



Calgary

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

September 24, 2024

The Honourable Devin Dreeshen
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
127 Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Dreeshen,

Re: Calgary City Council Green Line LRT Motions

On behalf of Calgary City Council, I am writing to notify you of the following motions that were passed at the September 17 Regular Meeting of Council following a discussion with City Administration on the Green Line wind-down costs and consequences.

That Council adopt the following:

1. Thank Calgarians, partners, the Green Line Board, Green Line Executive team and City Administration for their many years of hard work, commitment and dedication in advancing this project.
2. Receive for the corporate record the information in this report, including confidential risk information in Attachment 3 and confidential financial information in Attachment 4.
3. Direct Administration to work with the Government of Alberta's Administration to ensure The City is made whole, considering both direct and indirect costs to date and into the future.
4. Direct Administration to preserve all current City funding sources and use the Green Line Stage 1 Program control Budget ID 869-000 to fund any interim, wind

down and/or transfer costs until next steps and ultimate cost sharing is understood.

5. Authorize the Green Line Board and City Administration to wind down the Program, given the project can no longer proceed as a result of the communication from the Province of Alberta dated 2024 September 3 (Attachment 2), to make all decisions necessary to carry out actions contained:
 - a. In the Green Line report C2024-1048, including preserving assets and information.
 - b. In this report C2024-1045, with all activities to be carried out in a way that retains the highest value and benefit for Calgarians,
6. Give three readings to Proposed Bylaw 43M2024 (Attachment 5) to amend Bylaw 21M2020, the Green Line Board Bylaw.
7. Direct Administration, until Recommendation #4 of this report is complete, to provide regular Council updates as both part of The City's scheduled Progress Reporting and as part of the Principle Corporate Risk reports, twice per year, as appropriate.
8. Direct Administration to report to Executive Committee for a status update in 2025 January, or earlier should there be a material update or proposed change to the plan and to return to Council when further direction is required.
9. With respect to Bylaw 6B2024 (Attachment 6),
 - a. Reconsider giving first reading to bylaw 6B2024,
 - b. Rescind first reading to bylaw 6B2024, and
 - c. Abandon Bylaw 6B2024.
10. Direct Administration to stop work and declare all former Council direction as set out in Attachment 7 to be redundant.
11. Direct that any closed meeting discussions and confidential attachments 3 and 4 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 23 (Local public body confidences), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body), and 27 (Privileged information) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to be reviewed by 2025 January 31.
12. Direct Administration to:
 - a. Include the costs of Green Line Program wind down in the Mid-Cycle Adjustments so there is transparency for the public on costs associated with termination of the Program by the Government of Alberta;

- b. Return to Council by end of Q4 2024 with a legal opinion on how to transfer costs associated with wind down to the Government of Alberta, as their cancellation of the Green Line Program on September 3, 2024 triggered the termination of the project;
- c. Return to council with an option to consider first diverting any funds previously allocated to the Green Line towards presently unfunded Route Ahead priority public transit projects, provided any allocated funds remain following wind down;
- d. Draft a clear set of criteria by which the City of Calgary will consider engaging with the Government of Alberta on any future LRT project they propose to replace the Green Line Program, including but not limited to:
 - i. A commitment from the Government of Canada to act as a funding partner;
 - ii. A commitment to a north-south LRT spine from 160th Avenue North to the community of Seton;
 - iii. A station immediately south of the Bow River in downtown Calgary to accomplish the goal of a contiguous north-south LRT spine;
 - iv. Identification of a bridge design to make the connection between north and south legs of the north-south LRT spine;
 - v. Meaningful connections/stations serving the Beltline communities, the downtown and Red and Blue Line transfers west of Centre Street, and the Culture and Entertainment District;
 - vi. Use of modern low floor trains and stations for optimal accessibility;
 - vii. A maintenance and storage facility;
 - viii. Responsibility for delivery to be borne by the Government of Alberta; and
 - ix. Responsibility for all risks (financial, contractual, other) to be borne by the Government of Alberta; and
- e. Report back by end of Q1 2025 on the heritage preservation options for Ogden Block in light of the Government of Alberta's termination of the Green Line project.

All referenced attachments can be found on the [City of Calgary website](#) under the Regular Meeting of Council for September 17, 2024, agenda item 9.3.2.

At the same meeting, Council also passed the following:

That Council directs as follows:

1. The City of Calgary re-affirms that we are committed to working collaboratively with the Government of Alberta to deliver a Green Line replacement LRT;

2. That we request the Government of Alberta to strike a working group composed of representatives from, but not limited to:

- City of Calgary Council;
- City of Calgary Administration;
- Government of Alberta Ministry and Administration;
- Government of Canada Ministry and Administration;

And, direct the working group to develop a status update within the next 90 days to expeditiously move forward on how to deliver a Green Line replacement LRT.

This project is of utmost importance to the City of Calgary and we are committed to working with you in the most timely and cost-effective manner to deliver a north-south LRT solution that best serves the needs of Calgarians. I look forward to continuing our conversations in pursuit of this common goal.

Sincerely,



Jyoti Gondek
Mayor, The City of Calgary

CC: Calgary City Council
David Duckworth, Chief Administrative Officer, The City of Calgary
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