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S.P.C. on Transportation & Transit  
The City of Calgary  
P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M  
Calgary, AB., T2P 2M5  
Attn: Cllr. Shane Keating, Committee Chair

Dear Cllr. Keating,

**re: 25 Avenue S.E. / LRT Grade Separation Study, TT2018-0375**

The Calgary Stampede has a great deal of interest in the outcome of this study. Executing on our Concept Plan and as part of the Rivers District Master Plan, we are revitalizing Stampede Park to achieve our Vision of creating “a world-class year-round gathering place for the community.” Clearly, access to and egress from Stampede Park via 25 Avenue directly impacts our ability to achieve this vision on behalf of all Calgarians.

The 25 Avenue study developed a series of options which provided varying degrees of benefit in terms of efficiency, development potential, and access to/egress from Stampede Park. However, significant unknowns in the area remain, including i) the design of a future 17 Avenue level crossing and the resulting relocation of an LRT siding track effecting alignment to the south; ii) changes to the amount of developable land in the area due to pending upstream flood mitigation measures and legislation; and iii) significant development projects that will change traffic patterns such as an expansion to the BMO Centre, a new arena and more.

Given these unknowns, we have indicated to the project team and now to you the Committee Chair that it is the Stampede’s strong preference to leave all options on the table to maximize future possibilities. Our understanding is that no capital funds are available for construction of any improvements at this time and we see no urgency in defining a preferred option. We urge the Committee to accept the study as information only pending more visibility in the coming months and years on the aforementioned unknowns.

We would like to thank the team from Transportation Planning and their consultants for their communication with our organization on the study. This report and all of its recommendations will certainly help to inform the ongoing planning work in the surrounding area.

Sincerely,  
CALGARY STAMPEDE

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