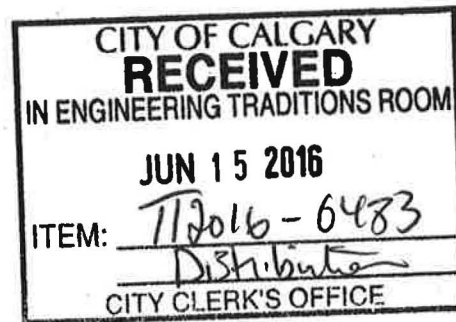


15 June 2016

City Council, City of Calgary
Office of the Councillors
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Re: Report to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit: TT2016-0483

Honourable Mayor Nenshi and Members of City Council,

We the undersigned are pleased to present our support for an underground alignment of the Green Line LRT through the Bow River Valley and Calgary's Centre City.

We see the Green Line LRT as fundamental to Calgary's continued move to expand transportation options for Centre City employees and visitors. In addition to walking and cycling improvements, we support the City of Calgary's efforts to enable more people to travel to and within the Centre City by alternative transportation.

Our organisations collectively represent billions of dollars in existing and future investment in the Downtown, Eau Claire, and Chinatown areas. Our buildings provide employment, retail, tourism, hospitality, and residential spaces for thousands of Calgarians and visitors every day. The selection of an underground alignment is essential in ensuring the greatest public and private benefit from Green Line's significant investment.

An underground alignment will have the least disruptive impacts on access to our buildings, as well as on grade-level commercial spaces. The desirability and marketability of grade-level commercial would suffer in particular from an elevated option. Grade-level and above-grade level residential would become unviable with an elevated option.

We look forward to working further with the City of Calgary on the Green Line LRT and area public realm improvements. Together, we can ensure the greatest public benefit from our respective investments.

Sincerely,

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Don Fairgrieve-Park
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