



Montgomery on the Bow BIA
Calgary, AB

June 3, 2021

RE: Future of 16th Avenue NW Project – Corridor and Main Street
Letter of Support from the Montgomery BIA

To: Madhuri Seera, Sr. Leader, Mobility Coordination
Caylee Dyck, Project Manager – Public Realm

CC: City Council; Ward 7 Office

The Montgomery on the Bow BIA is providing this letter of support regarding the Future of 16th Ave project.

We are in support of the recommendations from this project. There are changes we find beneficial from not only the short term plan but those throughout the life span of the project.

- Addition of the left hand turn signal at Home Road in conjunction with the re-alignment of the crosswalk across 16th Avenue
- Light installation at 43rd, 46th, 49th and the improvements to northbound turning at 49th Street
- Character and identity building of Montgomery
- Slowing of traffic closer to west end of project
- Option to provide curbside parking facility in the long-term

The BIA is supportive of these changes as they will increase pedestrian and cycle traffic to travel safely throughout the community. It will tie the north and "south of 16th" portion of the community together. It will also prevent the "turning cheat" that so many vehicles do by turning down Home Road south of 16th and flipping their vehicle around on Home Road and 46th St NW for quicker access to north bound traffic on Home Road. The lights will provide easier access to the business corridor along Bowness Road.

Character/identity building is vital as many residents of Calgary are not familiar with Montgomery. Providing entrance signage and artwork builds identity markers as to where Montgomery is, who we are and services available.

The businesses along 16th Avenue NW in Montgomery not only serve the community residents but also serve Calgarians and visitors who enter and exit the City towards the west. Our businesses provide various services, some of them are pedestrian friendly and some are auto focused. While 16th Avenue is a commuter corridor, the slowing of traffic will indicate to vehicles that they are entering a community and safety of all traffic, vehicular, pedestrian and cycle, is a concern.

There are some concerns with access to businesses along 16th Avenue/ possible reduction of entrance ways and reduction of parking availability. We appreciate the communication from the city as this project continues and kindly ask, as business and landowners, to have the opportunity to provide feedback on future changes that affect the vitality of our businesses during the decision making process.

Kindest regards,

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Monika Jansen
Montgomery on the Bow BIA – Treasurer

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Marion Hayes
Montgomery on the Bow BIA – Exec. Director