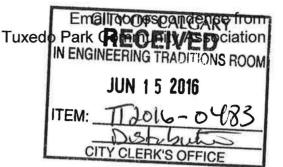
From: darren Sent: June 14, 2016 11:31 To: Lea, Jonathan M. <<u>Jonathan.Lea@calgary.ca</u>> Cc: <u>president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca</u>; Arnie Subject: Fwd: Green Line LRT update



Jonathan,

I am writing this email on behalf of Tuxedo Park Community Association and would like my email shared with the committee at the June 15th meeting.

We, as a community, feel that any option that allows for the possibility of 4 lanes of traffic up Center Street which is then narrowed to 2 lanes will result in the following:

-3 lanes of northbound commuter traffic in afternoon rush hour being reduced to 1; -severe congestion at the chokepoints;

-high volumes of commuter traffic on residential streets between Center Street and Edmonton Trail and Center Street and 4th Street;

-significant increases in dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding and short-cutting due to driver frustration;

-increased pedestrian and cyclist injuries and fatalities;

-a reduced quality of life for residents of Crescent Heights, Tuxedo Park, Mount Pleasant, and Highland Park.

We are not opposed to the highest ranked option but we feel that a transportation study must be funded and completed as part of the initial Green Line planning work in 2016 (not in the future) based on the above concerns raised by our residents. The results of the study should be shared with the residents of all of these communities. The study should analyze the potential negative consequences and potential solutions which could range from anything from reserving 2 lanes for buses or bikes to something as simple as installing traffic calming measures.

regards,

Darren Rempel Development and Planning Committee Chair Tuxedo Park Community Association 403-771-7154

------Forwarded message ------From: Tuxedo Park President <<u>president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca</u>> Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2016 at 8:45 AM Subject: Fwd: Green Line LRT update

I am sure you are all aware of this already, but thought I would forward it.

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From: "Lea, Jonathan M." <<u>Jonathan.Lea@calgary.ca</u>> Date: June 9, 2016 at 8:52:39 AM MDT Subject: Green Line LRT update

West Servers

Good Morning,

The Green Line team will be taking an update report on the planning and design of the Green Line to City Council's committee on Transportation and Transit on **June 15, 2016**.

The Green Line team has completed an initial evaluation of the route in the downtown core, and has determined that out of the five potential options, the underground option (option D), was the highest ranked based on the evaluation criteria. The underground option would see the Green Line run underground along 2 Street SW, under the Bow River, under Crescent Heights, and surface on Centre Street, between 20 Avenue and 24 Avenue North. The underground option offers the most flexibility and long-term development potential, and would maintain existing pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle connections.

At the committee meeting on June 15, the Green Line team will be presenting the results of the evaluation of the five options that were considered in the downtown core. We will then return in September, 2016, with a recommendation that we move forward with the underground option, and no longer consider the alternative options. Narrowing down the focus to just one option instead of all five will allow the team to progress with a more detailed investigation and provide certainty to our stakeholders as we continue the public engagement program.

Please note that as a member of the public, you are able to attend the committee meeting to speak in favour, or against, the recommendation. Speakers are given five minutes to make their presentation. More information on how to participate is available <u>online</u>. Alternatively, you are always welcome to send me a letter or email outlining your thoughts, questions, concerns, or opinion on the direction of the project, and these communications will be shared with the committee as part of the public record. Your input and support is an important part of the discussion with Council members. You will be able to view the committee report on this webpage, as of June 10, 2016: <u>http://agendaminutes.calgary.ca/sirepub/meetresults.aspx</u> (scroll down to the "Standing Policy Committees" section, and look for "SPC on Transportation and Transit")

As an important stakeholder in the area, we would like to understand if you have questions or concerns regarding the direction of the Green Line team related to the underground option. Our team is always available to meet with you, should you or your organization want to discuss the project further. Please let me know if you are interested in setting up a meeting.

The route in the Beltline is currently under review, and the Green Line team will be working with the public in June to understand the opportunities and issues with running along 10 Avenue, 11 Avenue and 12 Avenue S. For more information visit us here: <u>http://engage.calgary.ca/greenline</u>

Thanks very much for taking the time to work through this process with us. Jonathan Lea Senior Transit Planner Green Line LRT The City of Calgary E jonathan.lea@calgary.ca C 403.880.8601 W calgary.ca/greenline @YYCTransport