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Mr. Jeremy Nixon
MLA for Calgary-Klein
513B Legislature Building
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Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Re: Funding Calgary's Green Line

Dear Mr. Nixon,

On February 25th the provincial government delivered its 2021-22 budget. The Board of Directors of the Highland Park Community Association was disappointed to see no announcement releasing committed funds for Calgary's Green Line LRT project, so critical to Highland Park and its residents. The province has announced many times that it would provide \$1.53 Billion for this initiative, matching the commitment made by then-Minister Jason Kenney in 2015 on behalf of the federal government. In this time of great economic uncertainty, we believe now is the time for the province to make good on its commitment and provide its share of Green Line funds.

Our community has been an engaged participant for many years in the conception, alignment, and detailed planning for the Green Line. This train will add significant transportation capacity to heavily-transited Centre Street, and will encourage redevelopment around its stations, including the 40th Avenue station which represents the center of a renewed Highland Park.

The proposed North Hill Communities Local Area Plan, which the HPCA welcomes as a guide for sustainable, pedestrian-focused development, is based on the assumption that the full Green Line will be built to provide mobility options for our residents to the far north, to downtown, and to the far southeast. Delays in the implementation of the Green Line impedes this plan and the thoughtful future development our residents deserve.

The Minister of Transportation has been quoted as saying that the province "is committed to building the Green Line". If so, we would ask the province to please live up to its commitment to this project which is so critical to Calgary-Klein communities. Release your share of the funding so work may begin. Continued delay on this provincial commitment means a delay to the project, a delay to the transportation and development benefits it would bring to Highland Park, and a delay in providing much needed jobs for Calgarians. Further delay will also drive up costs which is not fiscally responsible.

We ask you please to bring our concerns forward to the government. We ask the government to make good on its commitment and fund the Green Line.

Yours respectfully on behalf of the board of the Highland Park Community Association,



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President, HPCA



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cc:

Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation
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