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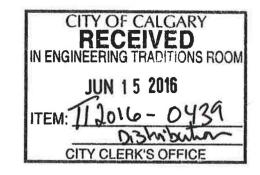
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Stephen Kay City of Calgary Transportation Planning Network Planning (#8124) PO Box 2100, Stn. M. Calgary, AB T2P 2M5



Re: MacLeod Trail and 25th Avenue – Alternative Grade Separation Options

Mr. Kay,

As discussed this afternoon, Anthem Properties Group would like to be a part of the stakeholder engagement going forward with the City of Calgary with respect to the options for the intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and MacLeod Trail.

The City's efforts to engage stakeholders with respect to the Green Line, which Anthem has been involved in, has been very thoughtful and meaningful and has helped to expedite that project. On this project at 25<sup>th</sup> and MacLeod Trail, stakeholder engagement has not been effective and we have found that information has been provided only as requested by Anthem. We understand this engagement will improve in the next round of work by the City, whereby additional staff and resources will be assigned to this key project, and are hopeful this will lead to an equally thoughtful process, which we look forward to being a part of.

It is important to note that Anthem's approved design for our development (DP2014-5213), road connections, access points, and other significant details have been developed through more than 20 meetings in the past 4+ years with the local community associations (ECA and LPCA) along with City Staff, and Cllr Carra's office. Additionally, we expect to submit for Building Permit in the Fall of 2016, and would anticipate starting construction in the Fall of 2017 on the first site (south of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

As such, our primary concerns include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Ensuring the pedestrian overpass direct connection from our site to the Erlton/Stampede LRT station is maintained. If this direct connection is lost, we would draw into question our contribution to this infrastructure;
- 2. Maintaining access to and from our development off MacLeod Trail for both residential and commercial vehicles;
- 3. Protecting the residential and commercial uses from negative impacts of the grade changes; and
- 4. Pedestrian mobility to and through the site.

Anthem Properties supports City staff's <u>review</u> of alternative <u>options</u> to the proposed interchange solution at this intersection, and we will work with the City and other stakeholders in the review of these options.

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**Director**, Development

CC: Malcolm Logan, Rafal Cichowlas, Cllr Carra