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Curt Hull
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Dear Mr. Hull,

Thank you for your letter of January 10 in which you outlined several issues related to the Active Transportation Path associated with the Southwest Transit Corridor project.

As I think you are aware in correspondence you've had with Kevin Nixon on this, we have, since Council officially approved the project last October, had to spend most of our planning to date on important preliminary matters such as outstanding property acquisition for the transit corridor, on the resolution of land drainage issues, and on discussions with CN and the various utilities to determine how their facilities will be impacted by the transit corridor. While some work has been undertaken on how the ATP might be integrated into the transit corridor, nothing in that regard has been finalized yet and the project team wishes to meet with ATAC (of which BttF is a member) to get input prior to any final design decisions being made.

It is anticipated that, by the end of January or early February, the project consultants will have reviewed various options and prepared some illustrative material that will be helpful in discussions with ATAC. My understanding is that Kevin will be setting up a meeting some time in February at which time our project team can meet with ATAC to discuss the ATP.

The construction of the transit corridor project will be undertaken in several phases over three years. Prior to the start of construction for any phase, of course, all of the design issues affecting that phase, including any appropriate stakeholder consultation, must be finalized. For certain elements of the project, such as the

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ATP, consultation with stakeholders will certainly take place prior to construction. For other elements that do not directly affect the alignment of the ATP or the station locations (such as the construction of the land drainage pipes beneath the busway right-of-way), construction will proceed as soon as practical. I hope this reconfirms with you that our intention is to undertake consultation with ATAC to review options for the ATP prior to any construction of the ATP being undertaken.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Wardrop', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Wardrop
Director of Transit

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