

Mayor Jyoti Gondek via electronic mail: Themayor@calgary.ca

July 26, 2024

Dear Mayor Gondek,

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss how we might address cost overruns associated with the Green Line project. I understand that options, including descoping the project, will be voted on by Calgary City Council on July 30. I look forward to learning the outcome of that meeting.

As you know, the project was approved under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for up to \$1,530,000,000 towards eligible costs. I am supportive of continuing to advance the Green Line as we understand its importance to Calgarians, and I am committed to doing so in collaboration with Green Line, the City, and Province.

From the federal government's perspective, a scope change and re-committal of the full amount of funding to the project would require full details of the project so that we may ensure that the descoped project continues to meet the objectives of ICIP.

To make this determination, a new business case will need to be submitted and assessed by our Treasury Board. I understand the business case could be submitted to my Department by August 15. I will be happy to prepare a submission at this time.

My officials have been in close contact with the project team over the past 3 months and provided the federal business case template to them on June 17. Subsequently, they had a follow up meeting on July 4. I understand that the conversation was productive, and that the Green Line project team has a good understanding of the details they need to provide.

I encourage the Green Line team to remain engaged with my departmental officials, and the Province to ensure that this important project can move forward and provide improved transit options for Calgarians.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P. Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

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