

April 24, 2017

The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Daniel Watson  
Parks Canada  
30 Victoria St, Gatineau, Quebec  
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Via email.

**Re: Icefields Trail North**

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Dear Minister McKenna and Mr Watson,

Bike Calgary wishes to communicate our support for the Icefields Trail North project in Jasper National Park.

Bike Calgary is a not-for-profit society with over 2600 members. We strive to improve conditions for bicyclists through education, advocacy, and community building.

As Calgarians and Albertans, we are neighbours to the Rocky Mountains. We appreciate their natural beauty and value the access we have to explore them. However, this access is, practically speaking, limited to motor vehicles.

The proposed Icefields Trail North project would open access to some of Canada's most splendid landscapes to bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Families, friends, and individuals would be able to enjoy Jasper National Park in a healthy, environmentally friendly way.

The trail would let children explore their surroundings with all their senses from the seat of a bicycle, and grow up with an appreciation for the outdoors and our environment.

Although we are not an environmental advocacy organization, Bike Calgary does believe that infrastructure like the Icefields North Trail should be designed, built, and operated in such a way to minimize impacts on the environment and our cultural heritage. We are happy that the trail is being designed in line with this principle, and anticipate the same for the construction and operation.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our input on this project, and we look forward to its implementation.

Yours sincerely,



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