

February 12, 2016

Councillor Brian Pincott, Ward 11
The City of Calgary
Historic City Hall
2nd Floor, 700 Macleod Trail South
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Councillor Pincott,

RE: SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project

This letter is to advise you that the Board of Directors of the Braeside Community Association has passed a Motion at our Annual General Meeting to ask that The City of Calgary put the SW Transitway and BRT project on hold until such time that proper and meaningful public engagement process on the project has been conducted and that a fully accountable engineering assessment has been undertaken.

The project, in its current design, poses several significant safety, environmental and pedestrian accessibility issues. It also does not address the bottleneck at the Glenmore Causeway and will undoubtedly increase traffic congestion. While we are in support of efficient and cost-effective public transit and transportation planning that benefits all Calgarians, we strongly feel that the City of Calgary has failed to consider alternate solutions, has based this project on insufficient transit ridership data and has not meaningfully informed or engaged the residents of Braeside or the Braeside Community Association.

Furthermore, this project was passed five years ago before the approval of the SW Ring Road, the introduction of 4-car LRT's and with no feedback from any Community Associations whatsoever.

We also believe that the current project budget is insufficient to complete the project and new project cost estimates have not been provided. The updated functional planning study (Stantec Report, January 2016) also does not address most of the concerns that we feel will negatively impact our community and our residents.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Braeside Community Association

C: His Worship Naheed Nenshi, Mayor
Mr. Jeff Fielding, City Manager & COO, The City of Calgary
Mr. Mac Logan, General Manager Transportation, The City of Calgary
Mr. Doug Morgan, General Manager Calgary Transit, The City of Calgary