

LRT on the Green Foundation
Sept 11, 2015

Green Line SE Project Team Letter of Support

The LRT on the Green Foundation was formed in the early spring of 2014 as a non-profit organization in partnership with a number of Green Line community groups. The goal of the Foundation has been to advocate for the timely construction of the Green Line LRT as well as to advocate for high quality community engagement so that the final vision for the Green Line benefits the communities it will pass through as well as Calgarians at large.

Early on, the Foundation was invited to both participate in as well as observe the numerous public engagement sessions that have been hosted by the Green Line SE Project Team. Our initial discussions with our community partners revealed a varied level of support for the Green Line project, ranging from communities desperate for better transit service to arrive to communities that were worried the arrival of LRT would require too many sacrifices to offer any real benefit. Poor public engagement attempts by the City of Calgary during previous un-related projects had also created a healthy level of skepticism in certain communities.

Over the past year and a half, the Foundation has been very pleased with the level of effort, innovation, as well as dedication that the Green Line SE Project Team has shown in its community outreach and engagement. The feedback we have received from our community partners reflects the positive impact the public engagement has had. We have watched skepticism and concern evolve into optimism and a desire to see the project move forward as the Green Line SE Project Team incorporated community feedback into the plans. The Foundation recently polled our community partners for an upcoming Green Line Community Conference and was pleasantly surprised to find that a majority of the communities polled rated the City of Calgary engagement process as 'excellent' with no one rating it less than 'good'.



During the Foundation's observations of, and participation in, the Green Line SE Project Team's public engagement process, we have been pleased to see evidence of a team that has dedicated themselves to balancing the project requirements, needs of the community and project cost as best as they can. The Foundation has also seen further evidence of this balancing act as we've regularly observed the presentation of, and commented on, the various reports the Green Line SE Project team has brought before the SPC on Transportation and Transit.

The LRT on the Green Foundation would like to offer its full support to the Green Line SE Project Team. We have no doubt that their final vision for the Green Line SE as presented to Council will offer the best possible balancing act between the various competing factors. We also have no doubt that while not every stakeholder will see everything they hoped the Green Line would bring to their community, every stakeholder will feel that their opinion was listened to, respected and the best possible efforts were made to accommodate it. When it comes to a project of this magnitude, that's the best any city can hope for.

Sincerely,



Jeff Binks
President
LRT on the Green Foundation



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**MILLICAN-OGDEN
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

September 26, 2015

City of Calgary

Attn: to whom it may concern

Re: Greenline - Proposed future LRT through the Millican Ogden Community

The Millican Ogden Community Association is pleased to support the recommended Greenline Southeast route alignment and station locations. The alignment route as we understand it, will be adjacent to the CP Rail railway tracks and not the Ogden Road route that was once proposed.

We have questioned the location proposed for the Lynnwood Station as we felt it would be better situated on the north side of Millican Road on the former building products site. We are concerned that locating the station on the south side of Millican Road would interfere with the recreation fields of Pop Davies Park and result in the removal of several of the mature trees that exist.

The Millican Ogden Community Association also wishes to highlight the importance of adequate park and ride facilities at LRT stations. We understand that the proposed Ogden Station located at about 72nd Avenue has very limited space so a park and ride at this station is not an option, but we believe that the use of public transit is greatly influenced by its convenience, and much of that convenience is the ability to drive to and park at a station to access either a bus or train.

We absolutely understand the complexities of retrofitting an older community to accommodate a light rail transit system, but we are excited for the potential of new development opportunities that could follow, and enhances the attractiveness of the community as a place to live and raise a family.

Thank you

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To Whom It May Concern,

September 30, 2015

The Inglewood BRZ is pleased to support the recommended Green Line Southeast route alignment and station locations. The Green Line project will improve the lives of Calgarians by connecting communities in southeast Calgary with reliable and efficient transit service. For communities such as Inglewood it delivers an important transit connector and will allow both those living in and visiting the area to be mobile without relying on their personal vehicles. As the MDP unrolls and Inglewood and the surrounding areas densify, this is more and more of a necessity. As cities all over the world recognise the negative impact that vehicles have on greenhouse gas emissions and thus global climate change, as well as air pollution, congestion (too often sacrificing pedestrian and cycling needs to the interests of personal vehicles) the GL will contribute to a healthier, more vibrant city.

Further to this, the Inglewood BRZ works closely with the Inglewood Community Association as well as the Inglewood Design Initiative (IDI), and the GL has a clear place in the IDI's scope for transit and pedestrian oriented design.

The Inglewood BRZ had a very positive experience with the charrette process in June; there is no question that this level of engagement is key to moving forward with the GL, especially in neighbourhoods such as Inglewood and Ramsay, that have a history of citizen engagement and action.

Sincerely,

Rebecca O'Brien
Executive Director, Inglewood BRZ