



May 14, 2019

Mayor Nenshi and Members of Council, City of Calgary
The City of Calgary
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Dear Mayor Nenshi and Members of Council:

Re: Freight Rail Corridor Emergency Response Plan

On behalf of BILD Calgary Region, BOMA Calgary, and NAIOP Calgary we are pleased to be able to write this letter in support of the work of Administration and the Calgary Fire Department (CFD) on the Freight Rail Corridor Emergency Response Plan (ERP).

Last year Council approved the Development Next to Freight Rail Corridors Policy. This policy was the result of a collaborative process involving administration and representatives of the development and building industry, participating on behalf of our professional associations. Building off of the Policy, the next piece to risk mitigation along freight rail in Calgary is the development of an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to guide emergency responders and to specify the optimal access points to a potential rail incident. The draft ERP developed by Administration and CFD in collaboration with our respective associations clearly spells out the scope, as well as the roles and responsibilities of all relevant parties in the event of an incident. Through the ERP and the associated Access Point Maps, responders will be in a position to mitigate the impacts of an incident on life and property. The ERP also clarifies for building management the expectations of access through or adjacent their site during an incident in the vicinity. The successful activation of the ERP also requires up-to-date information, and we are pleased to see a process in place through Planning and Development to update the Access Point Maps as new development and changes to infrastructure occurs.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Cliff De Jong, Marco Civitarese, Joe Mueller, and Matthias Tita from the City of Calgary, and Ken Uzeloc from CFD for their work in developing this ERP and for their collaborative approach to it.

In conclusion, BILD Calgary Region, BOMA Calgary, and NAIOP Calgary support the Freight Rail Corridor Emergency Response Plan, and respectfully request that Councillors approve the Plan and give it three readings.

On behalf of BILD Calgary Region, BOMA Calgary and NAIOP Calgary:

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