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City of Calgary  
Office of the Mayor and Councillors  
PO Box 2100, Station M  
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M5

*Via email*

**Re: Support for 'Always Available for All Ages & Abilities' walking and wheeling (5A) Network**

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Bike Calgary wishes to communicate our continued engagement and support for the comprehensive set of guiding principles related to the planning, design and management of Calgary's pathway and bikeway network as laid out in the 'Always Available for All Ages & Abilities' walking and wheeling (5A) network.

The 5A Network reflects the strong engagement process by administration to take the feedback of key stakeholders like Bike Calgary, and the public surrounding Calgarians concerns, needs, and desires to facilitate travel within and across City communities and destinations. The 5A Network ensures a City-wide planning vision that will bring the City into a new decade building on the Pathway and Bikeway plan implemented of the early 2000s, followed a decade later by the Cycling Strategy's approval in 2011. We celebrate the continued progress and gains that have been made over the last two decades in creating greater and safer opportunity for Calgarians to engage in active travel modes for both utilitarian and recreational needs.

The 5A network's implementation and build out will place Calgary back in a competitive position with other North American cities, that have caught up and have begun to outpace the City's implementation of new and improved active transportation infrastructure. Creating a "liveable" city with reliable recreation and active transportation choices will serve to retain and attract more businesses, visitors, and job opportunities, while ensuring Calgarians of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to travel from point A to point B safely and enjoyably under their own steam.

Bike Calgary looks forward to the ongoing collaboration with City to see the 5A network into a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Millard  
President, Bike Calgary