



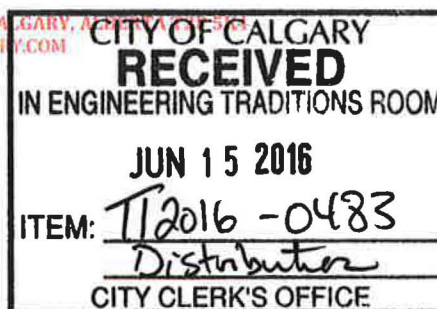
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The City of Calgary
ATTENTION: City Clerk
S.P.C. on Transportation and Transit
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The Chinatown District Business Revitalization Zone (CDBRZ), established by City Council on 2015 November 10, has participated in a variety of public consultants regarding the Centre Street North / Downtown LRT alignments for close to a year. Our interest is both the direct impacts to the Chinatown business merchants and indirectly with the merchants along Centre Street North to 20th Avenue as we share the same consumer group and similar business operators. The CDBRZ fully supports City Administration's analysis that Option D (2nd Street / deep station underground alignment along Centre Street North and into downtown Calgary) offers the most flexible and long term development potential for all aspects of Calgary's downtown and Chinatown.

Firstly, Option A (Centre Street alignment across the Centre Street Bridge) is entirely inappropriate as it will divide Chinatown and dissect this community from both a residential, retail, community and cultural perspective plus highly unsafe for pedestrians.

The 2nd Street SW alignment serves the Chinatown community, business merchants and its residents in the right way and the underground stations at 2nd Avenue and 7th Avenue SW is most appropriate as it meets the needs of our:

- Grade A office retail tenants at Livingston Place and potential high rise tenants once the Bentall Kennedy vacant lot between 2nd Ave and Riverfront Ave. S.W. is developed as this offers 'at the front door' indoor LRT station service with potential for commercial retail development opportunity at both the street level entrance and the deep underground platform level;
- High rise condominium tenants at Waterfront along Riverfront Avenue as provides both 'across the street' access, non-obtrusive existence to the condominium, and non-disruptive co-existence with the roadway and condo building access;
- Chinatown patrons from both north Calgary and the deep south east to access this unique cultural enclave of Chinese retail, restaurant, and cultural activities especially pedestrians can enjoy pleasurable street level experiences and Plus 15 access during cold and snowy winter days;
- Chinatown merchants as it would increase the benefits of working in and around Chinatown as this would be better and more affordable than driving to and parking in Chinatown; and
- Our Chinatown community (i.e. residents, seniors, youth, etc.) as it allows effective, efficient, safe, secure, and reliable access to Chinatown without the struggles of roadway congestion, lack of parking, high cost of parking, and vehicle emission impacts to the environment. This will reduce (not eliminate) the demand for vehicle access to Chinatown.

Respectfully submitted,



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On behalf of Danny Ng, Chairman and the CDBRZ Board

CC: CDBRZ Board of Directors