

May 30, 2020

City of Calgary  
Offices of the Mayor and Councillors  
Calgary, Alberta

*Via email*

**Re: Support for the Green Line**

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Bike Calgary works to improve conditions for Calgarians who ride bicycles and enable those who would like to make that choice for active transportation. Our 4000+ members and collaboration groups represent all areas of the city and many demographic categories. We strive to connect all of Calgary's communities through bicycling.

The Green Line Project supports Bike Calgary's goals for transportation choices, including multi-modal trips. The Green Line is a project that will expand the transportation options available for Calgarians of all ages and backgrounds. It will deliver a service that addresses geographic gaps in both public transit and active transportation infrastructure. Experience has shown that effective transportation projects in Calgary quickly become well-utilized; there is a latent demand for this type of project.

Each of the 28 stations along the Green Line's future length will generate an activity radius of multi-modal travellers between the LRT stations and homes, businesses, and services that fall within the activity radius. On average, people are willing to walk 750m, and to cycle or scoot 2-5km, when there are convenient on-street and designated pathway networks connecting these stations and activity hubs. Sufficient and safe bike storage is also a critical factor in promoting this use. Many lessons have been learned from similar transportation projects around the world, with some of the best combined rail and cycling developments having been built in Europe. We encourage the City of Calgary to examine the design and benefits of these projects.

LRT stations, active transportation networks, and the Green Line will serve to connect communities and provide opportunities for reinvestment and positive impacts in the communities along the Green Line. This has already been seen in Calgary with the many commercial and high-density residential projects popping up around many of the existing LRT stations on the City's Red and Blue Lines. This has been accompanied by an uptake of cycling and walking in the adjacent communities. The modern at-grade station and rail design of the Green Line will also facilitate more efficient and accessible connections for pedestrians, mobility-challenged individuals, and cyclists.



Cycling and rapid transit are synergistic modes of transportation. Bike Calgary endeavours to support and partner with the City in building stronger combined transit-cycling opportunities along the Green Line corridor, the city-wide LRT, and the pathway and bikeway networks.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss or assist the Council and Green Line Committee further on this matter should this be beneficial. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Millard".

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