sincerely,

Rob Gairns
Vice Chair of Planning, BNA