



CRESCENT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Councillor Farrell

Re: Green Line 9th Avenue North Station

On behalf of the Crescent Heights Community Association, please accept our comments regarding the possibility that Council will approve the removal of the 9th Avenue North station from the Green Line alignment. We ask Council to direct Administration to review and incorporate the feedback from the June 22, 9th Avenue Station Workshop and the September 26 - October 1 Transit Oriented Development Charette to make improvements in Crescent Heights. We ask Council to allocate budget towards these improvements as part of the Green Line project. Following are the higher-ranked concerns expressed in the feedback from our community residents.

- Centre Street is a dangerous road that cuts through the heart of our community. Ongoing concern is expressed that it needs to be safer for people walking and biking along the Centre Street corridor. Please consider measures to reduce the speed and volume of traffic on this portion of Centre St. N. We recommend narrowing the width of the travel lanes, incorporating bike lanes, adding curb extensions, adding/improving sidewalks, adding more crossing lights and improving the signal timing at intersections to reduce pedestrian delay.
- Centre Street is not vibrant. To increase foot traffic, attract and support business and increase vibrancy we recommend that the City widen sidewalks, add public seating, public art, bike racks, street trees and trash receptacles.
- Our residents want frequent transit service. Many residents have chosen to live here because of the frequent transit service and depend heavily on it, particularly our seniors and those living with a disability. Our community has 29% more residents over the age of 75 than the City's average. 40% of our residents take transit, walk, or ride a bike to work; these modes are inter-dependant, and many residents do not own a vehicle. Frequent transit service is also important as the density of our community continues to increase. We are concerned that the shift towards LRT connectivity will be to the detriment of communities like ours that are currently well-served by bus. Gaps opened by the Green Line must be filled with transit routes to serve the community outside the 16th Avenue walkshed. Please maintain frequent bus service along Centre Street.

We hope that some of the cost savings from the 9th Avenue station, if it is removed from the plan, can be directed to these improvements to our community. We thank you in advance for your support.

Kindest regards,

Crescent Heights Community Association